

*The story, power and
purpose of the Church.*

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*...FROM EVERY TRIBE AND LANGUAGE
AND PEOPLE AND NATION. -REV. 5:9*

Part 3

PENTECOST
Acts 2:1 – 13

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

The significance of *Pentecost*

Shavuot – a Jewish holiday that occurs on the sixth day of the Hebrew month of Sivan (late May or early June).

- Shavuot commemorates the anniversary of the day God gave the Torah to Moses and the Israelites at Mount Sinai.
- It is one of the three festivals Jews had to go to Jerusalem to celebrate. It marks the conclusion of the Counting of the Omer (a verbal counting of each of the forty-nine days between the Passover and Shavuot).
- The Torah mandates the seven-week Counting of the Omer, beginning on the second day of Passover and immediately followed by Shavuot. On Passover, the Jewish people were freed from their enslavement to Pharaoh; on Shavuot they were given the Torah and became a nation committed to serving God.
- In the Bible, Shavuot is called the Festival of Weeks. The Mishnah and Talmud refer to Shavuot as Atzeret (Hebrew: a solemn assembly), as it provides closure for the festival activities during and following the Passover.
- Since Shavuot occurs 50 days after Passover, Greeks gave it the name Pentecost, “fiftieth day”. (Source, Wikipedia)

The _____ was central to 1st century Jewish opinions, feelings, and beliefs.

Exodus 12 — “This month is to be for you the first month . . .”

* KEY —

Exodus 12:38 — “many other people.”

Eirev rav – means a _____

* KEY —

Exodus 14 & 15

Exodus 14:30 — ...on that day the Lord saved Israel...

Exodus 19 – On [the first day of] the third month after the Israelites left Egypt—on that very day—they came to the Desert of Sinai.

* KEY — At Sinai God _____

Exodus 19:5 & 6 — ⁵ . . . out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, ⁶ you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.

At Pentecost, good 1st century Jews would read . . .

- Ruth
- Exodus 19 & 20

Acts 2 — ² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages . . .

There was _____, a _____ and _____

Revelation 7:9 — After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR US?

1 Peter 2: 1 – 12 — ¹ Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice (meanness) and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. ² Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, ³ now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴ As you come to him, the living Stone — rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him — ⁵ you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For in Scripture it says: “See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame.” ⁷ Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, “The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone,” ⁸ and, “A stone that causes men to stumble and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for.

⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

¹¹ Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul. ¹² Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.