




Shavu'ot

Hebrew: "shavua" = "week" (sing.), "shavu'ot" = "weeks" (pl.)

The Feast Of Weeks / Pentecost

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$$1 \times 8 + 1 = 9$$

$$12 \times 8 + 2 = 98$$

$$123 \times 8 + 3 = 987$$

$$1234 \times 8 + 4 = 9876$$

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Brilliant, isn't it?



And this symmetry

$$1 \times 1 = 1$$

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Now, consider this...

From a strictly mathematical viewpoint:

What Equals 100%?

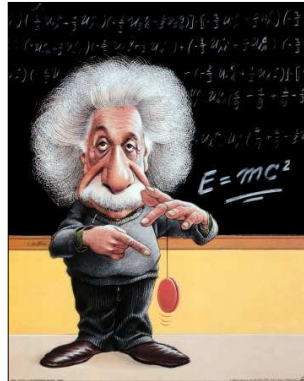
What does it mean to give 100%?

How about **ACHIEVING** 100%.


What equals 100% in life?



Here's a little mathematical formula that might help answer these questions:



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If:

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P
Q R S T U V W X Y Z

Is represented as:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14
15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24
25 26



Then:

H-A-R-D-W-O-R-K

$$8+1+18+4+23+15+18+11 = \mathbf{98\%}$$

and

K-N-O-W-L-E-D-G-E

$$11+14+15+23+12+5+4+7+5 = \mathbf{96\%}$$



But:

A-T-T-I-T-U-D-E

$$1+20+20+9+20+21+4+5 = 100\%$$




Therefore, one can conclude
with **mathematical certainty**
that:

While **Hard Work** and
Knowledge will get you
close, **Attitude** will
get you there!



Time, for God

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God's Perfect Timing

“From the issuing of the decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until the Anointed One comes, there will be seventy-two ‘sevens’... After the seventy-two ‘sevens’, the Anointed One will be cut off and will have nothing.”

Is Daniel's prophecy correct?


~Daniel 9: 25 ~

7x7 and 62x7 years = exactly 173,880 days

Decree = Nisan (March) 445BC

Jesus @ Passover = Iyar (April) 33AD

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b. In the month of Nisan, in the twentieth year of King

Artaxerxes: As Nehemiah gave wine to the king, care was given to note the specific day the events in Nehemiah 2 began.

i. Why was it so important for God to tell the date these things happened? First, to show that Nehemiah prayed and waited for four months with the kind of heart described previously in Nehemiah 1. During those four month, Nehemiah's prayer was likely "LORD, either take this burden from my heart or show me how to be the man to answer this burden."

ii. The date is also important, because it establishes the date given to restore Jerusalem and its walls. Daniel 9:25 says that exactly 173,880 days from this day - which was March 14, 445 B.C. - Messiah the prince would be presented to Israel. Sir Robert Anderson, the eminent British astronomer and mathematician, makes a strong case that Jesus fulfilled this prophecy exactly, to the day, entering Jerusalem on April 6, 32 A.D., precisely 173,880 days from Nehemiah 2:1.

God's Perfect Timing

Jewish Calendar

(360 days / year)

$$(7 \times 7) + (62 \times 7) = 463 \text{ years}$$

463 years

x 360 days

$$= 173,880 \text{ days}$$

Gregorian Calendar

(365 days / year)

$$444 \text{ BC to } 33 \text{ AD} = 476^1 \text{ years}$$

476 years

x 365 days


$$= 173,740 \text{ days}$$

+116² days in leap years

+ 24 days (March 5 – 30)

$$= 173,880 \text{ days}$$

1. Since only one year expired between 1BC and 1AD, the total is 476 not 477.
2. A total of 476 years divided by 4 (a leap year every 4 years) gives 119 additional days, but three days must be subtracted from 119 because centennial years are not leap years, though every 400th year is a leap year.

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Ruling Over History

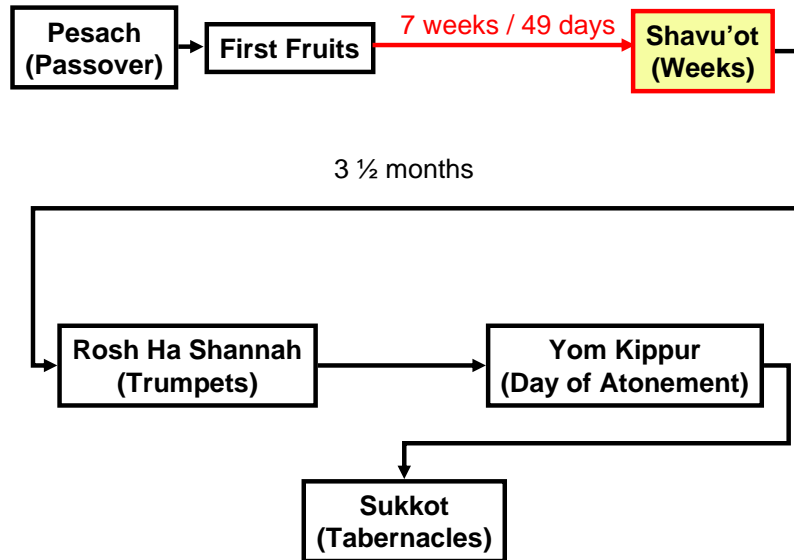


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Freedom Feasts

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Freedom Feasts

“The sanctity of time and the Lord’s sovereignty over history were lessons that God sought to teach His chosen nation, Israel. Through the holy calendar given at Mount Sinai, the Lord of the universe ordered the days of His people, focusing their attention on the heavenly realm.”

~ Glaser ~

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Freedom Feasts

“The feasts of the Lord were **not given to enslave** the Israelites but to free them to reflect on the Person, plan and attributes of the Holy One of Israel.

Through those special days, they were to recognise that **He is Lord of every moment** and must rule over every second of their lives.”

~ Glaser ~



Freedom Feasts

“These are *the Lord’s appointed feasts*, the sacred assemblies you are to proclaim at their appointed times.”

~ Leviticus 23:4 ~

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Time, for Shavu'ot

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Overview

Various Names, One Celebration:

- *Chag Ha-Bikkurim* (Festival of First Fruits, start of period)
- *Shavu'ot* (Weeks, end of period)
- *Chag HaKatzir* (Feast of Harvest)
- *Pentecost* (Gk. "fiftieth" – NT only)

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Pentecost or Shavuot Overview

Shavuot celebrates the time when the **first fruits of the Seven Species with which Eretz Yisroel is blessed**, were harvested and brought in elaborately decorated baskets to the *Temple*, and is also known as *Chag Ha-Bikkurim* (the Festival of the First Fruits). *Shavuot* is also the wheat harvest festival - *Chag HaKatzir* (the Feast of Harvest). The beginning of the wheat harvest throughout *the land of Israel* was preceded by the offering of two loaves as a meal-offering in the *Temple*.

No work is permitted on *Shavuot*. The "work" prohibited on *Shavuot* is the same as that prohibited on *Shabbat*, except that cooking, baking, transferring fire and carrying, all of which are forbidden on *Shabbat*, are permitted on *Shavuot*.



Biblical Mandate

“Count off seven weeks from the time you begin to put the sickle to the standing corn. Then celebrate the Feast of Weeks to the Lord your God by giving a freewill offering in proportion to the blessings the Lord your God has given you.”

~ Deuteronomy 16: 9-12 ~



Biblical Mandate

“And rejoice before the Lord your God at the place he will choose as a dwelling for his Name—you, your sons and daughters, your menservants and maidservants, the Levites in your towns, and the aliens, the fatherless and the widows living among you. Remember that you were slaves in Egypt, and follow carefully these decrees.”

~ Deuteronomy 16: 9-12 ~

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Shavuot is a major festival and has a dual significance: spiritual / historical and agricultural.

The book of Ruth is based around Shavu'ot. You will remember that Ruth arrived in Bethlehem at the beginning of the Barley harvest, and gleaned until the end of the barley harvest.

i.e. Shavu'ot!

It's being like Ruth, serving the lord wholeheartedly. This is a time of harvest where we need to serve as Ruth did. We can be an Orpah or a Ruth Church in the end time harvest.

The whole issue of tithing comes in here too, with giving to the poor, etc.



Agricultural Roots



Barley
"Early First fruits"

7 Weeks /
49 Days




Counting
The Omer



Wheat
"Latter First fruits"

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In Israel, the grain harvest lasted seven weeks and was a season of gladness. It began with the harvesting of the barley (during the Passover) and ended with the harvesting of the wheat at **Shavuot**, the wheat being the last cereal to ripen. So Shavuot marks the end of the barley harvest and beginning of the wheat harvest.

Counting the days from the second day of Passover to Shavuot is called the "Counting of the Omer" – a time looking forward to when the choicest grain would be finely ground through 13 stages of sieving and then baked into the completed wave-offering to the Lord.


An **Omer** = one tenth of an ephah (c. half a gallon, or 1.136 litres)

The cutting of the omer of the new barley marked the beginning of the counting period; on the fiftieth day, Pentecost / Shavuot is observed.



Time, for Acts 2

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Acts 2 and Shavu'ot

“When the day of *Pentecost* came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.

They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the *Ruach HaKodesh* and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.”

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~ Acts 2: 1-4 ~

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Acts 2 and Shavu'ot

Shavu'ot:

- Pilgrim festival
- Everyone together to sleep
- Celebration - "Let us go to the House of Zion" – overseer
- Taking early harvest offerings into the Temple

Acts 2:

- Men from every nation (v 5)
- 120 together in one place (v1)
- Too much wine? (v13)
- Peter's Temple preach (vv14-40), 3000 saved

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1. The Feast is one of the three times when all young men were required to appear before the Lord, **a pilgrim festival** (Exod. 23:17; 34:23, Deut. 16:16).
2. During the second Temple period, everyone gathered together and **slept the night in their houses and in the town streets**. This is one reason why the 120 were in one place, and in Jerusalem cf. Acts 2:1.
3. In the morning the **overseer** would walk among the people saying, "**Get up, let us go into the house of Zion, to the house of the Lord our God.**"
4. This was a time of **joyous celebration** (hence the need for an "alarm call"?!), and may help explain why some thought the 120 had had "**too much wine**" (see Acts 2:13).



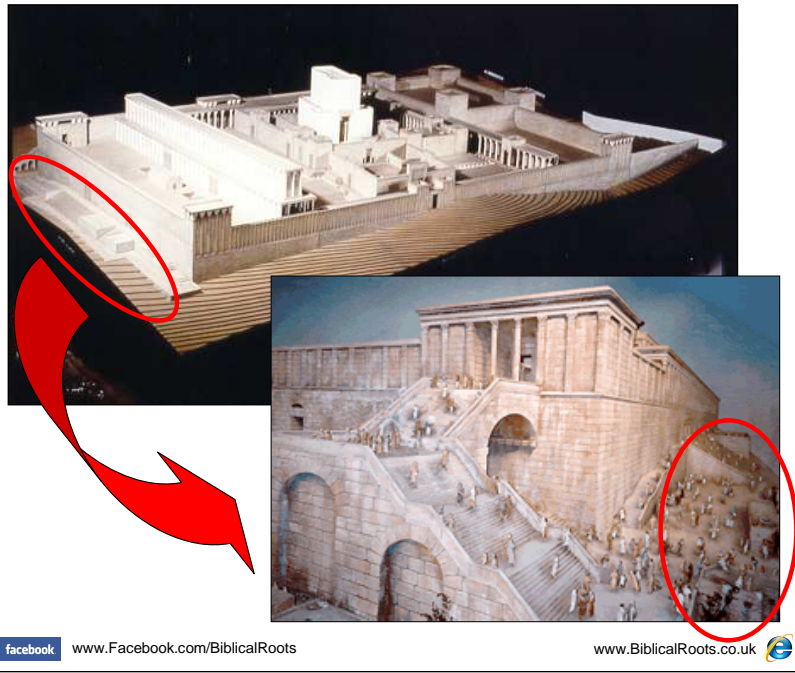
Time, for 3,000?

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The Southern Wall



These ritual baths (miqveh) are located just south of the **Double and Triple Huldah Gates**. There are over **forty ritual baths** that Benjamin Mazar discovered in his excavations south of the Temple Mount.

These baths were used by worshipers who purified themselves prior to entering the temple area.

One descended into the bath on one side in an "impure" state, and then ascended from the bath on the other side in a "pure" state.

There is nowhere else such a large number of baptismal baths could be found, so would help to explain how **3,000 men were baptised in one day!**

See next slide...



The Southern Wall

“Those who accepted his message were baptised, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.”

~ Acts 2:41 ~

3000	People Baptised
2	Minutes / baptism
6000	Total mins req'd
100	Hour equivalent
1	# Mikva'ot
100	Hours / mikvah

3000	People Baptised
2	Minutes / baptism
6000	Total mins req'd
100	Hour equivalent
10	# Mikva'ot
10	Hours / mikvah

3000	People Baptised
2	Minutes / baptism
6000	Total mins req'd
100	Hour equivalent
40	# Mikva'ot
2.5	Hours / mikvah


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So What?

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It's Time...

**...for The Power Of
Word & Spirit Combined**

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Word & Spirit

“This is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after that time,” declares the Lord. “I will put my **torah in their minds** and **write it on their hearts.**”

I will be their God, and they will be my people.”

~ Jeremiah 31:33 ~

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Pentecost not only memorializes the first giving of the law written on tablets of stone, but it also memorializes, on the same day many years later, the giving of the Ruach HaKodesh (Holy Spirit), when the law of God is written in the heart of the believer.

As it states in Jeremiah 31:33, *But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.*

READ OUT ELLEN’S EMAIL TESTIMONY...



Time, for one last equation

A-T-T-I-T-U-D-E

+

THE WORD

+

THE SPIRIT

= REVIVAL!





The End... Of The Beginning!



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Shavu'ot in Acts 2 was the “end of the beginning” in God's timetable!

It marked a decisive milestone in salvation-history, when the gospel would start to go out into the nations (initially via the 3,000 from “every nation under heaven” (Acts 2:5)) and then amongst the gentile nations.

God's plan was always to have his **Revelation Word and Teaching** coupled together with His **Revelation Spirit**. When the two are present together amongst the people of God, then amazing things can be expected! It's a time when the harvest of barley and wheat, becomes fulfilled in the harvest of souls **[click image]**.

Don't stop at the early harvest, but keep going to the wheat harvest and then on through the hot dry summer to the time of the latter Great Harvest!

Are YOU living in the reality and expectation of greater things to come?

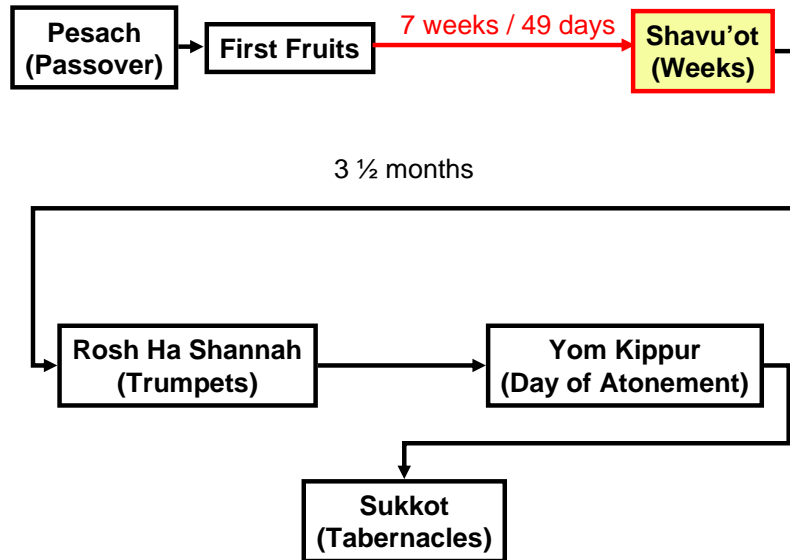
God has placed a deposit in you, and that means the combination of obedience to His authentic Word coupled with openness to His Spirit 'Helper', means then the **power** of the Kingdom is at our disposal!

When Messiah comes again, he will bring completion to the Autumn festivals:

1. Rosh Hashannah (Trumpets – to sound the arrival of Messiah and a call to battle for the saints),
2. Yom Kippur (to bring salvation to Israel and unity in the Body of Messiah),
3. Sukk'ot (the last and busiest Great Harvest).



Savlanut – Be Patient



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The reason we are here today I believe is because our heart is for the Church to have its full enrichment of the Jewish roots of her faith. We have chosen to be here today and need to believe that we are a prophetic voice to the Church, and called to help it wake up!! Many of you will walk a difficult path in your churches because of what you believe about Israel.

Our hearts have been broken time and time again because of Israel and man's dismissal towards her, especially from within the Church. We face prejudice from within the Church because of what we believe and who we are. But, I know THIS - the pain we go through is nothing compared to God's aching heart for His people!

Because Christian leadership over the last 2000 years has ignored its Jewish roots, we have all missed out. But the good thing about living in 2007 is that we don't need to miss out anymore!!