

Weeks, Wheat, and the Spirit

Acts 2:1 - On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place.

Empowering The Church To Be Naturally Supernatural

The Fulfilment Of Old Testament Prophecy

1 Corinthians 16:8 - In the meantime, I will be staying here at Ephesus until the Festival of Pentecost.

<u>Acts 20:16</u> - Paul had decided to sail on past Ephesus, for he didn't want to spend any more time in the province of Asia. He was hurrying to get to Jerusalem, if possible, in time for the Festival of Pentecost.

The Significance Of Pentecost Shouldn't Be Ignored

<u>Matthew 13:52</u> – "...Every teacher of religious law who becomes a disciple in the Kingdom of Heaven is like a homeowner who brings from his storeroom new gems of truth as well as old."

The Old Testament points the way to Jesus, the Messiah

Exodus 23:14-17 - "Each year you must celebrate three festivals in my honor. ¹⁵ First, celebrate the Festival of Unleavened Bread. For seven days the bread you eat must be made without yeast, just as I commanded you. Celebrate this festival annually at the appointed time in early spring, in the month of Abib, for that is the anniversary of your departure from Egypt. No one may appear before me without an offering. ¹⁶ "Second, celebrate the Festival of Harvest, when you bring me the first crops of your harvest. "Finally, celebrate the Festival of the Final Harvest at the end of the harvest season, when you have harvested all the crops from your fields. ¹⁷ At these three times each year, every man in Israel must appear before the Sovereign, the LORD.

<u>Leviticus 23:15-16</u> - "From the day after the Sabbath—the day you bring the bundle of grain to be lifted up as a special offering—count off seven full weeks. ¹⁶ Keep counting until the day after the seventh Sabbath, fifty days later. Then present an offering of new grain to the LORD.

<u>Deuteronomy 16:9-10</u> - "Count off seven weeks from when you first begin to cut the grain at the time of harvest. ¹⁰ Then celebrate the Festival of Harvest to honor the LORD your God. Bring him a voluntary offering in proportion to the blessings you have received from him.

Pentecost Is Linked To The Giving Of The Law

Exodus 19:1-3 - Exactly two months after the Israelites left Egypt, they arrived in the wilderness of Sinai. ² After breaking camp at Rephidim, they came to the wilderness of Sinai and set up camp there at the base of Mount Sinai. ³ Then Moses climbed the mountain to appear before God. The LORD called to him from the mountain and said, "Give these instructions to the family of Jacob; announce it to the descendants of Israel:

2 Chronicles 8:12-13 - On the altar of the LORD that he had built in front of the portico, Solomon sacrificed burnt offerings to the LORD, ¹³ according to the daily requirement for offerings commanded by Moses for the Sabbaths, the New Moons and the three annual festivals—the Festival of Unleavened Bread, the Festival of Weeks and the Festival of Tabernacles.

<u>Luke 2:41</u> - Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Passover festival