

Yeshua in the Omer

28th day of the Omer at Sunset

**BA-RUCH ATAH ADONAI ELOHENU MELECH HAOLAM ASHER KIDESHANU
BEMITZ-VOTAV VETZI VANU AL SEFI-RAT HA-OMER.**

Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the Universe, who has sanctified us with His commandments, and commanded us concerning the counting of the Omer.

The Omer is the connection, the link between the liberation from Slavery in Egypt and true freedom that would be experienced and received at Mt Sinai with the giving of the Torah then the Ruach HaKodesh on the same day some 1,700 years later! The Omer is the countdown to the harvest! There is a verse tucked in here regarding this season:

Leviticus 23:22. "When you harvest the ripe crops produced in your land, don't harvest all the way to the corners of your field, and don't gather the ears of grain left by the harvesters; leave them for the poor and the foreigner; I am ADONAI your God."

God provisioned in His oracles given at Mt Sinai a covenant promise for the poor and the Gentiles, the nations in the original covenant promise to the Jewish people, the reconciliation between Jew and Gentile, the One New Man has been His plan all along. The story of Ruth, a gentile Moabite woman is a harvest Story. Why? Leviticus 23:22. The edges of the fields are not harvested. The blessings are left for the poor and foreigner, the Gehr, a non-Jew who is following the God of Israel.

God provisioned in His word a place for the Gentile, for the nations in the original promise to the Jewish people, the One New Man has been His plan all along. But one must open their eyes (reticular activation system-RAS) and see the revelation of the word. The story of Ruth, a gentile Moabite woman is also a unique Omer/Shavuot story. Why? Leviticus 23:22. The edges of the fields are not harvested. The blessings are left for the poor and Foreigner, the Gehr! The non-Jew who is following the God of Israel, a sojourner, a temporary inhabitant, a foreigner in Israel is conceded rights. The story of Ruth is more prevalent to us today than ever before. Ruth paints a prophetic picture of the unity that will take place for Messiah's second coming. As Sha'ul said in:

Galatians 3:26-28. For in union with the Messiah, you are all children of God through this trusting faithfulness; ²⁷ because as many of you as were immersed into the Messiah have clothed yourselves with the Messiah, in whom ²⁸ there is neither Jew nor Gentile,

neither slave nor freeman, neither male nor female; for in union with the Messiah Yeshua, you are all one.

The work of the Ruach HaKodesh that was given on Shavuot 2,000 years ago is to prepare and unify the bride as one for the return of Yeshua, our Bridegroom, our King. That bride is the one new humanity of Ephesians Chapter 2. The bride is comprised of both Jew and Gentile, males and females, and every nation, every tribe, every tongue, a mixed crowd, across all socio-economic boundaries. In Temple times Levites and Cohen were considered to be of greater value to Adonai with a higher spiritual calling and stature than others. As the book of Ruth reveals, in Yeshua this is not the case.

Ruth 1:16-17. But Rut said, "Don't press me to leave you and stop following you; for wherever you go, I will go; and wherever you stay, I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God will be my God. ¹⁷ Where you die, I will die; and there I will be buried. May ADONAI bring terrible curses on me, and worse ones as well, if anything but death separates you and me."

Ruth's words define a supernatural relationship that shifted Kingdom history through her commitment, dedication, love, and loyalty as a gentile unto Naomi, a Jew. Ruth established the relationship between the Gentiles and the Jewish people, between the Church and Israel! The Kingdom of God requires unity and commitment to Adonai, to His word, to His Son Yeshua, and to the Ruach HaKodesh. Commitment is to carry forth into action deliberately, with intentionality, to obligate, to entrust, to bind, to pledge oneself to a commitment, course, or person. It's what makes this time between Passover and Shavuot so unique and powerful! We're not only counting the Omer and are in the 28th day of the 40 days Yeshua remained here after His Resurrection.

The number 40 appears repeatedly in scripture to mark significant periods of challenge, judgement, purification, or preparation. It often represents a time of testing or probation, during which individuals or groups undergo trials that refine faith and obedience to God. In Noah's time, it rained for 40 days and nights, symbolizing judgment, cleansing, and renewal. Moshe spent 40 days and nights on Mount Sinai receiving Torah. Moshe sent spies to explore Canaan for 40 days. Israel wandered in the wilderness for 40 years for their unfaithfulness and disobedience. Yeshua fasted for 40 days and nights in the wilderness, facing temptation from HaSatan, which was a period of spiritual testing and preparation for His ministry.

The number 40 also conveys broader spiritual themes, including renewal, transformation, divine intervention, and preparation for leadership or significant

tasks. It serves as a reminder that periods of trial or judgement are often followed by spiritual growth, fulfillment of God's promises, and new beginnings. Yeshua's 40 days here after His resurrection were a time of transition, new beginnings, and revelation. He was preparing His Talmidim to move forward in Faith, obedience, and reliance on Adonai as Yeshua would soon be leaving! Yeshua did many supernatural works in this 40 day period:

Acts 1:3. After his death he showed **(Paréstēsen: to present or show, used in the sense of making visible or manifest.)** himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. During a period of forty days they saw him, and he spoke with them about the Kingdom of God.

One of the main reasons Yeshua stayed on earth for 40 days after His resurrection instead of ascending immediately into heaven was to demonstrate, to prove to His Talmidim and the world that He truly was resurrected and alive. He showed Himself, He manifest, made Himself visible to them! Yeshua now has a translated body! Not quite the same as one of flesh! The phrase "many convincing proofs" indicates that Yeshua didn't just appear once but repeatedly demonstrated His resurrection through tangible, undeniable signs, that He is in fact alive. This is proof for us that Yeshua is the Messiah! So many believers are unable to defend their faith when questioned! How do you know Yeshua / Jesus is the Messiah? This is one of the reasons why, He showed Himself to many witnesses who confirmed it was Him!

This 40 day period was crucial for the Talmidim, who would be witnesses of His resurrection to the world. It wasn't about blind faith, but faith that is reinforced by divine evidence. They knew the Roman authorities had put Yeshua to death, and that His body had been taken down from the stake and sealed in a tomb. Fearing Yeshua's Talmidim would come and take Yeshua's body because Yeshua said that He would arise out of the grave after three days and three nights. The High priest asked that the tomb be sealed.

Matthew 27:62-66. Next day, after the preparation, the head cohanim and the P'rushim went together to Pilate ⁶³ and said, "Sir, we remember that that deceiver said while he was still alive, 'After three days I will be raised.'⁶⁴ Therefore, order that the grave be made secure till the third day; otherwise the talmidim may come, steal him away and say to the people, 'He was raised from the dead'; and the last deception will be worse than the first."⁶⁵ Pilate said to them, "You may have your guard. Go and make the grave as secure as you know how."⁶⁶ So they went and made the grave secure by sealing the stone and putting the guard on watch.

Despite their best, human efforts to keep the tomb sealed, when the watchman sounded the Shofar marking sunset after Shabbat and the Ha Bikkurim, early

first fruits offering was waived by the High Priest on the steps of the temple 2,000 years ago the sealed stone with guards supernatural rolled away and Yeshua arose from the grave! When the risen Yeshua appeared to the Talmidim their lives were radically transformed! The greatest miracle in all history had just taken place: Yeshua rose from the dead, He is alive! During the following 40 days, He appeared to various groups of His Talmidim, proving beyond doubt to them that he had, in fact been raised from the dead by the Dunamis, resurrection power of God.

I wish to talk about 10 specific times Yeshua He appeared to the Talmidim after He had risen. The tenth number of the Hebrew alphabet is yod, which means "hand of God" and "continuity." In the Bible, 10 signifies responsibility, power, and divine completion and God's almighty power. Ten makes numerous appearances, including the phrase "God said" being spoken 10 times in Genesis Chapter 1 and 10 plagues striking Egypt in Exodus. In Judaism, 10 is sometimes believed to mean "union" or "collection," as rabbis deemed it a holy number. Let's begin:

Yeshua explicitly told His Talmidim He would be in the tomb like Jonah was in the belly of the fish for three days and three nights in Matthew 12:39-40. They had doubts and disbelief when they saw the resurrected Yeshua! He revealed Himself First to Myriam of Magdala:

Mark 16:9-11. When Yeshua rose early Sunday, he appeared first to Miryam of Magdala, from whom he had expelled seven demons. ¹⁰ She went and told those who had been with him, as they were crying and mourning. ¹¹ But when they heard that he was alive and that she had seen him, they wouldn't believe it.

Second Yeshua appeared to two people leaving Jerusalem on Sunday after Passover on the road to Amma'us, one named Cleopas:

Luke 24:13-18. That same day, two of them were going toward a village about seven miles from Yerushalayim called Amma'us, ¹⁴ and they were talking with each other about all the things that had happened.¹⁵ As they talked and discussed, Yeshua himself came up and walked along with them, ¹⁶ but something kept them from recognizing him. ¹⁷ He asked them, "What are you talking about with each other as you walk along?" They stopped short, their faces downcast; ¹⁸ and one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only person staying in Yerushalayim that doesn't know the things that have been going on there the last few days?"

This encounter is divine, supernatural evidence beyond the Talmidim! Cleopas and his companion are not one of Yeshua's inner Talmidim, not part of the 12! Cleopas and his friend are witnesses outside of Yeshua's circle who had also

witnessed Yeshua's crucifixion. In verse 33 they returned to Yerushalayim and found the Eleven gathered together with their friends and shared with them what had happened. The third time Yeshua revealed Himself was to Kefa right after the road to Amma'us encounter:

Luke 24:34. saying, "It's true! The Lord has risen! Shim'on saw him!"

Fourth (Again, right after the road to Amma'us encounter) to ten of His Talmidim in the upper room (without T'oma):

Luke 24:36-40. They were still talking about it when -- there he was, standing among them! ³⁷ Startled and terrified, they thought they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸ But he said to them, "Why are you so upset? Why are these doubts welling up inside you? ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet -- it is I, myself! Touch me and see -- a ghost doesn't have flesh and bones, as you can see I do." ⁴⁰ As he said this, he showed them his hands and feet.

The fifth time Yeshua Showed Himself to 11 Talmidim in the upper room with T'oma:

John 20:24-29. Now T'oma (the name means "twin"), one of the Twelve, was not with them when Yeshua came. ²⁵ When the other talmidim told him, "We have seen the Lord," he replied, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands, put my finger into the place where the nails were and put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe it." ²⁶ A week later his talmidim were once more in the room, and this time T'oma was with them. Although the doors were locked, Yeshua came, stood among them and said, "Shalom aleikhem!" ²⁷ Then he said to T'oma, "Put your finger here, look at my hands, take your hand and put it into my side. Don't be lacking in trust, but have trust!" ²⁸ T'oma answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Yeshua said to him, "Have you trusted because you have seen me? How blessed are those who do not see, but trust anyway!"

The sixth time Yeshua showed Himself to 7 of the Talmidim while fishing in the Galilee:

John 21:2-7 (TLV). Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in the Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two of the other disciples were together. ³ Simon Peter said to them, "I'm going fishing." "We're coming with you too," they said. They went out and got into the boat, and that night they caught nothing. ⁴ At dawn, Yeshua stood on the beach; but the disciples didn't know that it was Yeshua. ⁵ So Yeshua said to them, "Boys, you don't happen to have any fish, do you?" "No," they answered Him. ⁶ He said to them, "Throw the net off the right side of the boat, and you'll find some." So they threw the net, and they were not able to haul it in because of the great number of fish. ⁷ Therefore the disciple whom Yeshua loved said to Peter, "It's the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it

was the Lord, he tied his outer garment around himself—for he was stripped down for work—and threw himself into the sea.

It's interesting to note the numerous times the resurrected Yeshua isn't recognized! Mary Magdalene mistook Him for the Gardner, Yeshua appeared to the two on the road to Amma'us in another form (Mark 16:12) until they broke bread and here in the Galil they didn't initially recognize him! Yeshua could even pass through a shut and locked door! Yeshua had gone through a transformation in that three days, He had a glorified body! He will also change our bodies when He returns to make them like His Glorious body (Phil 3:21) The seventh time He showed Himself to 11 of the Talmidim on a mountain in Galilee:

Matthew 28:16-20. So the eleven talmidim went to the hill in the Galil where Yeshua had told them to go. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they prostrated themselves before him; but some hesitated. ¹⁸ Yeshua came and talked with them. He said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore, go and make people from all nations into talmidim, immersing them into the reality of the Father, the Son and the Ruach HaKodesh, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember! I will be with you always, yes, even until the end of the age."

The eighth Time Yeshua showed Himself to the Talmidim before His ascension at the Mount of Olives:

Acts 1:8-11. But you will receive power when the Ruach HaKodesh comes upon you; you will be my witnesses both in Yerushalayim and in all Y'udah and Shomron, indeed to the ends of the earth!" ⁹ After saying this, he was taken up before their eyes; and a cloud hid him from their sight. ¹⁰ As they were staring into the sky after him, suddenly they saw two men dressed in white standing next to them. ¹¹ The men said, "You Galileans! Why are you standing, staring into space? This Yeshua, who has been taken away from you into heaven, will come back to you in just the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Ninth time Yeshua showed Himself to more than 500 people as Sha'ul reported:

I Corinthians 15:3-6. For among the first things I passed on to you was what I also received, namely this: the Messiah died for our sins, in accordance with what the Tanakh says; ⁴ and he was buried; and he was raised on the third day, in accordance with what the Tanakh says; ⁵ and he was seen by Kefa, then by the Twelve; ⁶ and afterwards he was seen by more than five hundred brothers at one time, the majority of whom are still alive, though some have died.

Peter: 1 + the Twelve=13 + more then 500+ 513 +Ya'akov=514. + Sha'ul=515 minimum A conservative minimum of 515 souls who saw Yeshua after He was raised from the dead yet in the upper room:

Acts 1:15. During this period, when the group of believers numbered about 120, Kefa stood up and addressed his fellow-believers.

Where is the other 395? So many had SEEN HIM, the resurrected Yeshua! Where did they go? Even us right now, where is everybody? What could possibly be more important than Adonai? It is this very issue that makes the Kingdom so complex. Fresh fire was revealed in both, yet not everyone is on board in either case! There are no answers, its complex, vexing, and hard to understand free will! The tenth time Yeshua showed Himself was to Ya'akov (James), Yeshua's' brother:

I Corinthians 15:7. Later he was seen by Ya'akov, then by all the emissaries;

For forty days Yeshua powerfully showed the world that He was alive! The Sanhedrin had called Yeshua a blasphemer, and others claimed His miracles were through Ba'al Zibbul, the ruler of demons. Yet His 40 days in Jerusalem and surrounding areas, being seen by multitudes, could not be disputed. The contemporary Jewish Roman historian Josephus referred to it, as did other writers. Two generations later, the writer Eusebius interviewed many people who had known people who saw the resurrected Yeshua during these days, telling of miracles, even citing sermons and letters of the resurrected Yeshua.

If it were not for this miraculous 40-day period of Yeshua revealing Himself to the Talmidim and the multitudes many people might not have become believers and joined with the fledgling Messianic Movement! The believers multiplied rapidly despite the extreme, heavy persecution from the Sanhedrin then eventually Roman persecution! They loved not their lives, even unto death! Why? Because they saw the resurrected Yeshua! Physically seeing Yeshua in that 40 day period by so many people couldn't be disputed! The eleven Talmidim had been hiding in fear, yet after spending considerable time with the resurrected Yeshua, they became bold, fearless proclaimers of the gospel no matter how strong the opposition. Only witnessing the resurrected Yeshua can account for such a radical change.

Seeing Him alive validated Yeshua's teaching that He in fact was the Son of Adonai, the Mashiach, the Messiah! His resurrection was the "sign from heaven" that authenticated that He is the salvation of the world!! His resurrection proves His sinless character and divine nature. But while the sacrifice of Yeshua gives us atonement with God, the resurrection of the Messiah justifies His work of salvation on behalf of all sinners and forever vindicates the righteousness of God. The resurrection demonstrates that Yeshua is indeed the Savior of the world:

John 11:25-26. Yeshua said to her, "I AM the Resurrection and the Life! Whoever puts his trust in me will live, even if he dies; ²⁶ and everyone living and trusting in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

Yeshua words now had real meaning, they contained power!! The ultimate goal of Yeshua's' death and resurrection was not simply to redeem us from the curse of sin and death, but to unite, ignite, and reconcile us unto Adonai in eternal love in the Kingdom. You aren't given salvation for the purpose of being saved. Salvation isn't the end, it's the beginning of our journey to becoming His ambassadors, to walk, live, and demonstrate Yeshua's resurrection power until He returns to establish the Messianic Reign. So many never move beyond the stake, they don't get past getting saved! They believe that's it, their done. He's not hanging on the stake, He's not dead, He's not in the Tomb, the tomb is empty. He's alive and that same resurrection power is alive in us! Everyone living and trusting in Yeshua will never die. Do you believe this?

This is the absolute truth of what our trust is based upon! It's the primary thing the resurrected Yeshua did during these 40 days in the Omer! To teach the Talmidim about the Kingdom, giving many convincing proofs that he was alive, and gave the Talmidim instructions to wait out the rest of the Omer in Jerusalem in the upper room to receive power when the Ruach HaKodesh comes upon them!

The resurrection is the triumphant and glorious victory for every believer. Yeshua died, was buried, and rose the third day according to the Scriptures and He is coming again so that we may enter the promise, the Messianic Kingdom! Yeshua used this supernatural 40 days to give us revelation and command us what we are to do:

Matthew 28:18-20. Yeshua came and talked with them. He said, "All authority **(exousia {ex-oo-see'-ah}: Power, authority, the power of rule or government, authority over mankind, the power of judicial decisions)** in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore, go and make people from all nations into talmidim, immersing them into the reality of the Father, the Son and the Ruach HaKodesh, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember! I will be with you always, yes, even until the end of the age."

This authority as described in Isaiah 9:5-6 and Daniel 7:14 To him was given rulership, glory and a kingdom, so that all peoples, nations and languages should serve him. His rulership is an eternal rulership that will not pass away; and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed. Our King, Yeshua has commanded us to:

#1. To "make people from all nations into talmidim."

- #2. To "immersing them into the reality of the Father, the Son and the Ruach HaKodesh."
- #3. To "teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you."