

## 49th 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.**

### Shavuot 5786

**Shavuot, Feast of Weeks, Pentecost in Greek, and in Hebrew: Z'man mattan torateinu - "The Season of the Giving of the Torah."**

**Leviticus 23:1-2.** ADONAI said to Moshe, <sup>2</sup> "Tell the people of Isra'el: 'The designated times of ADONAI which you are to proclaim as holy convocations are my designated times.

**Convocation in Hebrew is Mikra (calling out of the holy ones) who's root word is Kaw-raw which means rehearsal. Divine Appointment in Hebrew is Moed, a specific date in which the King of heaven comes off the throne to meet His people. Shavuot, Feast of Weeks, Pentecost in Greek, and in Hebrew: Z'man mattan torateinu - "The Season of the Giving of the Torah."**

**Leviticus 23:15-17.** "From the day after the day of rest (Shabbat) -that is, from the day you bring the sheaf for waving -you are to count seven full weeks, <sup>16</sup> until the day after the seventh week (Seventh Shabbat); you are to count fifty days; and then you are to present a new grain offering to ADONAI. <sup>17</sup> You must bring bread from your homes for waving-two loaves made with one gallon of fine flour, baked with leaven -as first fruits for ADONAI.

**Shavuot commemorates the divine revelation of God's oracles given at Mt. Sinai which is the fulfillment of the Passover Experience. Passover's Freedom isn't experienced until Mt Sinai with the revelation of God and His word unto all of Egypt. Until Mt Sinai God only spoke to Moshe! Now all Israel will hear God's voice! It was at Mt. Sinai that Israel (the mixed crowd) entered into a free will covenantal, marriage betrothal with God. 1,700 years after the first My Sinai experience the Ruach HaKodesh is given on the same Moedim.**

**We celebrate the Moedim, Feast Days to teach the next generation, L'Dor V'Dor, generation unto generation the covenant promises, timelines, and prophetic word of God so that they may make their own free-will choice. This is one of our most daunting and challenging tasks was face as parents, as Congregational leaders, and as Messianic Believers! The First Shavuot is described in:**

**Exodus 20:18-21.** All the people experienced the thunder, the lightning, the sound of the shofar, and the mountain smoking. When the people saw it, they trembled. Standing at a distance, <sup>19</sup> they said to Moshe, "You, speak with us; and we will listen. But don't let God speak with us, or we will die." <sup>20</sup> Moshe answered the people, "Don't be afraid, because God has come only to test you and make you fear him, so that you won't commit sins." <sup>21</sup> So the people stood at a distance, but Moshe approached the thick darkness where God was.

**Teaching our children, families, and congregates God's message is the antithesis of American and western culture's Hellenistic philosophy of "Do what seems right according to your own eye (Judges 21:25)" and "Self-reliance". God teaches obedience, dependence, and relational fellowship while the world teaches non-obedience and independence. Without obedience to God and His word there is no obligation to freedom, there is no covenant relationship. Knowing God's desire in your heart is not enough, God requires the application of His word and commands in your life!**

**It is not just about a date on the calendar. It is about remembering the moment heaven met Israel upon Mt. Sinai. Fire! Thunder! His manifest presence! His words ushering forth in a multitude of voices. Adonai did not redeem and free Israel just to deliver us from bondage. He brought us out so we could have relationship with Him, walk with Him, hear His voice, and become a people set apart for Him, to dwell in His presence.**

**And later, in Acts 2, we see radical move of God on same appointed time. The Ruach HaKodesh poured out. Hearts awakened. The Torah no longer written on stone, but now on hearts, beginning its work within His people. I love how these things connect. First the mountain trembling with thunder and fire. Another moment when a roaring wind and tongues of fire rested upon His people. Not replacing what came before but a continuation of it.**

**Acts 2:1-4.** The festival of Shavu'ot arrived, and the believers all gathered together in one place. <sup>2</sup> Suddenly there came a sound from the sky like the roar of a violent wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> Then they saw what looked like tongues of fire, which separated and came to rest on each one of them. <sup>4</sup> They were all filled with the Ruach HaKodesh and began to talk in different languages, as the Spirit enabled them to speak.

**This is the elemental, foundational difference between Pesach and Shavuot. Pesach has the Seder and its rituals by which we spiritually reenact the Exodus from Egypt every Year. We perform a similar Pesach Seder service that Yeshua did 2,000 years ago. Yeshua Himself became our Pesach sacrifice by dying as our Paschal Lamb. Yet Shavuot has no such service, there's no Seder, there's no**

reenactment. And lets pause for a moment-There was no dim lighting or worship teams, no videos, no worship soundtracks, no hype and emotion involved in the upper room! The Shavuot experience is on-going, a continuously occurring event, the Lord speaking into our lives and intervening on our behalf. God's physical word brought to life through the Holy Spirit is continually renewed in our lives, daily

God gave us two of His most priceless gifts on this same supernatural Moed, the feast of Shavuot. First, He gave us Torah 50 days after our exodus from Egypt then 1,700 years later the Ruach HaKodesh. The word for "holy" has two variations: Kadosh and Kodesh. Kadosh is an adjective, meaning "holy", and Kodesh is a noun, meaning "holiness", therefor a truer translation of the term Ruach HaKodesh is "Spirit of Holiness", instead of "Holy Spirit". Shavuot emphasizes our need for both Holiness, Truth and the Spirit of God who empowers us to live holy lives because as Adonai said in:

**Leviticus 11:45.** For I am ADONAI, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt to be your God. Therefore you are to be holy, because I am holy.

**Torah is a two rooted Hebrew word that means teachings for life that hit the mark, like an arrow strikes a bullseye! Torah is absolute, kingdom truth that gives us the foundation of Kingdom holiness! Its' how to reconcile unto Adonai and come into His presence. The Ruach HaKodesh is the empowerment from Heaven to observe, perform, and walk out the truth of God's word in our daily lives.**

**Psalm 119:1 (TLV).** Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the Torah of Adonai.

**If Torah is a motor vehicle, the Ruach HaKodesh is the gas! This great and supernatural outpouring of the Ruach HaKodesh could not have occurred without the preceding death, burial, and resurrection of Yeshua 50 days prior by which Adonai gave us eternal salvation through Yeshua. Yeshua's ascension to heaven released to us the Ruach HaKodesh also referred to by Yeshua as: the comforter, helper, intercessor, and counselor:**

**John 14:16.** and I will ask the Father, and he will give you another comforting Counselor **(Parakalēō: to comfort, encourage or exhort. Refers to an aid of any kind. In Greek writing refers to a legal advisor, counselor, proxy, or advocate, one who comes forward in behalf of and as the representative of another. An intercessor, a helper, one who pleads Gods cause with us, the act of comforting.)** like me, the Spirit of Truth, to be with you forever.

**Yeshua states this comforter, advisor, helper, counselor, this Ruach HaKodesh is another like Himself. Another is állos in the Greek" another of equal quality. Yeshua, divine Son of God in the flesh could only be in one place at a time. The Ruach HaKodesh, counselor, advocate, helper, comforter, another of equal quality, on par with Yeshua can be at all places at all times, within every one of us at the same time!**

**Yeshua made a powerful, covenant promise with his followers; the gift of the Ruach HaKodesh. The Ruach HaKodesh is a constant presence that will remain with you forever, providing guidance, comfort, and spiritual empowerment. This promise is significant because it assures us that we are never alone on our faith journey. The Holy Spirit serves as a source of strength and wisdom, helping us navigate life's challenges and grow in our relationship with Adonai.**

**The Shavuot outpouring of the Ruach 2,000 years ago released the advocate, the comforter, the counselor, the helper into each and every one of us who receives it and allows the Ruach to teach us and bring to remembrance all that Yeshua said to us:**

**John 14:26.** But the Counselor, the Ruach HaKodesh, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything; that is, he will remind you of everything I have said to you.

**This counselor, advocate, and helper, the Ruach HaKodesh is the Spirit of Truth that empowers us to walk and live in Kingdom holiness, through the Spirit of Holiness. We see a pattern revealed, a mystery unveiled of the intertwined relationship between Adonai, Yeshua, and the Ruach, the helper, our advocate:**

**John 15:26-27.** "When the Counselor comes, whom I will send you from the Father -- the Spirit of Truth, who keeps going out from the Father -- he will testify on my behalf. <sup>27</sup> And you testify too, because you have been with me from the outset.

**We are to be in partnership with our advocate, our helper, our counselor and comforter who comes directly from Adonai whom Yeshua sent! We must remember that the 120 in the upper room that received this advocate, the Ruach were all deeply aware of the first Shavuot at Mt Sinai and the supernatural giving of the Torah. They knew about the thundering of the Shofar, the smoke and fire upon the mountain and the voice of Adonai speaking to all mankind in every language at Shavuot. Therefore, the supernatural miracles, and signs and wonders they experienced in the upper room on Shavuot carried deep meaning, significance, and prophetic fulfillment.**

**The tongues of fire, the manifestation of the spirit through speaking in tongues is a direct connection to the supernatural fire, smoke, and thundering Mount Sinai experience and receiving of the Torah. Adonai lays out a direct connection between Torah, the Ruach HaKodesh, Power, and our empowerment to observe, obey, and go forth as witnesses to share the good news. In Yeshua's last word before His ascension:**

**Acts 1:8-9.** But you will receive **(lambano: Receive, take, get a hold of, claim, procure, lay hold of, to take up a thing to be carried, to take upon one's self, to associate with one's self as companion, take possession of, strive to possess)**

power when the Ruach HaKodesh comes upon you; you will be my witnesses both in Yerushalayim and in all Y'hudah and Shomron, indeed to the ends of the earth!" <sup>9</sup> After saying this, he was taken up before their eyes; and a cloud hid him from their sight.

**Yeshua was crucified, buried, and resurrected on the third day! Forty days after His resurrection (Last Thursday the 14<sup>th</sup> of May) He ascended to heaven and now sits at the right hand of Adonai! A historical fact! Yet one is not saved until they personally receive, lambano, receive, get a hold of, take possession of, Yeshua's salvation by asking him to do so and become their substitute sacrifice! His associate, helper, counselor, the Ruach HaKodesh is the same! Even though the Ruach was poured out 2,000 years ago it doesn't mean one automatically has it, one has to take possession of it!**

**We must each lambano, receive, claim, strive to possess, lay hold of, receive the Ruach with all its associated power, Dunamis in the Greek: strength, power, ability, inherent power for performing miracles. Torah is the foundation, the blood of Yeshua wipes away our sins to be known no more, our name will not be blotted out of the sefer HaChaim, the book of life establishing the new covenant as prophesied in:**

**Jeremiah 31:33-34.** "For this is the covenant I will make with the house of Isra'el after those days," says ADONAI: "I will put my Torah within them and write it on their hearts; I will be their God, and they will be my people. <sup>34</sup> No longer will any of them teach his fellow community member or his brother, 'Know ADONAI'; for all will know me, from the least of them to the greatest; because I will forgive their wickednesses and remember their sins no more."

**When we receive, Lambano, the Ruach, Torah becomes written, engraved, penned upon our hearts, our heart is circumcised. In Hebrew this is a brit, an act of cutting that brings us into covenant relationship with Adonai! According to Jeremiah, the Ruach HaKodesh was poured out in order to place or write Torah upon the believer's heart to remind us of the word and teachings of Yeshua and**

**Adonai! It brings conviction when we fall short! The helper, the counselor brings us to confession and repentance when we fall short.**

**The divine purpose of the infilling of the Ruach HaKodesh in the lives of believers is to empower us to walk and live according to His Mitzvahs, Commands, and Instructions found in Torah. Our lives then reveal Adonai's love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, humility, and self control through the fruit of the Spirit! Crucifying our old nature with its associate behaviors allows the Ruach to reside within us, a partner that guides us, helps us, advocates for us, and counsels us each and every day! The Ruach HaKodesh infuses us with Dunamis power to perform the supernatural! They are all intertwined and absolutely necessary for repentance, restoration, holiness, and signs and wonder that we may experience a sovereign move of Adonai in our lives every day!!!!**

**John 16:7-11 (TLV).** But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away! For if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you. <sup>8</sup> "When He comes, He will convict the world about sin, righteousness, and judgment: <sup>9</sup> concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me; <sup>10</sup> concerning righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will no longer see Me; <sup>11</sup> and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.

**The Helper, the Ruach HaKodesh reveals truth! He convicts the world about sin, righteousness, and judgement! This is why we so profoundly need the Ruach, we won't experience revival, an outpouring, or a sovereign move of Adonai without the Ruach! We need it to demonstrate the Power of God:**

**The Ruach HaKodesh gives supernatural healing miracles! Yeshua healed many by the power of the Holy Spirit, such as the woman with the issue of blood (Mark 5:29) and the blind man at Bethsaida (Mark 8:22-25).**

**The Ruach HaKodesh gives miracles in nature! Yeshua calmed the storm (Mark 4:39) and cursed the fig tree (Mark 11:13), demonstrating His supernatural authority over nature through the Ruach HaKodesh.**

**The Ruach HaKodesh is the Dunamis, resurrection power! The ultimate miracle, the resurrection of Yeshua, was accomplished by the power of the Holy Spirit, as Sha'ul writes:**

**Romans 8:11.** And if the Spirit of the One who raised Yeshua from the dead is living in you, then the One who raised the Messiah Yeshua from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

**“The Spirit of the One who raised Yeshua from the dead” reveals the power and authority of the Ruach HaKodesh, the Holy Spirit. This same Spirit, who performed the greatest miracle of all; raising Yeshua from the dead, now lives in every child of God. We cannot reach our full potential in the Kingdom without Ruach. We can tap into this resurrection power and utilize it to heal the sick, to release miracles in peoples lives! To speak to nature and calm the storms! And most powerfully to raise the dead! This is what’s living in us! We underutilize this power and gift!**

**The Ruach HaKodesh also gave gifts that we may use such as prophecy, wisdom, knowledge, trust, healing, miracles, discernment, and speaking in tongues (I Corinthians 12:4-11)! These gifts enable us, they empower us ordinary believers to participate in Adonai’s miraculous, Kingdom work through signs and wonders! The book of Acts alone records more than 20 major miracles, along with numerous references to signs and wonders performed by the Talmidim. These miracles confirm the resurrection of Yeshua, demonstrate God's power, and advance the Gospels by the early Messianic Community. Yeshua empowered us with the Rauch HaKodesh so that we could perform what He commanded us to do:**

**Matthew 10:7-8.** As you go, proclaim, ‘The Kingdom of Heaven is near,’<sup>8</sup> heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those afflicted with tzara'at, expel demons. You have received without paying, so give without asking payment.

**Yeshua understood the importance of spreading His Good News far and wide. He emphasized the inclusive nature of His message by instructing His Talmidim to proclaim, heal, raise the dead, cleanse the afflicted, and share the Good News freely. This command serves as a reminder that the Good News is meant to be shared openly and generously with all people, regardless of their backgrounds or beliefs. How can we embody this instruction in our own lives and interactions with others? We can cultivate a spirit of humility, compassion, and service by obeying these instructions from Yeshua while we strive to emulate Him. The essence of discipleship lies in our willingness to go forth into the world, spreading the message of Good News with an open heart and an unwavering commitment to serving others.**

**Last Shabbat. A National Shabbat coupled with “Rededicate 250” in Washington D.C. we see that the winds of change are steadily blowing. If we don’t discern shift in the wind, we may resist what Adonai is doing thinking it’s the enemy because the Ruach HaKodesh is trying to take us (the entire body of Messiah) to a new place. Most don’t want to follow the Comforter to that uncomfortable place of change because it takes us out of our comfort level. We crave newness, growth, and possibility, and at the same time, we want familiarity, predictability,**

**and safety. This tends to create an internal conflict where part of us wants to grow and change while part of us wants to stay exactly where we are, as we are. This dichotomy is part of what makes change so hard. The reality is that staying within the bounds of what is comfortable doesn't allow us to reach the next level. We have to discern the winds of change; the winds of transition and follow.**

**You must press into change rather than resist it. That's the perspective we need. To everything there is a season. Embrace each season as it comes but be ready to embrace the changes as it comes. The trouble many face is transitioning from one season to the next. Instead of searching for Adonai's will they allow fear to cause a stumbling block in what should be a time of great progress and growth. Change, great change, takes place during transitions because during these times your faith is stretched. We are in such a time of transition. We have to let go of what's comfortable before we can see the greater thing ahead. But faith is a rest and the Comforter is there to lead us and guide us from the former glory to the next glory. Embrace the change and be ready to receive the blessings God have for you in the next place.**

**Adonai is saying to us this Shavuot: The blessings He is about to release in this new season in your life so undeniable, so extravagant, and so supernatural that those who doubted you, those who doubted us will be left speechless! His presence is about to manifest in your finances, your health, your family and relationships so dramatically that it will defy natural explanation! No one will be able to say it was coincidence or luck! What felt stuck will begin to move, what was closed will begin to open, what felt impossible will begin to happen! Adonai's not just restoring what was lost, He's restoring it with interest, with addition, and with abundance that overflows! You wont have to explain it, defend it, or argue with the nay sayers. The blessing your about to receive will do all the talking!**

### **Shelamim Offering:**

**The Shelamim is a korban brought to express joy, to celebrate, to thank. It is from the heart and as the Word states, you give according to how you have been blessed over the last year!**

**Deuteronomy 16:16.** Three times a year all your men are to appear in the presence of ADONAI your God in the place which he will choose - at the festival of matzah, at the festival of Shavu'ot and at the festival of Sukkot. They are not to show up before ADONAI empty-handed,

**Tonight, through the sacrifice of Messiah we are able to fellowship with our Father in heaven by offering our Shelamim offering. THIS IS NOT A BUILDING FUND OR AN ALIYA OFFERING. This is a direct fellowship offering with the Lord.**

**Psalms 107:22.** Let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving and proclaim his great deeds with songs of joy.

**Offering-Chuppah**