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Pentecost Significance

PENTECOST represents the giving of the Law, and the sending of the Comforter. The word “Pentecost” occurs 3 times in the New Testament in the **King James Version** (used throughout unless otherwise noted).

And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place, Acts 2:1.

For Paul had determined to sail by Ephesus, because he would not spend the time in Asia: for he hasted, if it were possible for him, to be at Jerusalem the day of Pentecost, Acts 20:16.

But I will tarry at Ephesus until Pentecost, 1 Corinthians 16:8.

Pentecost is the translation of the Greek word *pentekoste* (pen-tay-kos-tay’), **Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance**, G.4005; feminine of the ord. of G.4004; fiftieth (G.2250 being implied – (day)) from Passover, i.e. the festival of “Pentecost.”

The commentaries seem to go along with this reference that the counting for Pentecost starts the day after Passover. This would say that since Passover can occur any day of the week, then Pentecost can occur any day of the week also. As the Bible tells us, we will find out differently.

Count Fifty

This definition of *pentekoste* means to count to fifty. Now, where does one start to count?

And ye shall count unto you from the morrow after the Sabbath, from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave offering; seven Sabbaths shall be complete: even unto the morrow after the seventh Sabbath shall ye number fifty days; and ye shall offer a new meat offering unto Yahweh, Leviticus 23:15-16.

Since the day after a Sabbath is the fiftieth day, then the day where one begins to count is the first day of the week. Now, which first day is it?

These [are] the feasts of Yahweh, [even] holy convocations, which ye shall proclaim in their seasons. In the fourteenth day of the first month at even [is] Yahweh’s Passover. And on the fifteenth day of the same month [is] the feast of unleavened bread unto Yahweh: seven days ye must eat unleavened bread. In the first day ye shall have an holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work therein. But ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto Yahweh seven days: in the seventh day is an holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work [therein.] And Yahweh spake unto Moses, saying, “Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come into

the land which I give unto you, and shall reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest unto the priest: and he shall wave the sheaf before Yahweh, to be accepted for you: on the morrow after the Sabbath the priest shall wave it. And ye shall offer that day



THIS YEAR’S
PENTECOST
(FEAST OF WEEKS)
IS ON SUNDAY,
MAY 24TH

*Those who
LOVE ME,
I will deliver.
I will protect
those who know
MY NAME.*

PSALM 91:14, NRSV

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when ye wave the sheaf an he lamb without blemish of the first year for a burnt offering unto Yahweh,” Leviticus 23:4-12.

Sabbath in verse 11 is the translation of the Hebrew *shab-bawth*, **Strong’s** H.7676. This is the weekly Sabbath, as a high Sabbath is H.7677, *shab-baw-thone’*.

Leviticus 23:15 says we are to count from the morrow after the weekly Sabbath and verse 16 says that the day after the weekly Sabbath is the fiftieth day:

And ye shall count unto you from the morrow after the Sabbath, from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave offering; seven Sabbaths shall be complete. Even unto the morrow after the seventh Sabbath shall ye number fifty days; and ye shall offer a new meat offering unto Yahweh.

Leviticus 23:21 calls this day a holy convocation – a high Sabbath – Pentecost, as the New Testament names it:

And ye shall proclaim on the selfsame day, [that] it may be a holy convocation unto you: ye shall do no servile work [therein: it shall be] a statute for ever in all your dwellings throughout your generations.

In Exodus 19:1-2 we read,

In the third month, when the children of Israel were gone forth out of the land of Egypt, the same day came they [into] the wilderness of Sinai. For they were departed from Rephidim, and were come to the desert of Sinai, and had pitched in the wilderness; and there Israel camped before the Mount, Exodus 19:1-2.

Eleven of the 12 versions I have access to, say the same thing as the **KJV**, except **Today’s English Version**, which says – “the people of Israel left Rephidim, and on the first day of the third month after they had left Egypt they came to the desert of Sinai.”

Counting, this would make the first day of the 3rd month to be some 45 days after they left Egypt when they camped before the mount. Thus, the following day:

Day 46 (third month – first day)

And Moses went up unto Elohim, and Yahweh called unto him out of the mountain, saying, “Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel; ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and [how] I bare you on eagles’ wings, and brought you unto Myself. Now therefore, if ye will obey My voice indeed, and keep My covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto Me above all people: for all the earth is Mine: and ye shall be unto Me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation.” These [are] the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel. And Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before their faces all these words which Yahweh commanded him, Exodus 19:3-7.

Moses went up the mount (first ascent), came down (first descent), and told the elders what Yahweh had said.

Day 47

And all the people answered together, and said, “All that Yahweh hath spoken we will do.” And Moses returned the words of the people unto Yahweh. And Yahweh said unto Moses, “Lo, I come unto thee in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with thee, and believe thee for ever.” And Moses told the words of the people unto Yahweh. And Yahweh said unto Moses, “Go unto the people, and sanctify them to-day and to-morrow, and let them wash their clothes, and be ready against the third day: for the third day Yahweh will come down in the sight of all the people upon Mount Sinai. And thou shalt set bounds unto the people round about, saying, Take heed to yourselves, [that ye] go [not] up into the mount, or touch the border of it: whosoever toucheth the mount shall be surely put to death: there shall not an hand touch it, but he shall surely be stoned, or shot through; whether [it be] beast or man, it shall not live: when the trumpet soundeth long, they shall come up to the mount.” And Moses went down from the mount unto the people, and sanctified the people; and they washed their clothes, Exodus 19:8-14.

At the end of day 47, Moses came down from the mount, sanctified the people and had them wash their clothes. The purpose of having the people wash their clothes was to symbolize washing their heart to sanctify them because of what was about to happen.

In Exodus 19:15, Moses also tells the people to “be ready against the third day and stay away from your wives.” Therefore, day 48 is day 1 of those three days; day 49 is day 2 of those three, and day 50 is day 3 of those three days.

Day 50

Exodus 19:16 speaks of that third day,

And it came to pass on the third day in the morning, that there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, and the voice of the trumpet exceeding loud; so that all the people that [was] in the camp trembled.

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Exodus 19:16-25 relates the result of Moses' ascent and descent on that third day, and, *So Moses went down unto the people, and spake unto them*, Exodus 19:25.

On this day, the fiftieth day since leaving Egypt, Pentecost, as the name used in the New Testament, Moses delivered to the people, Yahweh's Law. Exodus 20 begins the constitution of the Law.

Pentecost – Old Testament Times

When was the day of Pentecost, Feast of Weeks or Feast of Firstfruits inaugurated?

And Yahweh spake unto Moses, saying, "Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, 'When ye be come into the land which I give unto you, and shall reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest unto the priest: and he shall wave the sheaf before Yahweh, to be accepted for you: on the morrow after the Sabbath the priest shall wave it. And ye shall offer that day when ye wave the sheaf and he lamb without blemish of the first year for a burnt offering unto Yahweh. And the meat offering thereof [shall be] two tenth deals of fine flour mingled with oil, an offering made by fire unto Yahweh [for] a sweet savour: and the drink offering thereof [shall be] of wine, the fourth [part] of a hin. And ye shall eat neither bread, nor parched corn, nor green ears, until the selfsame day that ye have brought an offering unto your Elohim: [it shall be] a statute for ever throughout your generations in all your dwellings. And ye shall count unto you from the morrow after the sabbath, from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave offering; seven sabbaths shall be complete: even unto the morrow after the seventh sabbath shall ye number fifty days; and ye shall offer a new meat offering unto Yahweh'," Leviticus 23:9-16.

Leviticus 23:10 says that this named day will first occur when the Israelites cross over the river Jordan and enter the land promised them. The reason for this delay was because the necessary grain offerings required could not be sown and harvested during their sojournings.

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And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance, Acts 2:1-4.

This indicates the general outpouring of the Holy Spirit to man. In Old Testament times, the Holy Spirit was given only for specific events and when the event was finished, the Holy Spirit was withdrawn.

In New Testament times, when a person is baptized and the elders laid hands on them, they then received a share of the Holy Spirit.

Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of Elohim, they sent unto them Peter and John, who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit: (For as yet [it] was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of Master Yahshua.) Then laid they [their] hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit, Acts 8:14-17.

The Comforter

When Yahshua knew that His time was getting short for Him to be with His apostles, He revealed that He would not leave them comfortless, but that Yahweh would be sending a Comforter to remain with them forever.

And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that [it] may abide with you for ever; even the Spirit of truth; [which] the world cannot receive, because [the world] seeth [it] not, neither knoweth [it]: but ye know [it]; for [it] dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you, John 14:16-18.

What did Yahshua mean when He told them that Yahweh would be sending them another Comforter?

But the Comforter, [which is] the Holy Spirit, [which] the Father will send in My name, [it] shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you, John 14:26.

Scriptures indicate there are numerous gifts bestowed upon mankind because of Yahweh's Holy Spirit He promises to those who are obedient:

But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; to another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; to another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another [divers] kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: but all these wor-

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...keth that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as [it] will. For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also [is] Messiah. For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether [we be] Jews or Gentiles, whether [we be] bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit, 1 Corinthians 12:7-13.

And Yahweh hath set some in the assembly, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues. [Are] all apostles? [Are] all prophets? [Are] all teachers? [Are] all workers of miracles? Have all the gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way, 1 Corinthians 12:28-31.

Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered, Romans 8:26.

The word "infirmities" is the translation of the Greek *asqenei-a*, *astheneia*, **Strong's G.769**, meaning feebleness (of mind or body); by implication, malady; morally, frailty. So, whatever shortcomings we may have, Yahweh's Holy Spirit is available to help us out. Yahweh's Holy Spirit will guide us in our search of truth (John 16:13).

Conclusion

What we have seen here, is Pentecost was made a high day in the list of high days in the Old Testament and still observed in the New Testament, and Its relative importance to us today.

Elder Roger Meyer (deceased)

Prayer List

David & Barbara Creel, Robert Dorchester, Stella Rogers, Sean Rogers and Family, Loretta Reyes and Family, Michael Hutchinson, Chauncey Hargrove, David & Nancy Wilson Family/Friends, Jerry Castle, Mary Giles Family, Quinnten Allen, Kat Durban, Isaiah Davis, Dulcena Tessner, Marilyn Patterson Family, David Andrews, Kenya Washington, Elder Lionel Gets Family, Joseph Miller, Adam Galvan Family, Dianne E. Wright Family, Maria Nelson Family, Hilda Driedger, David Nathaniel Malm, Susana Malm, Mike and Sheila Kemper, Charlie Pelton, Monica Kleb, James Penn Family, Sheila Sendeyo, Robert Creech, Diane Crocker, Henry Sunderman, Eileen Pelton, Annie Pelton, David Townsend, Thomas Hunt, Valerie Freeman, Robbie Lenard, Cecil Wideman, Steven Wonderly Family, Elijah Uchenna Family, Pat Beasley, IsaYah Perkins, Linda Root Family, Karl Russell, Maria Nelson, David Salley, Richard Nesselrodt, Danny O'Connor Family, Liz Napper, William Kemsley, Henry Kipngeno Family, Richard Daniel Rodriguez, Zion Gotay, Robert Pugh Family, Ron Ayala, Tyree Jones, Ryan Irving Family, Jai Burgo, Marilyn Montague, John Laczko, Johnny Pearson, Ricardo Angolano, Vivian Wanjiru Family, Travis Handy, Janai Gé Vargas, James Emmett Jerman, Roger Kinnerson, Bertha Tedwill, John and Marcy Mallinson, Roger Kinnerson, Yuri Andrew, Oghenekaro Ugbuku, James Raum, Melodie Illgen, Bobby Gruhn, Elder Heritier Bamba, Genie Berry Family, Elder Thomas Musekenya, Roman Malyk, Joe Deavors, James (Butch) Dowell, Adria and Rashida Green, Jenny Johnson, Allen Smalls, Grady Krzywkowski, Roger Kinnerson, Charles Phinney, Phil Gonzalez Family, and all of the Assemblies of Yahweh in Yahshua. Please also include in your prayers individuals seeking Yahweh from within prison facilities and for their families, plus overseas brethren and especially for the peace of Jerusalem (Psa. 122:6). The world's leaders could also use our prayers (Jer. 29:7; 1 Tim. 2:2).

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