

The Feast of Weeks/Pentecost - "HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US!" Lev. 23:15-22

The Feast of Weeks (Pentecost) is celebrated as a birthday of two very important groups: the nation of Israel and the \_\_\_\_\_.

## I. THE HISTORY OF THE FEAST OF WEEKS

Pentecost occurs on the "day following the Sabbath" – Exactly \_\_\_\_\_ days AFTER the Feast of Firstfruits. It was the day Moses received the Law.

## II. THE FEAST OF WEEKS FULFILLED

Jeremiah 31:31-33 - "The time is coming when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah....I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God and they will be my people." Joel prophesied (Joel 2:28) - "I will pour out my Spirit on all people." Peter told the people on the Day of Pentecost that "this is that which was spoken by Joel".

Jesus ascended 40 days after His resurrection - then 10 days later (50 days after Firstfruits) Pentecost occurred. Acts 2:1-6 ff

## III. The Significance of The Feast of Pentecost

### A. The wave loaves (Lev. 23:17-22)

Significance: 1) Two Loaves 2) Equal in weight 3) Baked with Leaven /yeast  
4) Called "Firstfruits" Leaven is a type of \_\_\_\_\_.

These can only picture sinful mankind; two groups (Jews and Gentiles); equal in importance; who have been redeemed (firstfruits). We have an exact picture of what occurred that day on Pentecost in Jerusalem. Acts 2:39 - "The promise is for you, your children, and those who are afar off (Gentiles)"

LESSON #1 - THE CHURCH IS MADE UP OF \_\_\_\_\_ WHO BELIEVE -  
"The Jew first, and also the Gentile" The key is "What do you believe about Jesus?"

B. Look at a comparison of the Mt. Sinai experience (Giving of the Law) with the Mt. Zion fulfillment (Giving the Holy Spirit):

Occurred on the 50th day after Red Sea; Occurred on the 50th day after Firstfruits

Commandments of God were written on tablets of stone; Commandments of God were written on human \_\_\_\_\_ (Jer. 31:33)

3,000 were slain (Ex. 32:28 – Golden Calf); 3,000 were born again (Acts 2:38-41)

The letter of the Torah was given; The Spirit of the Torah was given (Rom. 7:6 - "we serve in the new way of the Spirit, and not in the old way of the written code").

The earth shook, fire descended, a mighty rushing wind blew, and they heard God's voice (Exodus 19:16ff); A mighty wind blew, tongues of fire descended and many voices proclaimed God's message (Acts 2).

Heb. 12:18-24 LESSON #2 - : THE \_\_\_\_\_ KILLS; THE SPIRIT GIVES \_\_\_\_\_ ! (II Cor. 3:6) Live in the Spirit!

C. Lev. 23:22 - LESSON #3 - GOD CARES FOR THE \_\_\_\_\_.

D. Evangelism is an outgrowth of Pentecost. Acts 2:11 - "The wonders of God!"

LESSON # 4 - The gift of the Holy Spirit empowers us to win others to the Messiah.

E. What can we expect when WE experience Pentecost in our lives? Acts 2

1.) Wind - v. 2 Just as breath, air, or wind is essential to physical life, so the Holy Spirit is essential for \_\_\_\_\_ life.

a.) Breath gives \_\_\_\_\_

b.) Wind refreshes

c.) Wind is irresistible

The second symbol of the Holy Spirit in this chapter is:

2.) \_\_\_\_\_ - v. 3

a.) Conviction - v. 14 ff

b.) Purification - v. 37,38

Matt. 3:11,12 - "He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire...burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

