

DOCTRINE OF PENTECOST

During the month of April, we have been studying the fulfillment of four prophetic Jewish holidays associated with the First Advent of Jesus Christ:

- **Passover**, or the Day of Preparation (14th of Nisan)
- **Unleavened Bread**
- **First Fruits**
- **Pentecost**, or the Feast of Weeks.

The fulfillment of these four prophetic Jewish messianic holidays is based on **the crucifixion of Jesus Christ on Passover, the 14th of Nisan (Abib), 30AD.**

In our previous lesson on this subject, we gave the Scriptural evidence that:

- **That Jesus Christ died on Passover** (Nisan 14)
 - Wednesday, 30AD
- **That He was buried during Unleavened bread** (Nisan 15, 16, 17)
 - Thursday, Friday, and Saturday
- **That He was raised from dead on First Fruits** (Nisan 18)
 - Sunday

NOTE: It is important that you study these previous lessons to understand this lesson entitled, Pentecost or Feast of Weeks.

This lesson will study four aspects of The Pentecost of Acts, Chapter Two and The fulfillment of Feast of Weeks by Jesus Christ seated at the right hand of God, The Father (Eph.1:20-23)

1. The Feast of Weeks or Pentecost is the final messianic (prophetic) holiday associated with the crucifixion of Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ must die the sacrificial Lamb of God for the sins of the world (John 1:29; 1 Pet.1:18-19; 3:18).

(1 Cor.5:7b) “For Christ our Passover also has been sacrificed.”

This required Jesus fulfilling three messianic holidays:

- **Passover** (death)
- **Unleavened Bread** (burial)
- **First Fruits** (resurrection) (1 Cor.15:20-23)

But there is remains the “Feast of Weeks” to be fulfilled.

2. The Feast of Weeks occurred historically seven weekly Sabbaths (the 50th day) from First Fruits.

The Feast of Weeks, or Pentecost, is another High Sabbath on the 50th day from First Fruits. (Lev.23:23; John 19:31)

The word in the Greek language for the 50th day is **Pentecost**.

The Feast of Weeks occurred in the third month of Jewish calendar (Sivan) [lunar calendar]; Nisan (Abib) was the first month because of the Exodus, (Ex.12).

Because of the Feast of Weeks in 30AD, recorded in Acts 2, the New Covenant name in the Church Age became **Pentecost** by the time of Luke writing of Acts in (61AD).

(Acts 2:1) “And when the **day of Pentecost** has come, they were all together in one place.”

This is evidence of the Church Age beginning at Pentecost of 30AD with the Advent of The Holy Spirit.

3. The Feast of Weeks was also known as the Feast of Harvest (Ex.23:16).

(Deut.16:9-10) “You shall count seven weeks for yourself; you shall **begin to count seven weeks from the time you began to put the sickle to the standing grain.** Then you shall celebrate the Feast of Weeks to the Lord your God with a tribute of a free will offering of your hand, which you shall give just as the Lord your God blessed you.” (Ex. 34:22; Num.28:26)

The Feast of Harvest began with First Fruits waving of sheaf (Resurrection, Ascension, and Session of Jesus Christ) and was completed with the Harvest of Pentecost (Advent of The Holy Spirit).

4. At Pentecost (Acts 2:1), Jesus baptized believers with the Holy Spirit gathered for the Feast of Weeks

(Matt.3:11) “As for me (John Baptist), I baptize you with water for repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I; and I am not fit to remove His sandals; **He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.**”

(Acts 1:4-5) “Gathering them together, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the **Father had promised**, ‘Which, He said, ‘You heard from Me;’ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

(Acts 2:32-33) “This Jesus God raised up again, to which we are all witnesses. Therefore, having been exalted to the right hand of God, and **having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit**, He has poured forth this which you both see, and hear.” (Acts 2:38-39)

(Acts 11:16-17) “And I **remembered the word of the Lord**, how He used to say, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ **Therefore, If God gave to them the same gift as He gave to us also after believing in the Lord Jesus Christ**, who was I that I could stand in God’s way?”

The Advent of The Holy Spirit was a special teaching of Jesus during His 40 days of post-resurrection appearances as pointed out by Luke in (Luke 24:44-49).

(Luke 24:49) “And behold, **I am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you**; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.” (Pentecost) (John 14-16)

“Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us - for it is written, ‘Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree’ (Deut.21:23) - in order that IN Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, **so that we would receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.**” (Gal.3:13-14; Eph.1:13-14)