

The pouring of the Spirit

Shavuot or Pentecost or Feast of Weeks



Background Information Luke + Acts

- The book of Luke was written to explain to Theophilus, all the events in the life of Jesus.
- The 1st chapter of Acts
 - Tells us that after His resurrection, Jesus stayed for 40 days, until the day when He was taken up.
 - A. During 40 days He gave commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen.
 - B. He gave sufficient proof of himself alive to them and speaking about the kingdom of God.
 - C. He order them to stay in Jerusalem, waiting for the promise of the Father. which, He said, ***“you heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”***



Background Information Luke + Acts 1

- Jesus promises them “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”
- @ the upper room, in one accord were devoting themselves to prayer.
- Matthias became an apostle replacing Judas.

Acts 2 :1-13

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Three Feast of Pilgrimage

Three Pilgrimage Festivals (שלוש רגלים)

- **Pesach** (*Passover or Feast of Unleavened Bread*) - Deuteronomy 16:1-8 (Late March to late April)
- **Shavuot** (*Weeks or Pentecost or Feast of Harvest*) - Deuteronomy 16:9-12 - Leviticus 23:15-22 (Late May to late June)
- **Sukkot** (*Feast of Tabernacles, Tents or Booths or the Feast of Ingathering*) - Deuteronomy 16:13-17 (Late September to late October)

All the males of Israel would make a pilgrimage to the Temple in Jerusalem, as commanded by the Torah. - **Exodus 23:14-17**

In Jerusalem, they would participate in festivities and ritual worship in conjunction with the services of the kohanim ("priests") at the Temple.



The Lord took the Israelites out of Egypt.

After 9 plagues, the night before the exodus, the Lord told the Israelites to mark their door post with the blood of the lamb sacrificed so the Angel of the Lord “passed over” the houses of the Israelites in Egypt.

Shavuot or Pentecost

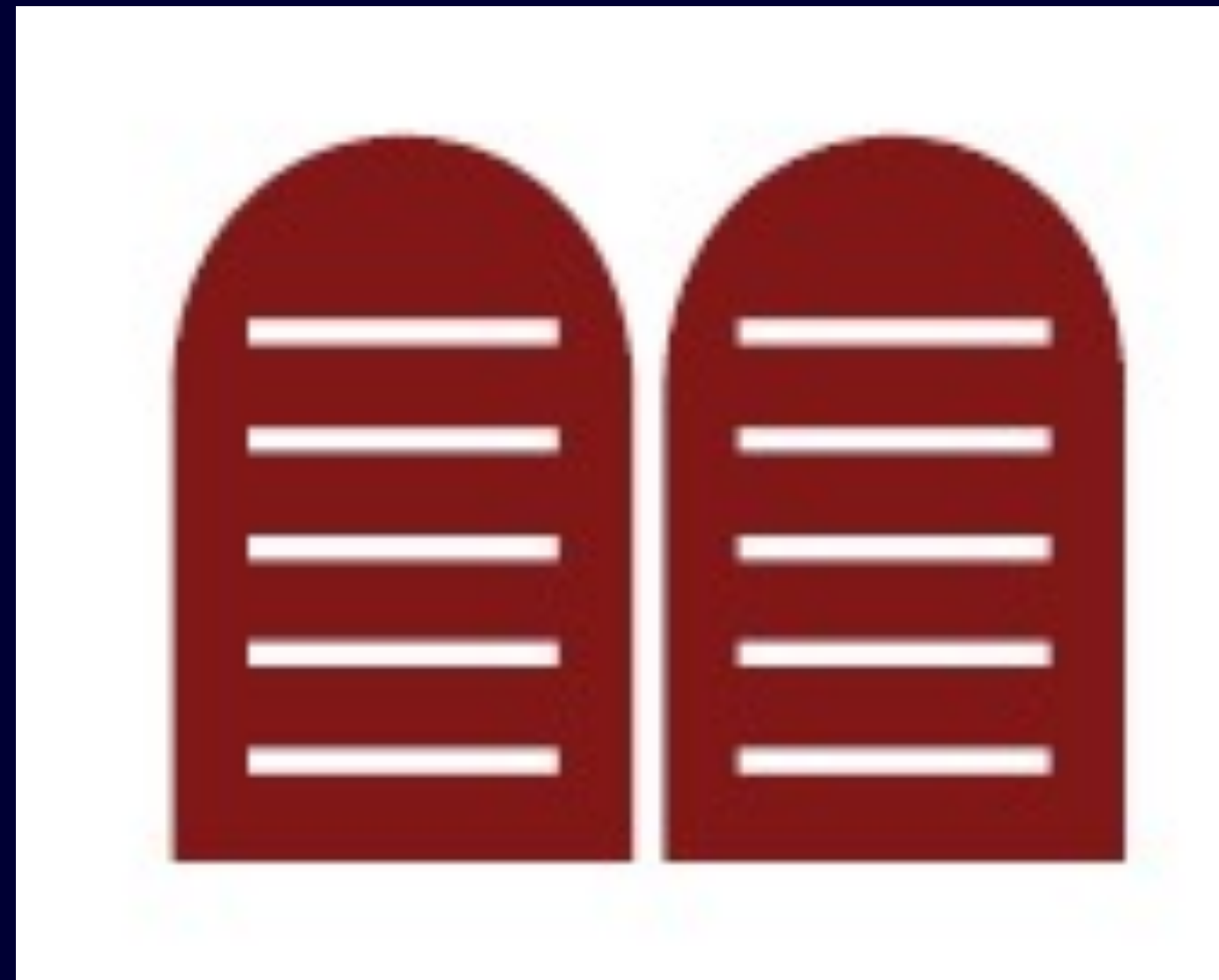
It celebrate one day after 7 shabbats (Saturdays) or 50 days; where the people of Israel would present the “First fruits” of their harvest as a sacrifice on to the Lord.



Shavuot and Moses

According to the tradition, Moses receive the Law during Shavuot.

Exodus 19 - 20



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2 And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.

3 And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them.

4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues (*glossais*) as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Acts 2 :1-13

5 Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven.

6 And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language.

7 And they were amazed and astonished, saying, *“Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?”*

8 And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language?

“Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?”

Galileans - Inhabitants of Galilee. It was remarkable that they should speak in this manner, because:

- They were ignorant, rude, and uncivilized, [John 1:46](#). Hence, the term Galilean was used as an expression of the deepest reproach and contempt, [Mark 14:70](#); [John 7:52](#).
- Their dialect was proverbially barbarous and corrupt, [Mark 14:70](#); [Matthew 26:73](#). They were regarded as an outlandish people, unacquainted with other nations and languages, and hence, the amazement that they could address them in the refined language of other people. Their native ignorance was the occasion of making the miracle more striking.

*But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise;
God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong,*

1 Corinthians 1:27.

Acts 2 :1-13

9 Parthians and Medes and Elamites (old Persia Empire - modern Iran) and residents of Mesopotamia (modern Irak), Judea (modern Israel) and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia (modern Turkey), Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both **Jews** and **proselytes (or convert)**, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.”

At least 14 languages

Acts 2 :1-13

12 And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?”

13 But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.”

14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them:

“Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words.

15 For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. 16 But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

17 “And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; 18 even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. 19 And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; 20 the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. 21 And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the

Lord shall be saved.

22 “Men of Israel, hear these words:

Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know — **23** this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. **24** God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.

25 For David says concerning him, “‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; 26 therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. 27 For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. 28 You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.

29 “Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. **30** Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, **31** he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. **32** This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. **33** Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing.

34 For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, “The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, 35 until I make your enemies your footstool.””

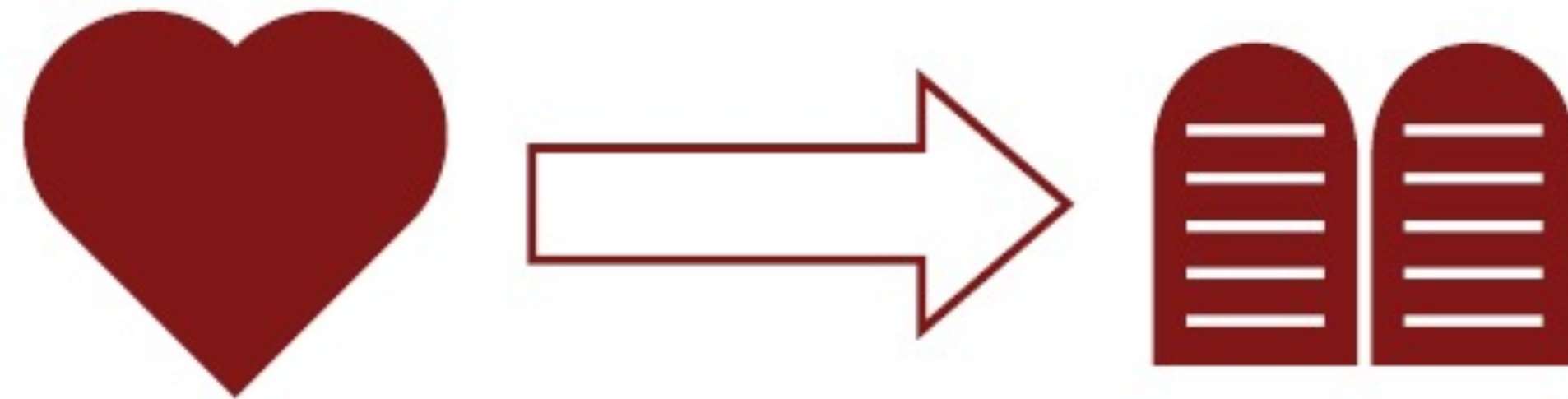
36 Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

37 Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”

38 And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. **39** For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” **40** And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.”

41 So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about ***three thousand souls***.

Before the filling of the Holy Spirit



Our hearts had to seek God's laws.

After the filling of the Holy Spirit



The law is written on our hearts.