

Shavuot — Pentecost — 2020

Acts 2:1

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

Exodus 34:23-24 (CJB)

Three times a year all your men are to appear before the Lord, ADONAI, the God of Isra'el. 24 For I am going to expel nations ahead of you and expand your territory, and no one will even covet your land when you go up to appear before ADONAI your God three times a year.

Leviticus 23:15-22 (CJB)

"From the day after the day of rest—that is, from the day you bring the sheaf for waving—you are to count seven full weeks, 16 until the day after the seventh week; you are to count fifty days; and then you are to present a new grain offering to ADONAI. 17 You must bring bread from your homes for waving—two loaves made with one gallon of fine flour, baked with leaven—as firstfruits for ADONAI. 18 Along with the bread, present seven lambs without defect one year old, one young bull and two rams; these will be a burnt offering for ADONAI, with their grain and drink offerings, an offering made by fire as a fragrant aroma for ADONAI. 19 Offer one male goat as a sin offering and two male lambs one year old as a sacrifice of peace offerings. 20 The cohen will wave them with the bread of the firstfruits as a wave offering before ADONAI, with the two lambs; these will be holy for ADONAI for the cohen (kôhên/priest). 21 On the same day, you are to call a holy convocation; do not do any kind of ordinary work; this is a permanent regulation through all your generations, no matter where you live. 22 ""When you harvest the ripe crops produced in your land, don't harvest all the way to the corners of your field, and don't gather the ears of grain left by the harvesters; leave them for the poor and the foreigner; I am ADONAI your God.""

Luke 24:49 (CJB)

Now I am sending forth upon you what my Father promised, so stay here in the city until you have been equipped with power from above."

They would take the first fruits of the harvest from the Feast of Firstfruits, the harvest and the 2 loaves of bread. The wheat is the summer harvest as the barley is at Firstfruits in early spring.

The 120 represented every nation which is why they spoke in every tongue of every nation and it was the nations that honoured God by sending representatives to Jerusalem for His feast that would partake in the first fruits of the birth of the church. So that if they are declared holy, we are declared holy.

Romans 1:16 (CJB) 16 For I am not ashamed of the Good News, since it is God's powerful means of bringing salvation to everyone who keeps on trusting, to the Jew especially, but equally to the Gentile.

- 2 Corinthians 1:22 (CJB)

put his seal on us, and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee for the future.

- 2 Corinthians 1:22 (AMPC)
[He has also appropriated and acknowledged us as His by] putting His seal upon us and giving us His [Holy] Spirit in our hearts as the security deposit and guarantee [of the fulfillment of His promise].
- The priest shall wave the peace offerings with the bread of the firstfruits before the Lord (Lev. 23:20).

The Shte Halechem — is he name in Hebrew for the two loaves offered in the Holy Temple in Jerusalem on Shavuot.

Deuteronomy 8:3 (CJB) He humbled you, allowing you to become hungry, and then fed you with manna (daily), which neither you nor your ancestors had ever known, to make you understand that a person does not live on food alone but on everything that comes from the mouth of ADONAI.

Acts 2:1-4 (CJB)

The festival of Shavu'ot arrived, and the believers all gathered together in one place. 2 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. 3 Then they saw what looked like tongues of fire, which separated and came to rest on each one of them. 4 They were all filled with the Ruach HaKodesh and began to talk in different languages, as the Spirit enabled them to speak.

We see the Holy Spirit throughout the Old Testament:

David:

Psalms 51:11

Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.

Genesis 1:2 (CJB)

The earth was unformed and void, darkness was on the face of the deep, and the Spirit of God hovered over the surface of the water.

rûah is the spirit/breath.

Numbers 11:10-15 (CJB)

Moshe heard the people crying, family after family, each person at the entrance to his tent; the anger of ADONAI flared up violently; and Moshe too was displeased. 11 Moshe asked ADONAI, "Why are you treating your servant so badly? Why haven't I found favor in your sight, so that you put the burden of this entire people on me? 12 Did I conceive this people? Was I their father, so that you tell me, 'Carry them in your arms, like a nurse carrying a baby, to the land

you swore to their ancestors?'¹³ Where am I going to get meat to give to this entire people?—because they keep bothering me with their crying and saying, 'Give us meat to eat!'¹⁴ I can't carry this entire people by myself alone—it's too much for me! ¹⁵ If you are going to treat me this way, then just kill me outright!—please, if you have any mercy toward me!—and don't let me go on being this miserable!"

Numbers 11:26-29 (CJB)

There were two men who stayed in the camp, one named Eldad and the other Medad, and the Spirit came to rest on them. They were among those listed to go out to the tent (they were among the 70 elders), but they hadn't done so, and they **prophesied** in the camp. ²⁷ A young man ran and told Moshe, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp!" ²⁸ Y'hoshua, the son of Nun, who from his youth up had been Moshe's assistant, answered, "My lord, Moshe, stop them!" ²⁹ But Moshe replied, "Are you so zealous to protect me? I wish all of ADONAI's people were prophets! I wish ADONAI would put his Spirit on all of them!"

Another man Othniel, Caleb's younger brother in the book of Judges...

Judges 3:10-11 (CJB)

The spirit of ADONAI came upon him, and he judged Isra'el. Then he went out to war, and ADONAI gave Kushan-Rish'atayim king of Aram into his hands; his power prevailed against Kushan-Rish'atayim. ¹¹ So the land had rest for forty years, until 'Otni'el the son of K'naz died.

The spirit came upon this man to go to war to set the people free of the oppression of their enemy.

Another, Jephthah Judges 11...

The son of a prostitute, born in sin, an outcast and full of shame. The Spirit comes upon him...

Judges 11:29

Then the Spirit of the Lord came upon Jephthah, and he passed over Gilead, and Manasseh, and passed over Mizpeh of Gilead, and from Mizpeh of Gilead he passed over unto the children of Ammon.

Another, King Saul...

1 Samuel 9:21 (CJB)

Sha'ul replied, "I'm only a man from Binyamin, the smallest tribe in Isra'el; and my family is the least important of all the families in the tribe of Binyamin! Why are you saying such a thing to me?"

Saul had no confidence.

1 Samuel 10:1-7 (CJB)

Then Sh'mu'el took a flask of oil he had prepared and poured it on Sha'ul's head. He kissed him and said, "ADONAI has anointed you to be prince over his inheritance. 2 After you leave me today, you will find two men by Rachel's Tomb, in the territory of Binyamin at Tzeltzah. They will tell you that the donkeys you were searching for have been found, and that your father has stopped thinking about the donkeys and is anxious over you and asking, 'What am I to do about my son?'" 3 Go on from there, and you will come to the Oak of Tavor. Three men will meet you there on their way up to God at Beit-El. One of them will be carrying three kids, another three loaves of bread and the third a skin of wine. 4 They will greet you and give you two loaves of bread, which you are to accept from them. 5 After that, you will come to Giv'ah of God, where the P'lishtim are garrisoned. On arrival at the city there, you will meet a group of prophets coming down from the high place, preceded by lutes, tambourines, flutes and lyres; and they will be prophesying. 6 Then the Spirit of ADONAI will fall on you; you will prophesy with them and be turned into another man! 7 When these signs come over you, just do whatever you feel like doing, because God is with you.

2 Corinthians 3:17 (CJB)

Now, "ADONAI" in this text means the Spirit. And where the Spirit of ADONAI is, there is freedom.

2 Kings 2:11-14

And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. 12 And Elisha saw it, and he cried, My father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof. And he saw him no more: and he took hold of his own clothes, and rent them in two pieces. 13 He took up also the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and went back, and stood by the bank of Jordan; 14 And he took the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and smote the waters, and said, Where is the Lord God of Elijah? and when he also had smitten the waters, they parted hither and thither: and Elisha went over.

Romans 12:4-8 (CJB)

For just as there are many parts that compose one body, but the parts don't all have the same function; 5 so there are many of us, and in union with the Messiah we comprise one body, with each of us belonging to the others. 6 But we have gifts that differ and which are meant to be used according to the grace that has been given to us. If your gift is prophecy, use it to the extent of your trust; 7 if it is serving, use it to serve; if you are a teacher, use your gift in teaching; 8 if you are a counselor, use your gift to comfort and exhort; if you are someone who gives, do it simply and generously; if you are in a position of leadership, lead with diligence and zeal; if you are one who does acts of mercy, do them cheerfully.

Micah 3:8 (CJB)

On the other hand, I am full of power
by the Spirit of ADONAI,
full of justice and full of might,
to declare to Ya'akov (Jacob) his crime,

to Isra'el his sin.

Isaiah 11:1-2 (CJB)

1 But a branch will emerge from the trunk of Yishai,
a shoot will grow from his roots.

2 The Spirit of ADONAI will rest on him...

Is 61:1 (CJB)

The Spirit of Adonai ELOHIM is upon me, because ADONAI has anointed me to announce good news to the poor. He has sent me to heal the brokenhearted; to proclaim freedom to the captives, to let out into light those bound in the dark.

Luke 4:1-2 (CJB)

Then Yeshua, filled with the Ruach HaKodesh, returned from the Yarden and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness 2 for forty days of testing by the Adversary. During that time he ate nothing, and afterwards he was hungry.

Luke 4:17-19 (CJB)

and he was given the scroll of the prophet Yesha'yahu. Unrolling the scroll, he found the place where it was written, 18 "The Spirit of ADONAI is upon me because he has anointed me to announce Good News to the poor; he has sent me to proclaim freedom for the imprisoned and renewed sight for the blind, to release those who have been crushed, 19 to proclaim a year of the favor of ADONAI."

Ezekiel 36:22-29 (CJB)

"Therefore tell the house of Isra'el that Adonai ELOHIM says this: 'I am not going to do this for your sake, house of Isra'el, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have been profaning among the nations where you went. 23 I will set apart my great name to be regarded as holy, since it has been profaned in the nations—you profaned it among them. The nations will know that I am ADONAI,' says Adonai ELOHIM, 'when, before their eyes, I am set apart through you to be regarded as holy. 24 For I will take you from among the nations, gather you from all the countries, and return you to your own soil. 25 Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your uncleanness and from all your idols. 26 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit inside you; I will take the stony heart out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. 27 I will put my Spirit inside you and cause you to live by my laws, respect my rulings and obey them. 28 You will live in the land I gave to your ancestors. You will be my people, and I will be your God. 29 I will save you from all your uncleanness. I will summon the grain and increase it, and not send famine against you.

Ezekiel 37:1-6 (CJB)

With the hand of ADONAI upon me, ADONAI carried me out by his Spirit and set me down in the middle of the valley, and it was full of bones. 2 He had me pass by all around them—there were so many bones lying in the valley, and they were so dry! 3 He asked me, "Human being, can these bones live?" I answered, "Adonai ELOHIM! Only you know that!" 4 Then he said to me,

"Prophesy over these bones! Say to them, 'Dry bones! Hear what ADONAI has to say! 5 To these bones Adonai ELOHIM says, "I will make breath enter you, and you will live. 6 I will attach ligaments to you, make flesh grow on you, cover you with skin and put breath in you. You will live, and you will know that I am ADONAI."'"

Philippians 4:13 (CJB)

I can do all things through him who gives me power.

Joel 2:28-29 (KJV Strong's) And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:
29 And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.

Acts 17:28 (CJB) 28 'for in him we live and move and exist.' Indeed, as some of the poets among you have said, 'We are actually his children.'

Zechariah 4:6-7

Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the Lord unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts. 7 Who art thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain: and he shall bring forth the headstone thereof with shoutings, crying, Grace, grace unto it.