

A Spiritual Harvest Acts 2:1-21

1. What is Pentecost? (2:1-13)

Passover (14th day of the first month)

Feast of Unleavened Bread (15-21st of same month)

During this feast the first sheaf of barley was offered as a wave offering to celebrate the beginning of harvest. (sometimes this is called **the Festival of First Fruits**)

Feast of Weeks, Feast of the Harvest, , or the Day of the First Fruits (Num. 28:26) 7 weeks plus 1 day after the wave offering of the barley during the Feast of Unleavened Bread. A new wheat offering was brought in the LORD to celebrate the end of the harvest season.

Of the three major feasts, Passover, Weeks, and Tabernacles, only the Feast of Weeks is not identified in the O.T. with some prior occasion in Israel's history that it commemorates. The answer to this may lie in Joel's prophecy below. (Since it didn't, the later Jews supplied their own meaning to it, relating it to the day Moses was given the Law of God on Mt. Sinai.)

2. How does the Day of the Harvest in the O.T. relate to Pentecost in the N.T.? (2:14-18)

Called Shavuoth today, **Pentecost's** spiritual meaning was forecasted in Joel 2:18-32.

Pentecost, as foreshadowed in Joel, is typified in the Lord's blessings of the harvest season (the sustenance for the continuation of life) and brought to ultimate fulfillment spiritually by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Church Age. True life and real fruit will now be supplied by the Lord of Hosts to all mankind.

So, the Day of the Harvest has it's ultimate fulfillment on the Day of Pentecost.

A. Global Harvest

And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. - Matthew 9:35-38

B. Personal Harvest

"Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness." - 2 Corinthians 9:10

"I have come that you might have life, and have it to the full." - John 10:10

"In Him was life, and the life was the light of men." - John 1:4

3. Why does the Harvest of God and End Times always relate to each other? (2:19-21)

A. Joel 2:18-29 & 2:30-32 vs. Acts 2:17-21

B. Final Harvest

"And another angel came out of the temple, crying out with a loud voice to Him who sat on the cloud, 'Put in your sickle and reap, for the hour to reap has come, because the harvest of the earth is ripe.'" - Rev. 14:15