

Exodus 34:22

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And thou shalt observe the feast of weeks, of the firstfruits of wheat harvest, and the feast of ingathering at the year's end.

Analysis

The Feast of Weeks (שבועות, shavuot—Pentecost) celebrates the wheat harvest seven weeks after Passover, offering firstfruits (בכורים, bikkurim) to God. The Feast of Ingathering (אסיף, asip—Tabernacles/Sukkot) concludes the agricultural year with fall harvest. Both feasts acknowledge God as provider and sustainer. Pentecost later commemorates giving the Law (Jewish tradition) and outpouring of the Spirit (Acts 2).

Historical Context

These festivals formed the agricultural and liturgical calendar. Feast of Weeks occurred during wheat harvest (May-June); Feast of Ingathering during fruit/olive harvest (September-October). All three pilgrimage feasts required male attendance at the central sanctuary.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How do you acknowledge God's provision in your life's 'harvest seasons'?

2. What spiritual 'firstfruits' should you offer to God from what He has given you?

Interlinear Text

וְחַג	שָׁבֻעַת	תַּעֲשֶׂה ה	לְךָ	בְּכוֹרֵי י	קֹצֵר יר
and the feast	of weeks	And thou shalt observe	^{H0}	of the firstfruits	harvest
H2282	H7620	H6213		H1061	H7105
חֹטֵי ים	וְחַג	הָאָס יר	תִּקְוֶה ת	הַשָּׁנָה:	
of wheat	and the feast	of ingathering	end	at the year's	
H2406	H2282	H614	H8622	H8141	

Additional Cross-References

Exodus 23:16 (Parallel theme): And the feast of harvest, the firstfruits of thy labours, which thou hast sown in the field: and the feast of ingathering, which is in the end of the year, when thou hast gathered in thy labours out of the field.

John 7:2 (Parallel theme): Now the Jews' feast of tabernacles was at hand.