

Numbers 28:26

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Also in the day of the firstfruits, when ye bring a new meat offering unto the LORD, after your weeks be out, ye shall have an holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work:

Analysis

For Pentecost (Feast of Weeks), 'when ye bring a new meat offering unto the LORD... ye shall have an holy convocation.' This feast celebrated first fruits of wheat harvest, occurring fifty days after Passover. The Hebrew 'minchah chadashah' (new grain offering) presented first fruits to God, acknowledging Him as provider. The 'holy convocation' (miqra qodesh) called all Israel to gather for worship and cessation from work. This feast's New Testament fulfillment came at Pentecost when the Holy Spirit descended (Acts 2), making believers the first fruits of new creation (James 1:18, Rev 14:4). The church is God's harvest from Christ's death and resurrection.

Historical Context

Pentecost (Greek for 'fiftieth') occurred seven weeks after Passover/Firstfruits (Lev 23:15-16), celebrating spring wheat harvest completion. Unlike Passover's unleavened bread, Pentecost offerings included leavened bread (v.17), possibly symbolizing the church with sin still present though redeemed. The holy convocation required cessation from servile work (v.26), emphasizing worship's priority over productivity. Fifty days after Christ's resurrection (the ultimate Passover Lamb), the Spirit came, constituting the church and empowering witness. Peter's Pentecost sermon yielded 3,000 converts - first fruits of gospel harvest (Acts 2:41). The feast foreshadowed the church age.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Study Questions

1. Do you acknowledge God as source of all your 'harvests' - income, success, provision?
2. How does Pentecost's fulfillment in the church's birth deepen your appreciation for the Holy Spirit's role?

Interlinear Text

וּבִי יוֹם	הַבְּכוֹרִים	בְּהִקֵּר יִבְכֶּם	מִנְחָה	חֲדָשָׁה
Also in the day	of the firstfruits	when ye bring	meat offering	a new
H3117	H1061	H7126	H4503	H2319
לַיהוָה	בְּשָׁבַע תִּיכֶם	מִקְרָא	קִדְשׁ	יְהוָה
unto the LORD	after your weeks	convocation	be out ye shall have an holy	H1961
H3068	H7620	H4744	H6944	
לֹא	תַעֲשׂוּ:	עֲבַדְתֶּם	לֹא	תַעֲשׂוּ:
H0	H3605	H3808	H3808	H3808
	work	no servile	ye shall do	
	H4399	H5656	H6213	

Additional Cross-References

Exodus 34:22 (Parallel theme): And thou shalt observe the feast of weeks, of the firstfruits of wheat harvest, and the feast of ingathering at the year's end.

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.

Leviticus 23:10 (Parallel theme): Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come into the land which I give unto you, and shall reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest unto the priest:

1 Corinthians 15:20 (Parallel theme): But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.

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