



Shavuot

Three times you shall keep a Feast to Me in the year you shall keep
The Feast of Unleavened Bread
(you shall eat unleavened bread seven days,
as I commanded you, at the time appointed in the month of Abib,
for in it you came out of Egypt; none shall appear before Me empty)
The Feast of Weeks, Feast of Harvest, the firstfruits [Shavuot/Pentecost] of your labors,
which you have sown in the field
The Feast of Ingathering [Feast of Tabernacles]
at the end of the year, when you have gathered in the fruit of your labors from the field.
Three times in the year all your males shall appear before the Lord/*Adonai* your God/*Elohim*
(Leviticus 23; Exodus 23:14-17; Deuteronomy 16:16)

The Firstfruits Offering - An Offering Of Thanksgiving

“And it shall be, when you come into the land which the LORD/*Yahweh* your God/*Elohim* is giving you as an inheritance, and you possess it and dwell in it, that you shall take some of the first of all the produce of the ground, which you shall bring from your land that the LORD/*Yahweh* your God/*Elohim* is giving you, and put it in a basket and go to the place where the LORD/*Yahweh* your God/*Elohim* chooses to make His name abide” (Deuteronomy 26:1-2).

Firstfruits represent the Fruit of the Spirit of Yeshua - love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. The Bride of Yeshua is gifted these at her betrothal as a sign and wonder of His love for her. The Fruit of the Spirit is a testimony of the Bridegroom’s faithfulness and love to His Bride (Galatians 5:22-23).

Leader:

Together, with a congregational member, hold the Firstfruits Offering between them (we use a basket filled with seven different kinds of fruits). This offering is a wave offering of thanksgiving before the LORD/*Yahweh*. The filled basket represents those returning from the four corners of the world in honor of their commitment to His Covenant (Matthew 3:1-12).

How To Present The Firstfruits Wave Offering:

Moving the basket in four directions, extending it outwards, drawing it back towards you, raise it up, and then lower it so as to bow before the LORD/*Yahweh*.

Together We Say:

*Blessed are you Lord/Yahweh our God/Elohim,
Creator of the Universe who has betrothed us to You forever.*

The Silver Trumpets:

Choose two people to represent the two Houses of Israel to blow two silver trumpets (or shofars). The trumpets call for the ingathering of all twelve tribes of Israel and those who have joined in Covenant with the God/*Elohim* of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob together in one accord to hear what the voice of the Lord/*Adonai*, the Bridegroom, says to His people, the Bride (Exodus 19:16-18; Numbers 10:10; John 1:1,14; Acts 2:1-3).

The Betrothal Between Yeshua and His Bride

The Ten Utterances:

*“Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant,
then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine.*

And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.

These are the words, which you shall speak to the children of Israel.

*I make this covenant and this oath, not with you alone, but with him who stands here with us today before
the Lord/Adonai your God/Elohim, as well as with him who is not here with us today.”*

(Exodus 19:5-6; Deuteronomy 29:14-15; Acts 2:1-41; 1 Peter 2:9)

The Betrothal Covenant: Everyone rise to recite the Covenant

And God/*Elohim* spoke all these words, saying:

1. I am LORD/*Yahweh* your God/*Elohim*, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. You shall have no other gods before Me.
2. You shall not make for yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, LORD/*Yahweh* your God/*Elohim* am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.
3. You shall not take the name of the Lord/*Yahweh* your God/*Elohim* in vain, for the Lord/*Yahweh* will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.
4. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of LORD/*Yahweh* your God/*Elohim*. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates. For in six days LORD/*Yahweh* made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore LORD/*Yahweh* blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed It.
5. Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which LORD/*Yahweh* your God/*Elohim* is giving you.
6. You shall not murder.
7. You shall not commit adultery.
8. You shall not steal
9. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
10. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor's (Exodus 20:1-17)

And The Bride Responded To The Bridegroom

“All that the LORD/Yahweh has spoken we will do and we will obey.”
(Exodus 19:8; 24:3; 24:7-11)

The Confirmation – Signs And Wonders

“When the Day of Pentecost/Shavuot had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit/Ruach HaKodesh and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance” (Isaiah 63:7-14; Acts 2:1-4).

The Worship Offering

Hamotzi – The Blessing Over The Bread

In addition to the firstfruits offering of the seven species, an offering of *two leavened* loaves made from the newly harvested wheat was also presented. Only on *Shavuot* was leavened bread allowed in the Temple. The physical breaking of this bread between the hearts of the espoused showed their total commitment to their Marriage Covenant and each other – *We will do, and we will obey all the words of our Betrothal Covenant between us*. The two loaves also represent the two witnesses of the Messiah: the House of Israel and the House of Judah, Messiah’s royal priesthood to the Nations (Ezekiel 37: 15-28; Jeremiah 31:31-33; Hebrews 8:8-10; 1Peter 2:9).

Leader:

Together, with a congregational member, hold the double Bread Wave Offering/*Hornotzi* before the LORD/Yahweh. Move the two loaves in four directions - extending them outwards, drawing them back towards you, raising them and then lowering the offerings so as to bow before the LORD/Yahweh.

Hamotzi Blessing – The Blessing Over The Bread: Together we say

*Baruch atah Yahweh, Elohenu Melach ha’olam,
Hamotzi lechem min ha’aretz, lechem chaim b’Yeshua. Amen.*

*Blessed are you Yahweh our Elohim King of the Universe,
who blesses us with Bread, the Bread of Life in Yeshua. Amen.*

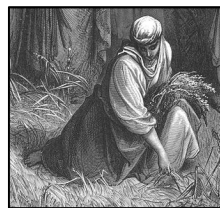
The Kiddush Offering – The Blessing Over The Wine: Together we say the Holy sanctifying blessing that will seal the Covenant of Yeshua and His Bride forever

*Baruch atah Yahweh, Elohenu melech ha’olam,
borel p’ri ha’gaphen. Amen.*

*Blessed are You, Yahweh our Elohim,
King of the Universe, who give us the fruit of the vine. Amen.*

Behold, I will bring it health and healing;
I will heal them and reveal to them the abundance of peace and truth.
And I will cause the captives of Judah and the captives of Israel to return,
and will rebuild those places as at the first.
I will cleanse them from all their iniquity by which they have sinned against Me,
and I will pardon all their iniquities by which they have sinned
and by which they have transgressed against Me.
Then it shall be to Me a name of joy, a praise,
and an honor before all nations of the earth, who shall hear all the good that I do to them;
they shall fear and tremble for all the goodness and all the prosperity that I provide for it.'

"Thus says the LORD/ *Yahweh*:
Again there shall be heard in this place
– of which you say, "It is desolate, without man and without beast " –
in the cities of Judah, in the streets of Jerusalem that are desolate,
without man and without inhabitant and without beast,
the voice of joy and the voice of gladness,
the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride,
the voice of those who will say:
"Praise the LORD/ *Yahweh* of hosts, for the LORD/ *Yahweh* is good, for His mercy endures forever"
and of those who will bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the LORD/ *Yahweh*.
For I will cause the captives of the land to return as at the first,' says the LORD/ *Yahweh*
(Jeremiah 31:31-33, 33: 6-11).



I will betroth you to Me forever yes I will betroth you to Me
In righteousness and justice, in lovingkindness and mercy
I will betroth you to Me in faithfulness
And you shall know the LORD/ *Yahweh*
(Hosea 2:19-20; Hebrews 8:8-10)

