

First Fruits Times Two
April 23, 2022

What is the name of a bullet proof Irishman?
Rick O'Shey.
[from Gavriel Rennels]



Can do it behind your back.

Stealthily.

Eric Streeval recognized a woman's hand signal in a gas station, to alert an alleged kidnapping in Hickman County, Tennessee, April 10.

[https://www.theepochtimes.com/mkt_app/tennessee-man-recognizes-womans-hand-signals-in-gas-station-to-alert-alleged-kidnapping_4405307.html?utm_source=Morningbrief&utm_campaign=mb-2022-04-



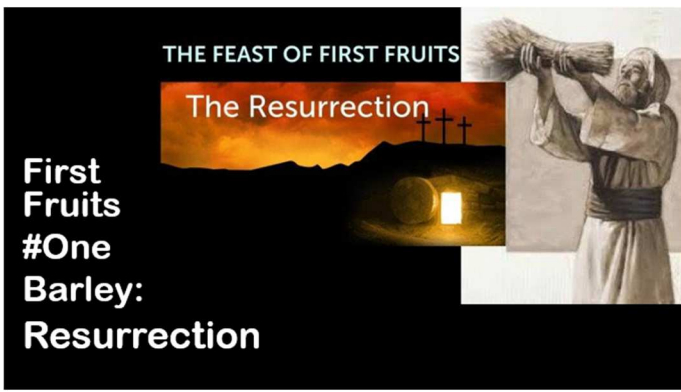
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Actually, there are two festivals called First Fruits.

That is, there are two biblical festivals that are called First Fruits. One is very prominent in Jewish holidays. One is ignored. Can be confusing.





Barley is the grain ripening around Passover time in the Middle East.

Plague #7 Thunderstorm of hail and fire

Shmot/Ex 9.31-33 The flax and the barley were destroyed, because the barley was in the ear, and the flax was in bloom. But the wheat and the spelt were not destroyed, because they ripen later.

Shmot/Ex 9.31-33 Moshe went out of the city, away from Pharaoh, and stretched out his hands to Adoni. Then the thunder and hail ceased, and rain no longer

poured down on the earth.

Vayikra/Lev 23.9-14 “Tell the people of Isra’el, ‘After you enter the land I am giving you and harvest its ripe crops, you are to bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest to the *cohen*. He is to wave the sheaf before Adoni, so that you will be accepted; the cohen is to wave it on the day after the Shabbat. [Pesakh]

[First fruits of the barley harvest. Wheat is not up yet.



An ancient cohen /priest waving the barley

[https://3.bp.blogspot.com/-qC9g8Y0pkIE/WBKABmcwaki/AAAAAAAAEPw/4f5ucuJdVzslJAsWF4-Sv7QqgFMk_EkQQCLcB/s320/Wave-offering1.jpg]



Israel Pochtar Beit Hallel, Ashdod, Israel

Waving to the north



Waving to the east

“Word of G-d from Israel to all nations.”

<https://youtu.be/lyECcOO-SfY>



Vayikra/Lev 23.9-14 You are not to eat bread, dried grain or fresh grain until the day you bring the offering for your God; this is a permanent regulation through all your generations, no matter where you live ...

A historical illustration of this being observed.

Y'hoshua 5.10-12 The people of Isra'el camped at Gilgal, and they observed Pesakh on the fourteenth day of the month, there on the plains of Yericho. The day after Pesakh they ate what the land produced, matzah and roasted ears of grain that day. The following day, after they had eaten food produced in the land, the man [manna] ended. From then on the people of Isra'el no longer had man; instead, that year, they ate the produce of the land of Kena'an.

Application to Messiah

1 Cor. 15.20-24 But the fact is that the Messiah has been raised from the dead, **the first fruits of those who have died**. For since death came through a man, also the resurrection of the dead has come through a man. For just as in connection with Adam all die, so in connection with the Messiah all will be made alive

Rev 1.17-18 He placed his right hand upon me and said, "Don't be afraid! I am the First and the Last, the Living One. I was dead, but look! — I am alive forever and ever! And I hold the keys to Death and Sh'ol.

[Yeshua and barley: He is the one to conquer death. No one before, or after.

Barley is a simple grain, poor man's food. Globally 70% of barley production is used as animal fodder, while 30% as a source of fermentable material for beer and certain distilled beverages, and as a component of various foods. It is used in soups and stews, and in barley bread of various cultures. Barley grains are commonly made into malt in a traditional and ancient method of preparation.

In 2017, barley was ranked fourth among grains in quantity produced (149 million tonnes or 330 billion pounds) behind maize, rice and wheat.

John Barleycorn personification of a grain.]

1 Cor. 15.20-24 But each in his own order: **the Messiah is the first fruits**; then those who belong to the Messiah, at the time of his coming; then the culmination, when he hands over the Kingdom to God the Father, after having put an end to every rulership, yes, to every authority and power.

His resurrection

- is the meaning of the barley celebration
- Is the foundation of LIFE for us!

After the days of waving, the count ...

Vayikra/Lev 23.15-16 ““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, until the day after the seventh week; you are to **count fifty days**; and **then** you are to present a **new grain offering** to Adoni.

Apart from the counting of the days [the omer/sheafs] there is no modern celebration of First fruits in any Siddur.

[We, as believers in the Jewish Messiah, need to count this as a major day. Compose more songs, poems, Siddur type prayers. FFOZ doing?

There is one clear blessing over the resurrection in the Jewish prayer book ...]

אֶתָּה גִבּוֹר לְעוֹלָם אֲדוֹנִי
 A-tah gee-bor l'olam Ah-doni
 מְחִיָּה מֵתִים אֶתָּה רַב לְהוֹשִׁיעַ
 M'khi-yay may-teem a-tah [x2]
 Rav l'ho-shee-ah
*[You are the mighty One forever, O L-rd
 You raise the dead sleeping in their graves
 You are mighty to save]*

מְכַלְכֵּל חַיִּים בְּחֶסֶד
 M'khal-kayl khi-yeem b'khesed
 מְחִיָּה מֵתִים בְּרַחֲמִים רַבִּים
 M'khi-ay may-teem
 B'ra-kha-meem ra-beem
*[He sustains life in love
 He revives the dead
 With great mercies]*

סוֹמֵךְ נוֹפְלִים וְרוֹפֵא חוֹלִים
 So-maykh no-fleem
 V'ro-fay kho-leem
 וּמַתִּיר אֲסוּרִים
 U-m'thir a-su-rim
*[He supports the falling
 And heals the sick
 And frees the prisoners]*

וּמְקִיָּם אֱמוּנָתוֹ לִישְׁנֵי עָפָר
 U-m'ka-yeem e-mu-na-to
 Lee-shay-nay a-far
*[And establishes his faithfulness
 With those that sleep in the dust]*

מִי כְמוֹדָבְעַל גִּבּוֹרוֹת
 Mee kha-mokha ba-al g'vu-rot
 וּמִי דּוֹמֶה לָךְ מֶלֶךְ מִמִּית
 U-mee do-meh lakh Melekh ma-meet
*[Who is like you The Master of Power
 And who resembles You
 O King who controls death]*

וּמְחִיָּה וּמַצְמִיחַ יְשׁוּעָה
 U-m'kha-yeh u-mats-mee-akh
 Y'shu-ah
*And gives life
 And causes salvation
 to spring forth*

Death does not stop the covenant
 faithfulness to Israel, to YOU, Dads & Moms!

וְנִאֲמַן אֶתָּה לְהַחְיֹת מֵתִים
 V'neh-eh-mahn a-tah
 L'ha-khay-oh-t meh-teem
*[And you are faithful to
 Resurrect the dead]*

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ
 [בָּרוּךְ הוּא וּבָרוּךְ שְׁמוֹ]
 Ba-rukh a-tah Ah-do-ni
 [Ba-rukh hu u-ba-ruksh sh'mo]
 מְחִיָּה הַמֵּתִים
 M'kha-yeh ha-meh-teem
Blessed are You, ADONI Who resurrects the dead

He sustains life in love
 He revives the dead
 With great mercies
 He supports the falling
 And heals the sick
 And frees the prisoners
 And establishes his faithfulness
 With those that sleep in the dust

Who is like you
 The Master of Power
 And who resembles You
 O King who controls death
 And gives life
 And causes salvation
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Pesakh/ Passover

« April 2022 »

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Shabbat HaChodesh Rosh Chodesh Nisan Parashat Tazria
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 Shabbat HaGadol Parashat Metzora
10	11 Yom HaAlyyah	12	13	14	15 T'anit Bechorot Erev Pesach	16 Pesach I
17 Pesach II 1st day of the Omer	18 Pesach III (OH'M) 2nd day of the Omer	19 Pesach IV (OH'M) 3rd day of the Omer	20 Pesach V (OH'M) 4th day of the Omer	21 Pesach VI (OH'M) 5th day of the Omer	22 Pesach VII 6th day of the Omer	23 Pesach VIII 7th day of the Omer
24 8th day of the Omer	25 9th day of the Omer	26 10th day of the Omer	27 11th day of the Omer	28 Yom HaShoah 12th day of the Omer	29 13th day of the Omer	30 Shabbat Mevarchim Chodesh Iyyar Parashat Achrei Mot 14th day of the Omer

We delayed our community Passover to keep Shabbat. A LOT of work. Traditional synagogues employ “Sabbes goys” To us all the nations/goyim art part of the chosen people in spirit. Not all Jews, but not anyone subservient!!

We are a week late. Did the Pesakh Seder on the third night, so as to avoid massive Shabbat work. Previously, our congregational Seder was on the first or the second night.

Next year, back to policy of second night Seder. Thursday evening, April 6.
[So today is really commemorative of biblical date last Sunday.]

« May 2022 »

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Rosh Chodesh Iyyar 15th day of the Omer	2 Rosh Chodesh Iyyar 16th day of the Omer	3 17th day of the Omer	4 Yom HaZikaron 18th day of the Omer	5 Yom HaAtzma'ut 19th day of the Omer	6 20th day of the Omer	7 Parashat Kedoshim 21st day of the Omer
8 22nd day of the Omer	9 23rd day of the Omer	10 24th day of the Omer	11 25th day of the Omer	12 26th day of the Omer	13 27th day of the Omer	14 Parashat Emor 28th day of the Omer
15 Pesach Sheni 29th day of the Omer	16 30th day of the Omer	17 31st day of the Omer	18 32nd day of the Omer	19 Lag BaOmer 33rd day of the Omer	20 34th day of the Omer	21 Parashat Behar 35th day of the Omer
22 36th day of the Omer	23 37th day of the Omer	24 38th day of the Omer	25 39th day of the Omer	26 40th day of the Omer	27 41st day of the Omer	28 Shabbat Mevarchim Chodesh Sivan Parashat Bechukotai 42nd day of the Omer
29 Yom Yerushalayim 43rd day of the Omer	30 44th day of the Omer	31 Rosh Chodesh Sivan 45th day of the Omer				

From George Whitten: A remarkable fact is that for nearly 2000 years the Jewish people had no homeland, and no harvest to count – yet they continued to count the Omer, counting a harvest that did not exist.

Then, about 130 years ago a historical miracle began as the Lord drew the Jewish people back to their ancient homeland, the land of Israel. The land was revived from being a dusty desert, and the barley harvest was restored, so that now, the Omer is counted as it was in ancient times, with an actual harvest!

Now, if the Jews in diaspora (dispersion) could count the days of a non-existent harvest, in expectation of a divine blessing which they earnestly hoped for, then they set an excellent example for us who trust in the Messiah they gave to the world.

Since faith is the conviction of things NOT seen, we, also, can begin to give thanks for blessings we're praying for but have yet to receive. Our unsaved loved-one, chronic illness, broken relationship, financial disaster, loss of vision ... all these are trials which are testing and maturing our faith.

Vayikra/Lev 23.16-18 You are to count fifty days, and then present a new grain offering to Adoni.

Shavuot/Pentecost

« June 2022 »

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 46th day of the Omer	2 47th day of the Omer	3 48th day of the Omer	4 Erev Shavuot Parashat Bamidbar 49th day of the Omer
5 Shavuot I	6 Shavuot II	7	8	9	10	11 Parashat Nasso
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 Parashat Behu'alotcha
19	20	21	22	23	24	25

THE FEAST OF FIRST FRUITS


The Resurrection



First Fruits Times Two: Resurrection and Ruakh [Spirit]

THE FEAST OF FIRST FRUITS

The Resurrection



First Fruits #Two Wheat: Torah and the giving of the Ruakh!

Vayikra/Lev 23.16-18 You

must bring bread from your homes for waving — two loaves made with one gallon of fine flour, baked with leaven — as firstfruits



for Adoni. Along with the bread, present seven lambs without defect one year old.

Two loaves made with one gallon of fine flour!

[Kevin Howard Feasts of the Lord p 88]

Vayikra/Lev 23.20 The cohen will wave them with the bread of the firstfruits as a wave offering before Adoni, with the two lambs; these will be holy for Adoni for the cohen.

Acts 2.1-4 The festival of Shavu'ot arrived, and the believers all gathered together in one place.

[Pentecost]

Kai en tō **symplērousthai** tēn hēmeran tēs Pentēkostēs
 Καὶ ἐν τῷ **συμπληροῦσθαι** τὴν ἡμέραν τῆς Πεντηκοστῆς
 And during the **arriving of** the day - of Pentecost

Acts 2.1-4 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. Then they saw what looked like tongues of fire, which separated and came to rest on each one of them. **They were all filled with the Ruakh HaKodesh** and began to talk in different languages, as the Spirit enabled them to speak.

sumpléroó: to fill up completely, hence to fulfill
Implies a long counting.



Yaakov/Jas. 1.18 **By His will, He brought us forth by the word of truth, so that we might be a kind of first fruits of all He created.**

Yer/Jer 2.2-3 **“The word of Adoni came to me: “Go and shout in the ears of Yerushalayim that this is what Adoni says: ‘I remember your devotion when you were young; how, as a bride, you loved me; “through a land not sown. “‘Isra’el is kadosh/holy for Adoni, the first fruits of his harvest; all who devour him will incur guilt; evil will befall them,” says Adoni.**

Ro. 8.22-23 **We know that the whole creation groans together and suffers birth pains until now— and not only creation, but even ourselves. We ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Ruakh, groan inwardly as we eagerly wait for adoption—the redemption of our body.**

Ro. 16.5 **Greet also the community that meets in their house. Greet Epaenetus whom I dearly love, who is the first fruit in Asia for Messiah.**

1 Cor 16.15-16 **Now I urge you, brothers and sisters (you know the household of Stephanas, that it is the first fruits of Achaia [Greece], and that they have devoted themselves in service to the kedoshim), also to submit to people such as these**

Rev. 14.4-5 **These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These have been redeemed from among mankind as first fruits for God and the Lamb. And in their mouth was found no lie—they are blameless.**

Yn 3.5-8 **Yeshua answered, “Yes, indeed, I tell you that unless a person is born from water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the Kingdom of God. What is born from the flesh is flesh, and what is born from the Spirit is spirit. Stop being amazed at my telling you that you must be born again from above! The wind blows where it wants to, and you hear its sound, but you don’t know where it comes from or where it’s going. That’s how it is with everyone who has been born from the Spirit.”**

2 Cor. 5.17-18 **Therefore if anyone is in Messiah, he is a new creation. The old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Messiah and **gave us the ministry of reconciliation.****

[We receive in order to give and serve.]

Acts 3.15-16 **You killed the author of life! “But God has raised him from the dead! Of this we are witnesses.**

de **Archēgon** tēs zōēs apekteinate
 δὲ **Ἀρχηγὸν** τῆς ζωῆς ἀπέκτεινάτε
 and **the Author** - of life you killed

archēgos: founder, leader

the first in a long procession; **a file-leader** who pioneers the way for many others to follow; does not strictly mean "author," but rather "a person who is originator or founder of a movement and continues as the leader – i.e., 'pioneer leader, founding leader' " properly, the first in a long procession; a file-leader who pioneers the way for many others to follow. [<https://biblehub.com/greek/747.htm>]

Acts 3.15-16 **And it is through putting trust in his name that his name has given strength to this man whom you see and know. Yes, it is the trust that comes through Yeshua which has given him this perfect healing in the presence of you all. [Apply this to marital dynamics ...]**



A different take on a renewed humanity.

[https://www.brighteon.com/eab1838b-260d-45dd-b57a-a39063545d07 play till 1.04]

Ray Kurzweil also
https://www.ted.com/speakers/ray_kurzweil

Gal.5.22-23 **The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, humility, self-control. Nothing in the Torah stands against such things.**

[Application to marriage]



[https://www.drjamesdobson.org/marriage-parenting/error-or-opportunity-beelers-episode-9]

The California state legislature is currently debating a bill—AB 2223—that will effectively legalize infanticide by legalizing abortion until as many as 28 days after a baby is born.

[https://www.charismanews.com/us/88953-spirit-filled-pastors-rail-against-immoral-california-bill-that-would-legalize-infanticide?utm_source=Charisma%20News%20Daily&utm_medium=email&utm_content=subscriber_id:5160390&utm_campaign=CNO%20daily%20-%202022-04-21]

Summary



1. Do you KNOW Yeshua and the assurance of sins forgiven?
[Receiving the Spirit in the power of the resurrection. Being filled with the Spirit.]
2. Are you hearing daily from His Word? *[Backbone of who we are, Shma.]*
3. How are you applying what you heard? *[Hearing and doing.]*
4. Are you asking this of another? *[Who are you discipling, building up?]*