

May 27 2023
Shavuot: Abundance – huge loaves



Floral display on Nadyne Lloyd's grave
Beautiful Kenyan custom

Kalenjin ethnic group
Great Rift Valley

Kalenjins ethnic group win most marathons!

- Great Rift Valley 8000 ft altitude
- 4 lb calf muscles, most people 8 lbs



the passion for running across generations, turning the Rift Valley – especially the small town of Iten – into a mecca for the nation's elite long distance runners. There, children start running at a young age.

Shavuot: What's the Deal With the Huge Loaves?

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May 27, 2023 | 7th of Sivan, 5783
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OR HAOLAM
MESSIANIC SYNAGOGUE

There are three themes to
Shavuot large loaves

1. Large loaves?
2. Wheat harvest
3. Receiving of the Torah
4. Receiving of the Ruakh/Spirit

There are two holidays that are called Firstfruits or Bikkurim.

- One right after Passover. Resurrection.
- One at the end of the 50 days Counting. Shavuot.

Vayikra/Lev 23.15 ""From the day after the day of rest – a that is, from the day you bring the sheaf for waving [April 7, 2023] – you are to count seven full weeks

So, vs 15 about sheaf for waving right after Pesakh
Messiah is firstfruits, right after Pesakh
ActorsBible group was here

Vayikra/Lev 23.15 First sheaf for waving was the day after Pesakh: [ActorsBible here then] what?

- Barley. Coarser grain. Bread of poor people.
- Unleavened

[How do you know barley?]

Shmo/ Ex 9.31-33 [Passover time] The flax and barley were destroyed, since the barley had headed and the flax was in bloom. The wheat and spelt, however, were not destroyed, because they ripen later.) Then Moses left Pharaoh and went out of the city.

1 Cor 15.20 But the fact is that the Messiah has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have died ...

1 Cor 15. 22-23 For just as in connection with Adam all die, so in connection with the Messiah all will be made alive. But each in his own order: **the Messiah is the firstfruits;**

[Bread that represents Him was during Pesakh week, therefore unleavened barley bread.

*Unleavened called bread of affliction: someone who likes bread of affliction – “matsochist.”
Someone likes to offer bread of affliction to others: Seder “Matsochist.”]*

We all die, and we all are worthy of death.

He had to be pure and perfect. Unleavened = w/o pride, sin, inflated lusts, inflated ego, easily offended.

50 days after unleavened barley firstfruits, Shavuot also called Bikkurim = firstfruits.

Firstfruits barley = Messiah

Firstfruits wheat, this weekend, us and other things]

Vayikra/Lev 23.15 ""From the day after the day of rest – that is, from the day you bring the sheaf for waving

[April 7, 2023] – you are to count seven full weeks,

[Messiah’s resurrection on the Day of Firstfruits, after Pesakh.]

Vayikra/Lev 23.16-17 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. 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.

One gallon = 16 cups

Two tenths deal? = one gallon ~ Stern CJB

Vayikra (Leviticus) 23.17a

תְּבִיאוּ	מִמּוֹשְׁבֵיכֶם		
Ye shall bring	out of your habitations		
שְׁנֵי	שֶׁתִּים	הַנּוֹפֶה	לֶחֶם
two	two	wave	loaves of
הֵינָהּ	סֶלֶת	עֶשְׂרִים	
they shall be	fine flour;	of	tenth deals:

Vayikra (Leviticus) 23.17b

הֵנָּה	תֵּאֲפִינָה	חֵמֶץ	
they are	they shall be baked with	leaven;	
	לַיהוָה	בְּכוֹרִים	
unto ADONI		the firstfruits	

waving-two loaves made with one gallon of fine flour, baked with leaven -as firstfruits for ADONI.

Dawn’s hallah 3 cups. Gallon is 16 cups. 5x each loaf or cake, according to Maimonides, was seven hands' breadths long x four hands' breadths broad x four fingers high Hilchot Tamidin c. 8. sect. 10.

28” long 16” wide x 4” = 1792 cu in

Typical loaf 15 x 6 x 4 = 360 cu in

5x volume!!



Each loaf 3 cups. 6 cups here.

My wife’s hallah is the BEST in the galaxy.

Like John Stewart’s chicken salad is the best in the galaxy.



Each loaf a gallon of flour = 16 cups
 Five times our hallah at home!
 Absurdly large loaf
 Twice normal wave loaf
 Gallon flour = 16 cup loaf



[<https://external-content.duckduckgo.com/iu/?u=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.sabbathcog.org%2FWaveLoaves.jpg&f=1&nofb=1&ipt=22658a5809a991c9eaf727285f3bb242918572105fbc245a24a1249d8daf79e5&ipo=images>]

[<https://www.israel365news.com/298508/jewish-priests-perform-pentecost-temple-service-fulfillment-biblical-prophecy-jerusalem/>]

Taken from the first wheat of the season to ripen, they were large, rectangular in shape with four mini towers at each corner of the loaf.

[<https://i.pinimg.com/originals/e1/81/c8/e181c854bd8c3a6228de8c4aaec81d9f.jpg>]

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Rashi 89b With regard to the lamb offering that comes with the *omer* meal offering...the quantity of flour used in its meal offering is doubled. [<https://www.sefaria.org/Menachot.89b.3?lang=bi&with=all&lang2=en>]

Bamidbar 15.1-4 Adoni said to Moshe, “Tell the people of Isra’el, ‘When you have come into the land where you are going to live, which I am giving to you, and want to make an offering by fire to Adoni — a burnt offering or sacrifice to fulfill a special vow, or to be a voluntary offering, or at your designated times, to make a fragrant aroma for Adoni — then, whether it is comes from the herd or from the flock, the person bringing the offering is to present Adoni with a grain offering consisting of two quarts of fine flour mixed with one quart of olive oil, 5 and one quart of wine for the drink offering. This is what you are to prepare with the burnt offering or for each lamb sacrificed.

Bamidbar/Nu 15.4

ʾis·śā·rō·wn,

עֶשְׂרֹן

a tenth [of an ephah]

sō·let

סֶלֶת

of fine flour

min·ḥāh

מִנְחָה

a grain offering

Vayikra (Leviticus) 23.17a

17

תָּבִיאוּ

Ye shall bring

מִמּוֹשְׁבֵיכֶם

out of your habitations

שְׁנֵי

two

שְׁתֵּים

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הַנוֹפֶה

wave

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loaves of

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tenth deals:

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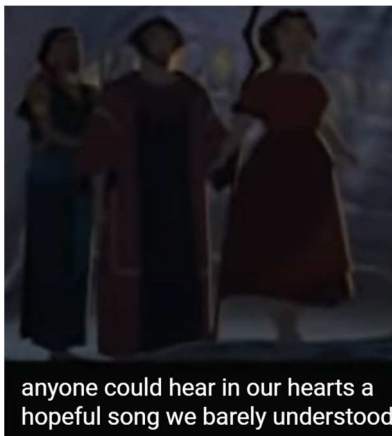
Yer/Jer 29.12-14 "Then you will call on Me, and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. You will seek Me and find Me, when you will search for Me with all your heart. Then I will be found by you," says Adoni.

50 days of seeking. 21 days?



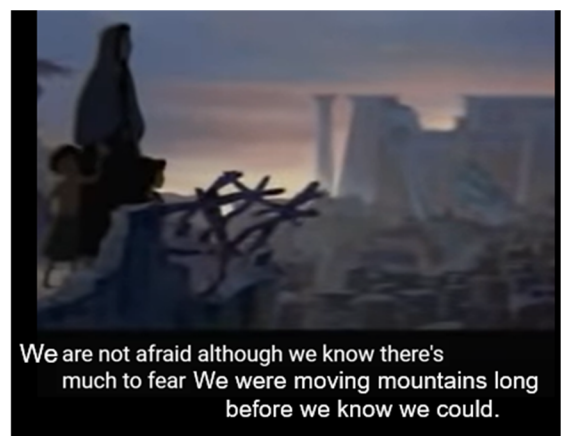
many nights we've prayed with no proof anyone could hear in our hearts

Miriam with Moshe just returned.



anyone could hear in our hearts a hopeful song we barely understood

Zipporah, Moshe, Miriam in the darkness



We are not afraid although we know there's much to fear We were moving mountains long before we know we could.

This clip always makes me cry. 400 years of intercession!

Shmot/Ex 2. 23-25 Sometime during those many years the king of Egypt died, but the people of Isra'el still groaned under the yoke of slavery, and they cried out, and their cry for rescue from slavery came

up to God. God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Avraham, Yitz'chak and Ya'akov. God saw the people of Isra'el, and God acknowledged them.

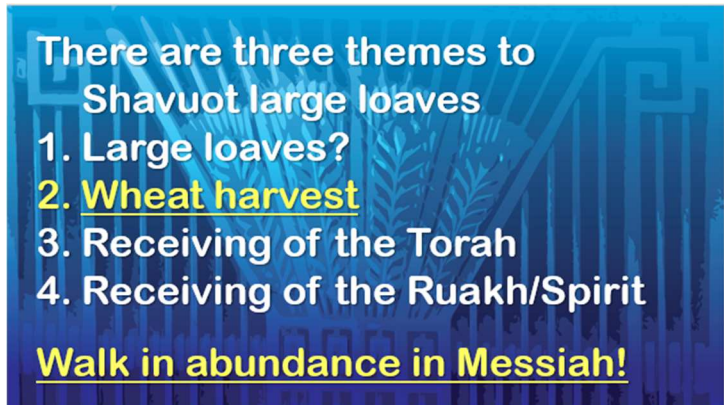
Mtt.7.7-8 Ask, and it shall be given to you. Seek, and you shall find. Knock, and it shall be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it shall be opened.



[<https://youtu.be/5krYI8ihxxk>]



[<https://youtu.be/AM90qeb8Zul>]



If you don't know Him, seek Him.
If you do, seek Him in transformation!!



Chaim Malespin in a field of wheat

2.5 minute video – <https://youtu.be/JweocfE8PMY>
Keep pressing on. Shavuot abundant victory.

Ro 8.32 He who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all, how shall He not also with Him freely give us all things?

Phil 4.18-20 But I have received everything and have more than enough. I am amply supplied, having received from Epaphroditus what you sent— fragrant aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. My God will fulfill every need of yours according to the riches of His glory in Messiah Yeshua. To our God and Father be the glory forever and ever! Amen.
[But it's not always how we would order it.]

Yn 10.10-11 **The thief comes only to steal, slaughter, and destroy. I have come that they might have life, and have it abundantly! “I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.**

[I believe in blessings, but NOT the prosperity doctrine, where your spirituality is measured, or manifested by your Rolex. Nothing wrong with a Rolex, but if it's the symbol of your life in Messiah, you're missing it.]



Mark 10.29-31 **Yeshua said, “Yes! I tell you that there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, mother, father, children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the Good News, who will not receive a hundred times over, now, in the ‘olam hazeh [this world], homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and lands — with persecutions! —**

[I calculated out my Dad's business, 23 employees, to which they said they would disinherit me. So, whatever I lost I would receive 100x!!

But, with persecutions!

We can expect abundance, but with suffering. Chuck Swindoll had an amazing teaching on suffering. EVERYONE has pain.]

Mark 10.29-31 **and in the ‘olam haba, [world to come] eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and many who are last will be first!”**

1 Cor 13.4 **Love suffers long and is kind**

Longsuffering is a great and noble concept to honor ... until

- offense,
- depression,
- fight,
- flight

Dvarim/Dt. 8.7-10 **ADONI your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with streams, springs ... a land of wheat and barley, grapevines, fig trees and pomegranates; a land of olive oil and honey; *[Set to melody, Birkat HaMazon***

According to David Pawson, there is enough grain to feed all the world. The problem with the starvation is the distribution, the villains in N. Korea, Darfur, etc.]

Dvarim/Dt. 8.7-10 **a land where you will eat food in abundance and lack nothing in it; ... So you will eat and be satisfied, and you will bless ADONI your God for the good land he has given you.**

G-d has been faithful to Or HaOlam for 27 years

- People
- Funds
- Presence

We need to continue in humility and seeking!

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Walk in abundance in Messiah!

[Shavuot study from Ulises and Amy]



Abundance blessing of the Torah

“THE MOST IMPORTANT INTELLECTUAL DEVELOPMENT IN HUMAN HISTORY.”

DAVID GELERNTER, YALE UNIVERSITY

Abundance blessing of the Torah

“CONSTITUTES THE BASIC MORAL FURNITURE OF THE HUMAN MIND.”

PAUL JOHNSON, SCHOLAR AND HISTORIAN

Abundance blessing of the Torah

“THE HEBREWS HAVE DONE MORE TO CIVILIZE MEN THAN ANY OTHER NATION.”

JOHN ADAMS, SECOND PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Abundance blessing of the Torah

“WE OWE TO THE JEWS A SYSTEM OF ETHICS... THE MOST PRECIOUS POSSESSION OF MANKIND.”

WINSTON CHURCHILL, PRIME MINISTER OF GREAT BRITAIN

Abundance blessing of the Torah

“THE JEWS STARTED IT ALL — THE UNDERLYING VALUES THAT MAKE ALL OF US, JEW AND GENTILE, BELIEVER AND ATHEIST, TICK.”

THOMAS CAHILL, SCHOLAR AND WRITER

[Not that Churchill did much for Israel after WW II

Abundance blessing of the Torah

“THE HEBRAIC MORTARS CEMENTED THE FOUNDATIONS OF AMERICAN DEMOCRACY.”

CALVIN COOLIDGE, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

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Abundance of the blessing of the Ruakh.

Yn/Jn 14.12-16 **Whoever trusts in me will also do the works I do! Indeed, he will do greater ones, because I am going to the Father ...**
[We will do greater works???)

Abundance of the blessing of the Ruakh.

Yn/Jn 14.12 **I will ask the Father, and he will give you another comforting Counselor like me, the Spirit of Truth, to be with you forever.**
[We will do greater works???)

Abundance of the blessing of the Ruakh.

Yn 16.13-14 **When the Spirit of Truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own initiative but will say only what he hears. He will also announce to you the events of the future. He will glorify me, because he will receive from what is mine and announce it to you.**

Abundance of the blessing of the Ruakh

Mtt. 11.10-11 **This is the one about whom the Tanakh says, 'See, I am sending out my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you.'**
[Yeshua speaking of His cousin Yokhanan. Really? Greater than?]

Abundance of the blessing of the Ruakh

Mtt. 11.10-11 **Yes! I tell you that among those born of women there has not arisen anyone greater than Yochanan the Immerser! Yet the one who is least in the Kingdom of Heaven is greater than he!**
[Yeshua speaking of His cousin Yokhanan. Really? Greater than?]

Abundance of the blessing of the Ruakh.

Eph 2.17-20 **The God of our Lord Yeshua the Messiah, the glorious Father, [Adon HaKavod]...give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation ... light to the eyes of your hearts, so that you will understand the hope to which he has called you, what rich glories there are in the inheritance he has promised his people, [Adon HaKavod]**

and how surpassingly great is his power working in us who trust him. It works with the same mighty strength he used when he worked in the Messiah to raise him from the dead and seat him at his right hand in heaven,

[Resurrection power in US. Look to your left and right. "You are powerful."]

Eph 3.3-8 It was by a revelation that this secret plan was made known to me...that in union with the Messiah and through the Good News the Gentiles were to be joint heirs, a joint body and joint sharers with the Jews in what God has promised. To me, the least important of all God's holy people, was given this privilege of announcing to the Gentiles the Good News of the **Messiah's unfathomable riches**

[the riches of the Messiah, as God, lie in the perfections of his nature, in the works of his hands, in his empire and dominion over all, and in the revenues of glory, which result from thence; and these riches are underived and incommunicable, and are ineffable, yea inconceivable: his riches, as Mediator, lie in the persons of the elect, in the grace that is laid up in him for them, called the riches of grace, and in the inheritance he is possessed of for them, called the riches of glory; and these rich things are communicable, as well as solid, satisfying, and lasting; and they are unsearchable to the natural man, and cannot be fully investigated by believers themselves; they will be telling over to all eternity: and they will appear unsearchable, when it is considered what they have procured, and what blessings have been dispensed according to them; what a large family the Messiah has maintained by them, and how richly and fully he has provided for them, and to what honor and grandeur he raises them all.]

Abundance of the blessing of the Ruakh.

Eph 3.14-20 I fall on my knees before the Father, ...I pray that from the treasures of his glory he will empower you with inner strength by his Spirit, so that the Messiah may live in your hearts through your trusting ... that you will be rooted and founded in love, so that you, with all God's people, will be given strength to grasp the breadth, length, height and depth of the Messiah's love, yes, to know it, even though it is beyond all knowing, so that you will be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by his **power working in us is able to do far beyond anything we can ask or imagine.**

[This is all sort of theoretical. Illustration.]

Ro. 8.16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our own spirits that we are children of God;

Ro. 8.6 Having one's mind controlled by the old nature is death, but having one's mind controlled by the Spirit is life and shalom.

When Yeshua is my only true love, I will spend every moment in his presence. I will know his voice so well, I can pick it out in the noisy crowd of the world, the demons that torment me with shame, guilt, and fear, and the chatter and passions inside my mind and emotions. I will listen only for his voice and follow it.

I knew a man who had been a prison guard. He told me that as part of his training, he was asked to put on noise-canceling headphones. A voice spoke into the headphones, representing his commander. He was to memorize the voice.

Then they filled the headphones with the wild, crazy sound of hundreds of prisoners rioting. He was to ignore all those other voices and follow only his commander's voice.

It's fairly easy to hear the voice of Yeshua when we're in worship service. But what about when we leave and go out into the world of many voices?

Wait in silence for his voice. Memorize the voice. Then carry it through your day. Ps

[Philip Cohen]

An illustration of why we NEED an outpouring of the Ruakh ...

A Canadian innovation:

“Medical Assistance in Dying,” or MAID

Canadian doctor named Joshua Tapper was able to authorize the killing of a 23-year old named Kiano. Why? According to the substack "Common Sense," Kiano was "depressed, he was diabetic, and he had lost vision in one eye." On top of that, he "didn't have a girlfriend." On those grounds alone, the doctor authorized the state to kill Kiano.

There are many more stories like this. There's Amir Farsoud, who was approved for MAID because he was homeless. There's the army veteran Christine Gauthier, who was told by the Canadian government to consider euthanasia rather than endure the wait for a stair lift in her home.

This is eugenics.

More than 25 percent of Canadians now believe the homeless and the poor should be able to access MAID.

[Matt Walsh

Host, *The Matt Walsh Show*]

On the other hand, a positive illustration:

In Kiev, they have a glorious tradition of worship. Some friends of ours went there to a 6-day prayer and fasting retreat.

How does the Messianic synagogue in Kiev do it? How do they keep the spirit of joy?

These photos are from 2008:



They have an approximate attendance or membership of 1,500. They have about 2,500 people in well-organized home groups. Their outreach has been mostly through home groups.

And now, a recent update from May 2023:



Boris Grisenko is the Messianic Rabbi of this congregation. He has not sent his people to Poland or otherwise out of Kiev. They are still in Kiev and they are still worshipping.

[\[https://youtu.be/_DwuPMhevt4?list=PLTDWro7RYh5OtBVhqw8WbHfPGgh1pF9tJ\]](https://youtu.be/_DwuPMhevt4?list=PLTDWro7RYh5OtBVhqw8WbHfPGgh1pF9tJ)



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Welcome, Spirit of G-d

Isaiah
F A S T
A GLOBAL SOLEMN ASSEMBLY

These culminate in an event tomorrow, Sunday, May 28, 10 am to noon. It will be on our big screen and sound system, coming live from the south steps of the Temple Mount. Many Messianic groups from Israel and the US and houses of prayer and Christian organizations will be there. We hope you will be here to worship and celebrate!

Lukas (Luke) 24.49
 הַנִּי שׁוֹלַח לָכֶם אֶת אֲשֶׁר הַבְּטִיחַ אֲבִי, וְאַתֶּם שְׂבוּ בְעִיר עַד שֶׁתִּלְבָּשׁוּ עִז מַמְרוֹם.
 Now I am sending forth upon you what my Father promised, so stay here in the city until you have been equipped with power from above.”

לְבַשׁ to put on a garment, to dress, to wear; (literary) to wear, to be covered

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