

The Rest of the Story”

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- A Holiday God Commanded

- Exodus 23:14-19, 34:22-24
- Leviticus 23:9-22
- Numbers 28:26-31
- Deuteronomy 16:9-12

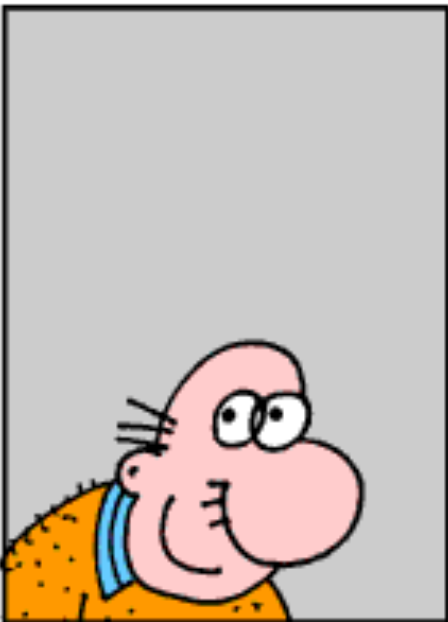


- A Holiday Israel Observed

- Nehemiah 10:35, 12:44, 13:31
- Acts 2, 20:16, 1 Cor. 16:8

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- Names/Meaning of the Holiday
 - Yom Ha Omer (Day of the Omer) or Festival of the First Fruits (2nd day of Passover) - begins the counting
 - Festival of Weeks (Shavuot)
 - Festival of Reaping/ Ingathering/Harvest
 - *Atzeret* (solemn assembly/ remain w/Me)



● Festival of
the Giving of
our Torah

Dates



- Passover - 15th of Nissan
- Begin counting “after Shabbat”
- 50 days later: 6th of Sivan
- Question of Dates: Passover and Shavuot vs. Easter and Pentecost

- **First fruits (Barley/Wheat)**
- **Offerings (tradition of two loaves)**
- **Sacred Assembly/No Work**
- **Counting**
- **Pilgrimage**
- **Celebration**

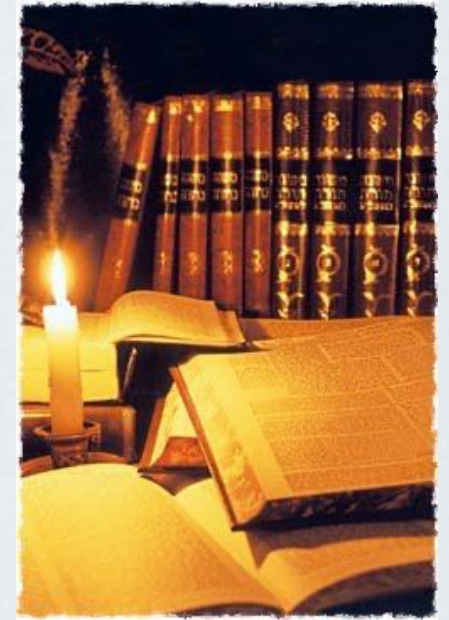


**Biblical
Observances**

Customs



- *Akdamat* (reading this poem)
- *Chalav* (dairy products)
- *Ruth* (reading this book)
- *Yerek* (decoration w/ greenery)
- *Torah* (all-night study)



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- Waiting/anticipation; pilgrimage/attendees
- physical manifestations (Sinai/Jerusalem)
- Resurrection/Peter's sermon (re: David)
- Harvest/first fruits emphasis
- God's WORD heard in each one's language
- Freedom to serve
- wedding/covenant/universality themes

SHAVUOT

