

# What is the Meaning of the Pentecost?

## Background:

- The Jewish festival “ Feast of Harvest” is 50 days after Passover “ Also you shall observe the Feast of the Harvest of the first fruits of your labors from what you sow in the field; also the Feast of the Ingathering at the end of the year when you gather in the fruit of your labors from the field”. (Exodus 23:16)
- Sometimes, it is called the “Feast of Weeks” because it is the 7th week from Passover. “You shall celebrate the Feast of Weeks, that is, the first fruits of the wheat harvest, and the Feast of Ingathering at the turn of the year.” (Exodus 34:22)
- “Shavout,” “weeks” in Hebrews, is also the remembrance of the 7 weeks between the Passover in Egypt to when they first received the Law on Mount Sinai.
- Pentecost, “Pentekostos” in Greek, means “fiftieth”
- For Christians, it is when the promised Holy Spirit was poured out on the 120 disciples on the seventh Sunday after Easter Sunday.

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- The fulfillment of OT prophecy! (Joel 2:28-29; Acts 2:17)
- The First Day of “the last days” ( Acts 2:17; 2 Tim. 3:1-5), and “the day of His power” (Psalm 110:1-3)!
- The promise of power and vision for world evangelization! (Acts 2:8; 2:38-39)
- The pouring out and filling of the indwelling Holy Spirit! (Acts 2:4; 2:17)
- The commissioning of the corporate body and individuals by the Spirit! (Acts 2:4-11)
- The firstfruits of God’s harvest, of the disciples of Christ! (Exodus 23:16; 34:21-22)
- The undoing of the rebellion and impact of the Tower of Babel! (Genesis 11:6-7)