

God has a message for us this Shavuot

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Now when the day of Pentecost had come... Acts 2:1a

Shavuot's Message to a Broken World

The festival of Shavuot (Pentecost) is just over a week away. What is YHWH wanting us as His people to be aware of and to focus on?

In the midst of all the heartbreak and tragedy of more mass shootings, continued wars and rumors of war, ethnic strife, pandemics, and natural disasters there is only one sure foundation--and that is Yeshua. Only He has the power to forgive sins and to change a heart and bring deep and lasting comfort and perspective in the midst of such heartbreak. Only He gives the repeated pastoral counsel of not to be troubled in the midst of such sorrows (and even more difficult troubles that are yet to come). Only He can lead us to the place of internal peace in the midst of such chaos and destruction. And only He will judge the living and the dead. And He is the One who calls us to the margins to weep with those who weep and to rejoice with those who rejoice. Ultimately YHWH wants others to know these truths, to become a part of the family, and to know and experience His mercy and love.

This is one of the main points of Shavuot. Shavuot/Pentecost literally means 50 and is to be a tangible annual reminder to the year of Jubilee which was to happen every fifty years on the Hebrew calendar. On this day, all slaves were to be free and property was to be restored to the original owner. Shavuot is a reminder that we have been set free and that we are called to partner with the Spirit to free others. Eitan Shishkoff states it well: “Yeshua has proclaimed to me – a former captive/slave to sin and self – *liberty*. I’ve been released, set free! Furthermore, anything that seeks to recapture me has no claim on my soul. My prison door has been permanently opened. Messiah has come to release me from all forms of slavery and indebtedness. The entry is repentance – turning back to the Living, Merciful God – returning to the incredible *inheritance* I’ve been granted as His adopted son. We are invited to enter into the liberty obtained for us by the blood of Yeshua.”

So in this season, in a world gone increasingly mad, let's pray for God to move once more in great power to see His kingdom come in a greater measure. As a foretaste of the glorious coming Day when Yeshua will rule a renewed world with no more of the aforementioned heartbreaks, let's join in praying for a breakthrough of His Spirit where the sick are healed, the oppressed are delivered, the lost are saved, and His people are anointed with great power and boldness to be His witnesses. I'm believing and contending for a greater measure of this on this Shavuot. I hope you will join me.