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The Feast of Pentecost (Leviticus 23:15-22; Acts 1 & 2)

- Following first fruits, 7 whole weeks, 7 Saturday sabbaths
- After 7 Saturday sabbaths, you then kept a Sunday sabbath – Pentecost.
- This feast only lasted one day: it was a very important festival for Jews
- Exodus: called a feast of harvest, but we know it as a feast of Pentecost
- Greek word for 50 is pente and 7 weeks and the word means 50 days

I. Old Testament Legislation

- First fruits the priest took sheaf of barley waved it before the Lord
- Then barley harvest was reaped, fruit, olives, grapes, finally wheat
- The final crop reaped was the wheat and then Pentecost was celebrated
- After the 7 weeks were over men went up for the feast of Pentecost
- Scattered Jews make a special effort to go to Jerusalem for Pentecost
- Offered up 2 loaves of bread (with leaven) celebrate daily bread (v.17)
- Vv. 18-19 included the offering up: baby goat, 2 lambs for peace offering

II. The New Testament Fulfillment

- Acts 1:3 for 40 days Jesus was with them & taught His disciples
- On Thursday our Lord left them a command and a promise (Acts 4:4,5)
- Acts 2:1-4 the Holy Spirit is poured out and Peter preaches with power
- Pentecost –harvest – but also they remember 50 days after leaving Egypt
- In OT: 50 days after Egypt – Law, 50 days after resurrection – Holy Spirit
- Jer. 31:33, Ezek 11:19; Ezek 36:26