

Chapter 2 Count and Number the Omer

Point 8

I started this study when I looked at a 1994 Lederer Messianic calendar and saw a detailed representation of the preparation of the first fruits offering titled "Counting the Omer - Filling the Measure" by Michael Washer. As I studied the picture, I was drawn into the workings of the temple priests as they prepared this special offering and later saw that it relates to the garments the Messiah's Bride (male and female) will wear.

Now the day of First Fruits starts the counting of the Omer and literally means "promise to come," which refers to the bountiful harvest the farmers were anticipating. But for mankind, it speaks of two more promises - you and me - for we are promised to come (be harvested) and the far greater promise that The Promised One will return. Each of these is addressed in this study.

Chapter 4 When Do You Start the Count?

Clue 5

Why didn't the LORD say to keep it on the sixteenth of the same month if it is the day after the first day of Unleavened Bread which is always on the fifteenth (verse 6), as the Pharisees and rabbis teach? Then too, what about the last day as found in verse 8? Would First Fruits be the day after the final day of Unleavened Bread? Some scholars say both the fifteenth and twenty-first are sabbaths and not convocations which has led to confusion and controversy for thousands of years; but, for this study, the definitions of these two words are the second treasure.

TREASURE #2:

Hebrew definitions of #4744 and #7676

Clue 6

I have found at least five different ways man has calculated when to observe First Fruits and start the omer count; but does the LORD give clues? He certainly does! So, do you want to know them? Read. . .

verse 15a . . . "And ye shall count unto you from the morrow after the sabbath, from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave offering. Here the Lord has repeated the way to determine it and He based it on the waving of the sheaf back in verse 11.

Chapter 14

The preparation actions for the first fruits finest flour offering on Omer day 1 have been completed. As far as grain goes, it's a simple, done deal. Each action is checked before moving to the next one. If the grain wasn't winnowed enough or ground fine enough, then the action was repeated before going on.

But not so for the Bride of Messiah! As the LORD's Bride, you may repeat some actions more than twice, perhaps even going back to the second action after going through the fourth one during your lifetime. There are many people in the Bible such as Abraham, Joseph, Moses, David, Shaul

(called Paul by the Greeks), Eve, Naomi, and Leah, whose lives exemplify this aspect of life. Being alive includes ups and downs, mountain highs and valley lows, good times and hard times, prosperity and lack, partings and reunions, pride and humility - and the list goes on for everyone alike. There is one action that is only experienced once - the final one!

Every action leads to more knowledge and understanding in the ways of the LORD while bringing His Bride closer to His ways and truths as she grows in wisdom. So, this study will continue by looking deeper into the temple activities on the last day, day 50. Ask yourself this question, "What occurred on Shavuot, Omer day 50, which is also the end of the longest season on the LORD's calendar - the Pesach Season?"