

Message



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Counting To Pentecost

- As we know, 2021 is another one of those years, in which Passover fell on a weekly Sabbath

March 2021						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sabbath
	1	2	3 Philip DeMarco's Birthday	4	5	6 Sabbath Services Start: 11:00 AM Message: David Leavell Special Music: Bill Repp Scripture Reading: Robert Bice Message: Neal Parker Bible Study Start: 15 Minutes After Services Bible Study: Neal Parker Hall Set Up/Close: Leigh Parker Audio/Visual: Bill Repp
7 Lauren Walker's Birthday	8	9	10	11	12	13 Sabbath Services Start: 11:00 AM Message: Ben Franklin Scripture Reading: David Leavell Message: Neal Parker Hall Set Up/Close: Robert & Chasity Audio/Visual: Philip DeMarco
14 Daylight Savings Time Change Spring forward 1 hour	15	16	17	18	19	20 Sabbath Services Start: 11:00 AM Scripture Reading: Tim Allford Message: Neal Parker Bible Study Start: 15 Minutes After Services Bible Study: Neal Parker Hall Set Up/Close: Leigh Parker Audio/Visual: Bill Repp
21	22	23	24	25	26 Passover Service Start: 7:30 PM Tim Allford & Ryker McMahon's Birthday	27 Sabbath Services Start: 5:00 PM Scripture Reading: Richard Vogan Message: Neal Parker Passover Day Night To Be Much Observed Meal Start: 7:30 PM
28 1 st Day of Unleavened Bread Services Start: 11:00 AM Message: Fred Mobley Offertory: Neal Parker Scripture Reading: Dave Mason Message: Neal Parker Hall Set Up/Close: Leigh Parker Audio/Visual: Bill Repp	29	30 Wave Shear Offering Service Online 6:30 PM	31 Anna Franklin's Birthday			

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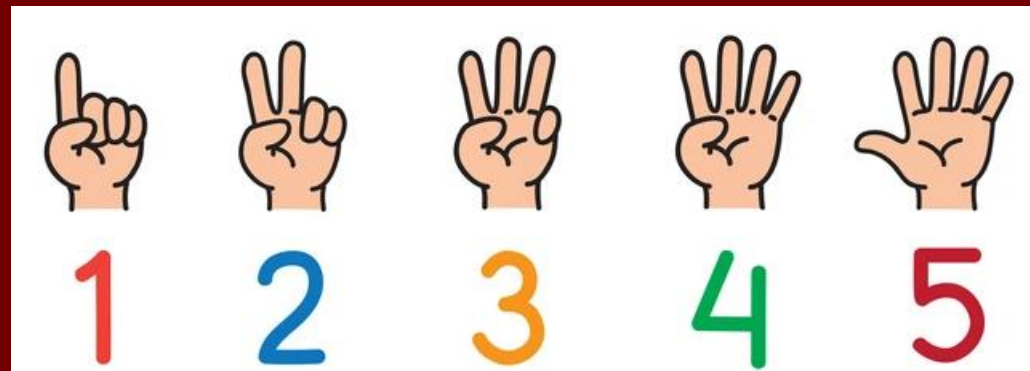
When Passover falls on a weekly Sabbath, often it brings into question when the Wave Sheaf Offering was to be presented before God.

Historically, there has been disagreement about the Jews sects, as well as Christians desiring to observe God's festivals, over how to count to Pentecost,

- **Leviticus 23:5-16**

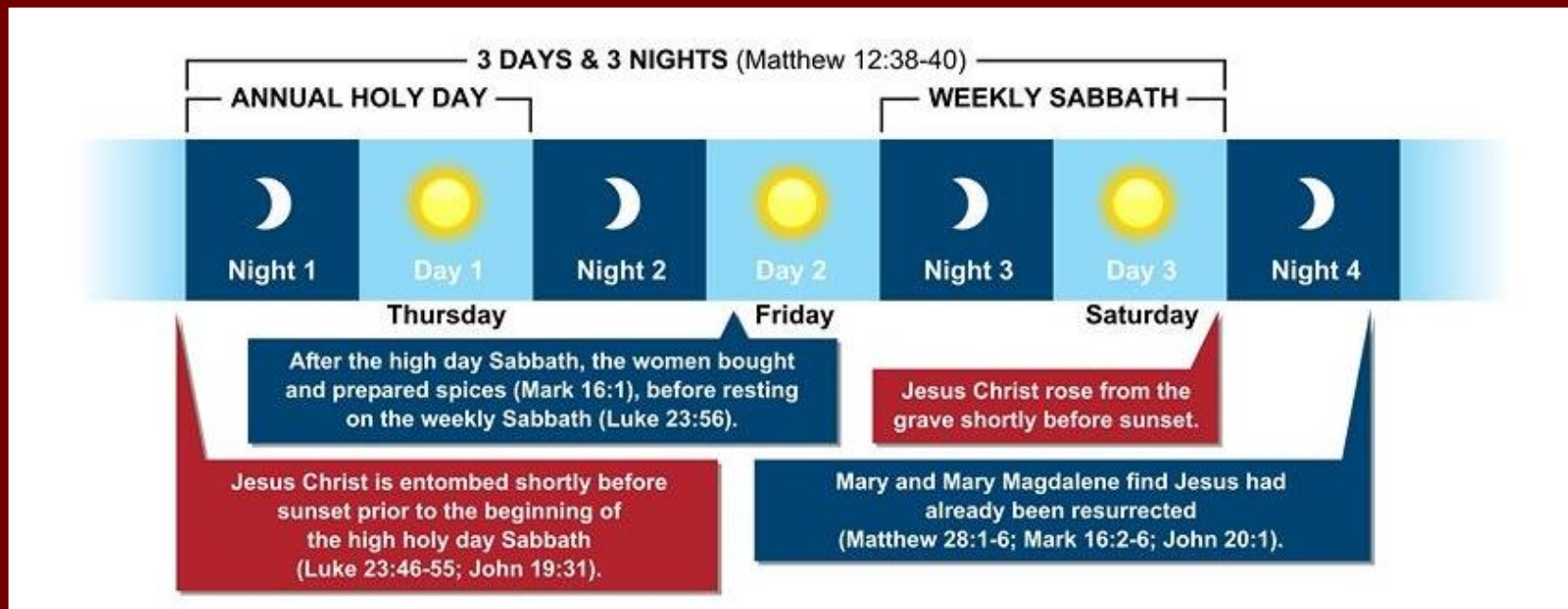
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- Counting “Inclusive vs Exclusive”?
- “Exclusive Counting” = Pentecost on Monday
- “Inclusive Counting” = Pentecost on Sunday



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- **Jesus was the First of the Firstfruits / Perfect Fulfillment of the Wave Sheaf Offering Timing**
 - **Matthew 12:38-40**
 - **John 20:1-17**



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- **When the timing of the Passover falls on a weekly Sabbath and the First Day of Unleavened Bread falls on a Sunday it does not change the counting process provided by God in Leviticus 23.**
 - ❖ **On average once in eleven years, Passover falls on a Sabbath and the First Day of Unleavened Bread falls on Sunday**
 - ❖ **Resulting in the Last Day of Unleavened Bread being the only weekly Sabbath within the days of Unleavened Bread.**

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■ Apart from the Bible,

- ❖ The interpretation of the words, “on the morrow of the Sabbath” was a subject of controversy between the Pharisees and Sadducees.
- ❖ The Jews call the Feast of Unleavened Bread “Passover”, thus the “First Day of Passover” is the First Day of Unleavened Bread (High Holy Day)
- ❖ Pharisees maintained the “First Day of Passover” was the Sabbath to begin the count
- ❖ Sadducees maintained the “The First Sunday, After the First Day of Passover” (day after the weekly Sabbath, which was after the 1st Day of Unleavened Bread)

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- **Deuteronomy 12:32 / Revelation 22:18-19**
 - We are to be careful with the instructions of God; neither adding to or taking away from God's instruction.
 - There does not appear to any scriptural command that the Wave Sheaf Offering had to done during the Feast of Unleavened Bread.
 - It appears that when a weekly Sabbath falls within the Feast of Unleavened Bread, we should begin the count to Pentecost , “on the morrow after the Sabbath”

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 - When the Passover falls on a weekly Sabbath, is not a weekly Sabbath within the Feast of Unleavened Bread.
 - Leviticus 23:5-6 states
 - 14th day of the first month is Passover
 - 15th day of the first month is the 1st Day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread.

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 - Passover teaches us of the death of our Savior to cover our sins.
 - The Feast of Unleavened Bread teaches us to come out of sin and overcome the trials of life.
 - Though Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread are related, they are not part of each other.
 - Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread stand apart and alone of each other.

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 - We are to be careful with the instructions of God; neither adding to or taking away from God's instruction.
 - The Wave Sheaf Offering is directly associated with Pentecost, by the exercise of counting, as well as their harvest symbolism.
 - Jesus is the First of the First Fruits
 - After Jesus' resurrection, He ascended to the Father and was received as the First of the First Fruits to be harvested on Pentecost.

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 - We are to be careful with the instructions of God; neither adding to or taking away from God's instruction.
 - Apart from the Bible, all of the Jewish sects (Sadducees, Pharisees, etc.) observed the Wave Sheaf Offering on a common work day, not a weekly Sabbath.

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 - **In the Hebrew, a definite Hebrew article (part of speech), "ha" appears before "Sabbath" in Leviticus 23:11, 15.**
 - **"Ha" means in Hebrew, what we are saying when we use the article, "The" in English.**
 - **The vast majority of the time in the Old Testament, "ha-shabbath" indicates the weekly Sabbath.**

Counting To Pentecost

APRIL 2021

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
			1	2	3	X
X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X	X	X	X	X		

MAY 2021

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
					X	X
X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X	X	X	X	X	X	X
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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Why The Counting To Pentecost?

■ Ephesians 5:7-21

- “...redeeming the time, because the days are evil...”
- “...make the most of your time, because the days are evil...”



Why The Counting To Pentecost?

■ Romans 13:11-14

- “And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed...”
- We should measure and make sure that our time is being spent carefully.



Why The Counting To Pentecost?

■ Psalm 39:1-5

- “Lord, make me to know my end and what is the measure of my days, that I may know how frail I am...”
- Understanding our short time and weakness, should force to focus us to rely on our Father and Jesus for our needs. .



Why The Counting To Pentecost?

■ Psalm 90:10-12

- “Lord, teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom...”
- Evaluating our life and the days we are living should impress on our minds the need to use wisdom. The proper application of the Laws of God to our lives will positively affect our behavior.



Why The Counting To Pentecost?

■ Application To Life:

- ✓ God commands it.
- ✓ It teaches us to realize and carefully use the limited amount of time we have to come “to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ” (Ephesians 4:13).

