

The Wave Sheaf Offering



Opening Prayer

**The Presence
of God**



Transition: God's Spring Holy Days

- **Passover** symbolizes our redemption from this world and the forgiveness of our sins.
- **Unleavened Bread** typifies our lifelong task of coming out of sin and putting on the new man in sincerity and truth.

Offerings to the Lord

■ Leviticus 1 – 6

- We are most familiar with the Burnt, Meal, Peace, Sin and Trespass / Guilt Offerings
- However, other offerings, required to be given on special occasions, played significant roles in broadening our understanding of God and specific parts of God's Plan.



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■ Wave Sheaf Offering:

- Occurring on only one day each year, it is far from minor or obscure in its meaning to salvation. In fact, we could say that, "*without what it means to our salvation, there would be no salvation*"!



Wave the Sheaf Before the LORD

■ Leviticus 23:9-21

- Wave Sheaf consisted of an omer of barley, still on the stalk, cut at the beginning of the spring harvest.
- Initially, each Israelite possessing a harvest was required to give an offering.
- The priest would wave the offering before the God for acceptance.
- One official waving of a sheaf by a priest in Jerusalem represented all brought by individuals.
- The Wave Sheaf offering represented a thankful acknowledgement to God, as Giver of the harvest, while dedicating or consecrating it to Him.

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■ Leviticus 23:9-21

- The priests began to make the first cutting right at the end of the Sabbath, continuing over into the first day of the week, when the bulk of the work would be done.
- The offering was not complete until the first sheaf of barley had been threshed or crushed by a “threshing sledge” or “threshing board”.
- The threshed barley was then presented before God, the next morning.





Waving the Omer

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■ Exodus 16:32

- "...Let an omerful of it be kept throughout your generations, that they may see the bread that I fed you in the wilderness..."

■ Joshua 5:10-15

- The Wave Sheaf offering was not executed until after the Israelites had entered Canaan.
- The day after Passover (the 1st Day of Unleavened Bread), the Israelites eat of the produce of the land and the manna ceased on the day after they had eaten of the land.
- Captain of the Lord's Host (Jesus Christ) appears to Joshua.

"...First of the Firstfruits..."

- **Both Exodus 23:19 and Exodus 34:26 contain the phrase "first of the firstfruits."**
- **Numbers 28:26**
 - **"...the day of the firstfruits..."**
- **If the firstfruits were the early part of the harvest, the "first of the firstfruits" must surely have been from even earlier in the harvest season.**
- **The Wave Sheaf offering represents this small, initial harvest. From the cutting of the Wave Sheaf, the count to Pentecost and the early harvest, begins.**

The Firstborn Among Many Brethren

- **Romans 8:29** "...firstborn among many brethren."
- **I Corinthians 15:20-24** "...Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep...But each in his own order, Christ, the first fruits, after those who are Christ's at His coming..."
- **James 1:17-18** "...so that we would be a kind of first fruits among His creatures."
- **Revelation 14:4** "These are the ones who were not defiled with women, for they are virgins. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These were redeemed from among men, being firstfruits to God and to the Lamb."

The True Wave Sheaf

- **Daniel 9:27** "And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week, he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering..."
- **John 19:31, 38-42** "...Then the Jews, because it was the day of preparation...(for that Sabbath was a high day)...Now the place where He was crucified there was a garden...since the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there."
- **Mark 15:42** "Now when evening had come, because it was the Preparation Day, that is, the day before the Sabbath [an annual Sabbath, the first day of Unleavened Bread]"

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- **Matthew 12:39-40** "...An evil and adulterous generation craves for a sign [attesting miracle] and yet no sign will be given it, but the sign of Jonah, the prophet: for just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the sea creature, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth."
- **Counting three days and three nights from Jesus' burial in the tomb on Wednesday evening near sunset brings us to Saturday evening near sunset. As the Sabbath was ending, the Father burst the bonds of Christ's death by the power of His Holy Spirit and resurrected Him as very God.**

The True Wave Sheaf

- **Matthew 28:1-7** "Now after the Sabbath, as the first day of the week began, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb..."
- **Luke 24:3 -12** "Then they went in and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus."
- **John 20:10-18** "...Stop clinging to Me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father, but go to My brethren and say to them, 'I ascend to My Father and your Father, and My God and your God.' ..."
- **Revelation 5:11-12** "...Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing."

I Am The Resurrection and The Life

■ Acts 2:24, 32; 3:15

The Father resurrected Jesus Christ.

■ I Corinthians 15:20-27

“...But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, after that those who are Christ's at His coming...”

■ John 11:23-26

“...I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies...”

■ John 6:39-40, 44, 54

Jesus Christ is the one who will resurrect us.

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