



# JOSEPH AND THE WAVE SHEAF

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NKJ **Proverbs 25:2** *It is the glory of God to conceal a matter,  
But the glory of kings is to search out a matter.*

# THE WAVE SHEAF OFFERING

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- ✘ The importance of the sheaves and the barley
- ✘ How the wave sheaf offering took place
- ✘ The timing issues and my understanding of what YHVH presented through Moses
- ✘ The Messianic significance of this ceremony.



# THE WAVE SHEAF OFFERING

ESV **Leviticus 23:9-14** And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>10</sup> "Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, When you come into the land that I give you and reap its harvest, you shall bring the sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest to the priest, <sup>11</sup> and he shall wave the sheaf before the LORD, so that you may be accepted.



# THE WAVE SHEAF OFFERING

On the day after the Sabbath the priest shall wave it.  
<sup>12</sup> And on the day when you wave the sheaf, you shall offer a male lamb a year old without blemish as a burnt offering to the LORD. <sup>13</sup> And the grain offering with it shall be two tenths of an ephah<sup>1</sup> of fine flour mixed with oil, a food offering to the LORD with a pleasing aroma, and the drink offering with it shall be of wine, a fourth of a hin. <sup>14</sup> And you shall eat neither bread nor grain parched or fresh until this same day, until you have brought the offering of your God: it is a statute forever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.





# THE WAVE SHEAF OFFERING

- ✗ ~~Chag – “Feast”~~
  - + not the “Feast of Firstfruits”
- ✗ a ceremony that takes place during Hag haMatza
- ✗ “Kashit Retzir” or “the Beginning of the Harvest”
- ✗ Not about firstfruits . . .
  - + About the First of the firstfruits



# THE WAVE **SHEAF** OFFERING

**omer**

**עֹמֶר** – Strong's 6016

*a dry measure of grain*  
4 out of 14 times



# THE WAVE **SHEAF** OFFERING

**omer**

**עֹמֶר** – Strong's 6016

a sheaf  
10 out of 14 times





## THE WAVE **SHEAF** OFFERING

NKJ **Deuteronomy 24:19** " When you reap your harvest in your field, and forget a sheaf (omer) in the field, you shall not go back to get it; it shall be for the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, that the LORD your God may bless you in all the work of your hands.



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ESV **Genesis 37:20** Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits. Then we will say that a fierce animal has devoured him, and we will see what will become of his dreams."



# A FEW POINTS ABOUT **BARLEY**

- ✗ the First ripe grain
- ✗ Grows wild (the seed spreads by wind and animals)
- ✗ Became domesticated (must be put into the ground)

ESV **John 12:24**

Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.



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# THE **WAVE SHEAF** OFFERING

- ✘ after the Sabbath cut a pre-determined amount of barley, bind it together into a sheaves
- ✘ roast the barley, grind it into very fine flour
- ✘ sift the flour through 13 different sieves
- ✘ collect an omer (2 quarts) of the flour, mix it with oil, and wave it over their head toward heaven.
- ✘ bake into bread
- ✘ additional sacrifices were performed



Temple dependent ceremony



# THE DEBATE

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- ✗ At least two sabbaths during Hag haMatza
  - + first / last day of Unleavened Bread
    - ✗ both are considered “sabbaths”
    - ✗ one may fall on the weekly Shabbat
  - + weekly Shabbat
- ✗ Which sabbath is being referred to in vs. 11?



# THE DEBATE

NKJ **Leviticus 23:3** ' Six days shall work be done, but the seventh day *is* a Sabbath of solemn rest, a holy convocation. You shall do no work *on it*; it *is* the Sabbath of the LORD in all your dwellings.



שַׁבָּת - Strong's 7676

Feminine noun form of

שָׁבַת – Strong's 7673

# THE DEBATE

Throughout the Tnakh, שַׁבָּת always refers to the weekly Shabbat or a 7 day/year cycle that ends with a day of rest.





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after the Sabbath (הַשַּׁבָּת) the priest shall wave it.

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שַׁבָּת = the first day (yom rishone) – Lev. 23:7

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NKJ **Leviticus 23:16** 'Count fifty days to the day after the seventh Sabbath (שַׁבָּת); then you shall offer a new grain offering to the LORD.



# THE MESSIAH

## ✕ Two Messiahs

- + Messiah ben Yoseph
  - ✕ The humble servant
- + Messiah ben David
  - ✕ The conquering king

ESV **Matthew 11:2-3** Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples <sup>3</sup> and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?"



# THE CONCLUSION

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ESV **1 Corinthians 15:17** And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.



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Shalom Aleichem

*Peace be Unto You*