

Yom HaBikkurim The Day of First Fruits

Understanding the Prophetic,
Historical, and Messianic Significance

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Introduction

- Yom HaBikkurim (Day of First Fruits) — יום הביכורים
- Occurs the day after the weekly Shabbat during Chag HaMatzot (Feast of Unleavened Bread)
- Marks the beginning of the 50-day count to Shavuot ((שבועות)
- Celebrates the barley harvest for the year and offering to The Almighty

 Nisan 5785 April 2025						
Yom Rishon	Yom Sheeni	Yom Shlishi	Yom Revii	Yom Chamishi	Yom Shishi	Yom Shabbath
1	2	3/1	4/2	5/3	6/4	7/5
Day 1 of dedication of Tabernacle and עֲרֵא יָסֻעֵיכֶם לְיִרְמְסָלַם	Day 2 of Dedication of Tabernacle & כֹּהֲנִים	Day 3 of Dedication of Tabernacle & כֹּהֲנִים	Day 4 of Dedication of Tabernacle & כֹּהֲנִים	Day 5 of Dedication of Tabernacle & כֹּהֲנִים	Day 6 of Dedication of Tabernacle & כֹּהֲנִים	Day 7 of Dedication of Tabernacle & כֹּהֲנִים
8/6	9/7	10/8	11/9	12/10	13/11	14/12
Day 8 of Dedication of Tabernacle & אֱלֹהֵינוּ אֵלֵינוּ אֱלֹהֵינוּ אֵלֵינוּ Almighty lights fire on Bronze Altar					Redemption of Jews in Persian Empire by Esther	Pesach
15/13	16/14	17/15	18/16	19/17	20/18	21/19
Feast of Unleaveneds Day 1	Feast of Unleaveneds Day 2	Feast of Unleaveneds Day 3	Feast of Unleaveneds Day 4	Feast of Unleaveneds Day 5	Feast of Unleaveneds Day 6	Feast of Unleaveneds Day 7
22/20	23/21	24/22	25/23	26/24	27/25	28/26
Yom HaBikkurim						
29/27	30/28	/29	/30			



Torah Foundation

- Leviticus (Vayikra) 23:9–11 — Wave Sheaf (Omer עומר) offering
- Deuteronomy (Devarim) 26:1–10 — Declaration of thankfulness
- Joshua (Yehoshua) 5:10–12 — First observance in the Land

Agricultural Significance



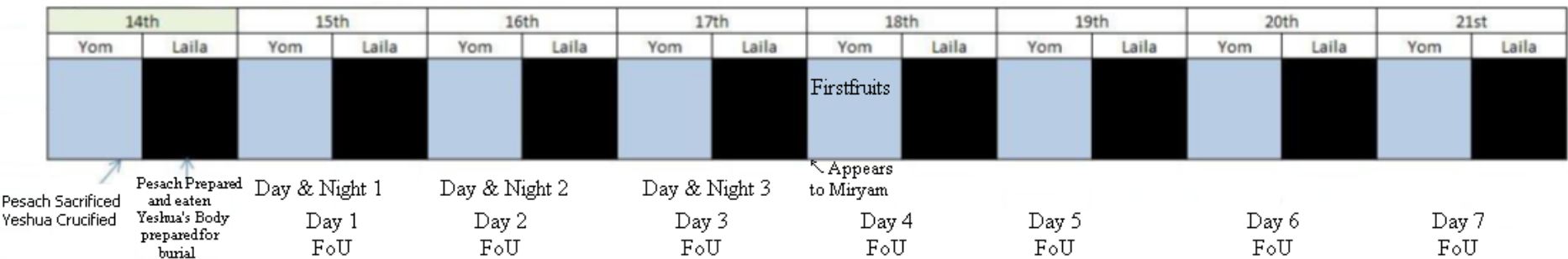
- Barley was the earliest grain to ripen in Israel
- Farmers presented the omer (sheaf) to The Almighty
- Acknowledged that the entire harvest belonged to Him
- It was offered as a thanksgiving offering

Yehoshua and First Fruits

- Crucified on 14th
of Aviv (Pesach)
- In the tomb during
15th and 16th
- Resurrected on
17th of Aviv (Yom
HaBikkurim)
- 1 Corinthians
15:20 — Messiah
raised, firstfruits
of the dead

Three Days and Three Nights

- Mattityahu (Matthew) 12:40 — Like Yonah in the fish
- Traditional Hebrew day reckoning: evening to evening
- Timeline:
 - Wed night–Thurs (1st)
 - Thurs night–Fri (2nd)
 - Fri night–Sat (3rd)
- Resurrected before sunrise on the first day of the week



Calendar Insights in 1st Century CE

- Sanhedrin regulated calendar using barley and moon
- Disputes between Pharisees, Sadducees, and Essenes
- The Galileans even understood this time period differently
- Sadducees held First Fruits was after weekly Shabbat during Chag HaMatzot ((חג המצות)





Messianic Significance

- Messiah is the first to rise never to die again and he is the preeminent one
- Symbol of new creation and eternal hope
- First Fruits guarantees a greater harvest — us (Romans 8:23)

*Yom HaBikkurim
Day 1 of Omer Count*

"Today is the first day of the Omer count and it is also the day when the waving of the barley sheaf would have been done in the Temple."

"Today I will ask The Almighty to guide me as I remember how Mashiach became our first fruit from the dead at his resurrection."

Application for Believers Today

- Celebrate Yom HaBikkurim as a time of renewal
- Reflect on personal deliverance from bondage
- Recognize Messiah as the pledge of resurrection
- Begin the 50-day Omer count with purpose: spiritual growth

Enhancing Our Walk

- Embrace the pattern of death to life
- Live in thankfulness and expectation
- Connect with Yehoshua's teachings:
- John 12:24 — grain must die to bear fruit
- Philippians 3:10–11 — power of His resurrection

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Q&A and Discussion

- How do we make this moed meaningful in our walk?
- What aspects of Yom HaBikkurim have you seen fulfilled?
- How can we teach others the depth of this appointed time?



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Conclusion

- Yom HaBikkurim reveals God's plan of redemption
- Messiah Yehoshua fulfilled it perfectly
- We live as part of His harvest — the First Fruits of many to come

