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**Exo 34:22-24** "Observe the festival of Shavu`ot with the first-gathered produce of the wheat harvest, and the festival of ingathering at the turn of the year. Three times a year all your men are to appear before the Lord, Adonai, the God of Isra'el. For I am going to expel nations ahead of you and expand your territory, and no one will even covet your land when you go up to appear before Adonai your God three times a year.

**Lev 23:15-21** "From the day after the day of rest — that is, from the day you bring the sheaf for waving — you are to count seven full weeks, until the day after the seventh week; you are to count fifty days; and then you are to present a new grain offering to Adonai. You must bring bread from your homes for waving — two loaves made with one gallon of fine flour, baked with leaven — as firstfruits for Adonai. Along with the bread, present seven lambs without defect one year old, one young bull and two rams; these will be a burnt offering for Adonai, with their grain and drink offerings, an offering made by fire as a fragrant aroma for Adonai. Offer one male goat as a sin offering and two male lambs one year old as a sacrifice of peace offerings. The cohen will wave them with the bread of the firstfruits as a wave offering before Adonai, with the two lambs; these will be holy for Adonai for the cohen. On the same day, you are to call a holy convocation; do not do any kind of ordinary work; this is a permanent regulation through all your generations, no matter where you live.

**Num 28:26** " On the day of the firstfruits, when you bring a new grain offering to Adonai in your feast of Shavu`ot, you are to have a **holy convocation**; do not do any kind of ordinary work;

**Deut 16:10** You are to observe the festival of Shavu`ot [weeks] for Adonai your God with a voluntary offering, which you are to give in accordance with the degree to which Adonai your God has prospered you.

**Deut 16:16** "Three times a year all your men are to appear in the presence of Adonai your God in the place which he will choose - at the festival of matzah, at the festival of Shavu`ot and at the festival of Sukkot. They are not to show up before Adonai empty-handed,

**Acts 2:1** The festival of Shavu`ot arrived, and the believers all gathered together in one place.

Originally **YHWH**'s intention was to dwell with us, then we sinned and got cast out of His midst. Then upon the giving of the Torah **YHWH** wanted to deal directly with the people, speaking with them. What did the Israelites say?

**Exo 20:18-19 (20:15-16)** All the people experienced the thunder, the lightning, the sound of the shofar, and the mountain smoking. When the people saw it, they trembled. Standing at a distance, they said to Moshe, "You, speak with us; and we will listen. But don't let God speak with us, or we will die."

Moses never wanted to be the mediator between **YHWH** and Israel, he wanted the people to deal with **YHWH** themselves...

**Num 11:25-29** Adonai came down in the cloud, spoke to him, took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy leaders. When the Spirit came to rest on them, they prophesied — then but not afterwards. There were two men who stayed in the camp, one named Eldad and the other Medad, and the Spirit came to rest on them. They were among those listed to go out to the tent, but they hadn't done so, and they prophesied in the camp. A young man ran and told Moshe, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp!" Y'hoshua, the son of Nun, who from his youth up had been Moshe's assistant, answered, "My lord,

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*Moshe, stop them!" But Moshe replied, "Are you so zealous to protect me? I wish all of Adonai's people were prophets! I wish Adonai would put his Spirit on all of them!"*

Not only was this Moses wish, it was **YHWH**'s plan, to make us a Holy nation, a Royal Cohanim/priesthood, a chosen people...

***1Pe 2:9** But you are a chosen people, the King's cohanim, a holy nation, a people for God to possess! Why? In order for you to declare the praises of the One who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.*

The first "Fulfillment" of Shavuot was the giving of the Torah, Jewish tradition states that it came forth in the seventy different languages or tongs as it was being given to Israel. This makes a lot of sense considering one of the later fulfillments that also accrued on Shavuot. One other interesting "tradition" is that the Affikomen ransomed at the Pasach was redeemed at Shavuot, usually with money or a gift, we know that that Affikomen stripped and pierced is a representation of Yeshua the Messiah (**Mat 26:26, Mar 14:22, Luk 22:19, 1Cor 11:24**) the living Torah, so it makes perfect sense that both the Torah and the Ruach were given on this day...

***Deut 33:2** "Adonai came from Sinai; from Se`ir he dawned on his people, shone forth from Mount Pa`ran; and with him were myriads of holy ones; at his right hand was a fiery law for them.*

Who sits at his right hand...? Yeshua the Messiah! He is the fiery Torah given to us, He is the living Torah!

Back to the original intention... Having the Torah written on our hearts was a promise that was given as a part of the "New Covenant" ...

***Jer 31:31-35 (31:30-34)** "Here, the days are coming," says Adonai, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Isra'el and with the house of Y'hudah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers on the day I took them by their hand and brought them out of the land of Egypt; because they, for their part, violated my covenant, even though I, for my part, was a husband to them," says Adonai. "For this is the covenant I will make with the house of Isra'el after those days," says Adonai: "**I will put my Torah within them and write it on their hearts**; I will be their God, and they will be my people. No longer will any of them teach his fellow community member or his brother, 'Know Adonai'; for all will know me, from the least of them to the greatest; because I will forgive their wickednesses and remember their sins no more." This is what Adonai says, who gives the sun as light for the day, who ordained the laws for the moon and stars to provide light for the night, who stirs up the sea until its waves roar — Adonai-Tzva'ot is his name:*

Yeshua (The Living Torah) sending the Holy Spirit began this process of the "New Covenant" ...

***Acts 2:1-7** The festival of Shavu`ot arrived, and the believers all gathered together in one place. Suddenly there came a sound from the sky like the roar of a violent wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then they saw what looked like tongues of fire, which separated and came to rest on each one of them. They were all filled with the Ruach HaKodesh and began to talk in different languages, as the Spirit enabled them to speak. Now there were staying in Yerushalayim religious Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd gathered; they were confused, because each one heard the*

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*believers speaking in his own language. Totally amazed, they asked, "How is this possible? Aren't all these people who are speaking from the Galil?"*

**v14-21** Then Kefa stood up with the Eleven and raised his voice to address them: "You Judeans, and all of you staying here in Yerushalayim! Let me tell you what this means! Listen carefully to me! "These people aren't drunk, as you suppose — it's only nine in the morning. No, this is what was spoken about through the prophet Yo'el: 'Adonai says: "In the Last Days, I will pour out from my Spirit upon everyone. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my slaves, both men and women, will I pour out from my Spirit in those days; and they will prophesy. I will perform miracles in the sky above and signs on the earth below — blood, fire and thick smoke. The sun will become dark and the moon blood before the great and fearful Day of Adonai comes. And then, whoever calls on the name of Adonai will be saved." ' "Men of Isra'el! Listen to this! Yeshua from Natzeret was a man demonstrated to you to have been from God by the powerful works, miracles and signs that God performed through him in your presence. You yourselves know this.

This was the beginning process of the “New Covenant” we will not fully participate in this covenant until we take that cup of the New Covenant with Him in Heaven (**Luke 22:16-20**).

Remember after receiving the Ruach, two of the elders prophesied back in **Num 11**? Giving us the Ruach on Shavuot has the purpose of building his army of witnesses spoken about in **Revelation**...

**Rev 11:3-6** "Also I will give power to my **two witnesses**; and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, dressed in sackcloth." These are the two olive trees and the two menorahs standing before the Lord of the earth\*. If anyone tries to do them harm, fire comes out of their mouth and consumes their enemies — yes, if anyone tries to harm them, that is how he must die. They have the authority to shut up the sky, so that no rain falls during the period of their prophesying; also they have the authority to turn the waters into blood and to strike the earth with every kind of plague as often as they want.

\***Revelation** is quoting the book of **Zechariah**...

**Zec 4:2-6** and asked me, "What do you see?" I answered, "I've been looking at a menorah; it's all of gold, with a bowl at its top, seven lamps on it, and seven tubes leading to the lamps at its top. Next to it are two olive trees, one on the right side of the bowl and the other on its left." I then asked the angel speaking with me, "What are these, my Lord?" The angel speaking with me said, "Don't you know what these are?" I said, "No, my Lord." Then he answered me, "This is the word of Adonai to Z'rubavel: 'Not by force, and not by power, but by my Spirit,' says Adonai-Tzva'ot.

**v11-14** I replied by asking him, "What are those two olive trees on the right and left sides of the menorah?" Then I asked the question again: "What are those two olive branches discharging gold [-colored oil] through the two gold spouts?" He replied, "Don't you know what they are?" I answered, "No, my Lord." He said, "Those are the two who have been anointed with oil; they are standing with the Lord of all the land\*."

So who are these two “Olive Branches”? Paul talks extensively about them in **Romans 11**...

**Rom 11:17-27** But if some of the branches were broken off, and you — a **wild olive** — were grafted in among them and have become equal sharers in the rich root of the olive tree, then don't boast as if you were better than the branches! However, if you do boast, remember that you are not supporting the root, the root is supporting you. So you will say, "Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in." True, but so what? They were broken off because of their lack of trust. However, you keep your place only because of

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*your trust. So don't be arrogant; on the contrary, be terrified! For if God did not spare the **natural branches**, he certainly won't spare you! So take a good look at God's kindness and his severity: on the one hand, severity toward those who fell off; but, on the other hand, God's kindness toward you — provided you maintain yourself in that kindness! Otherwise, you too will be cut off! Moreover, the others, if they do not persist in their lack of trust, will be grafted in; because God is able to graft them back in. For if you were cut out of what is by nature a wild olive tree and grafted, contrary to nature, into a **cultivated olive tree**, how much more will these **natural branches** be grafted back into their own olive tree! For, brothers, I want you to understand this truth which God formerly concealed but has now revealed, so that you won't imagine you know more than you actually do. It is that stoniness, to a degree, has come upon Isra'el, until the Gentile world enters in its fullness; and that it is in this way that all Isra'el will be saved. As the Tanakh says, "Out of Tziyon will come the Redeemer; he will turn away ungodliness from Ya`akov and this will be my covenant with them, . . . when I take away their sins."*

These "Two Witnesses" or "Two Branches" are the "**Wild Branch**" or the **Gentiles** being grafted into Israel and the "**Natural Branch**" or the **Jews**. He poured out His Spirit so that Jew and Gentile could be ONE BODY IN MESSIAH, performing great miracles together in the end times!

***Gal 3:28** there is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor freeman, neither male nor female; for in union with the Messiah Yeshua, you are all one.*

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