

The Day of

Firstfruits



What is Firstfruits?

In the bible, firstfruits refers to the **very first** of your efforts in 'sowing in the field.'

"You are to bring the best firstfruits of your land into the house of ADONAI your God. Exodus 23:19

Notice the scripture says bring the best of your firstfruit?

Do you remember the Story of Cain and Abel? Cain brought a portion of his crops, but Abel brought God the firstborn of his sheep including their fat. God accepted Abel's offering but not Cain which made Cain jealous which caused him to sin further.

Today, our firstfruit would refer to the first of our income as not all of us are farmers.

Honor God with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your income. Proverbs 3:9-10

The word firstfruit is sometimes used to describe a child too:

"Re'uven, you are my firstborn, my strength, the firstfruits of my manhood." – Genesis 49:3

What is the Day Firstfruits?

God tells us in Leviticus 23:10

"Tell the people of Isra'el, 'After you enter the land I am giving you and harvest its ripe crops, you are to bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest to the *cohen*.'"

This day falls the day after the regular weekly Shabbat on the first day of the week - Sunday, which follows Passover.

What did Firstfruit foreshadow and what does it symbolise today?

The Resurrection of Yeshua

....the Messiah *has* been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have died. For since death came through a man, also the resurrection of the dead has come through a man. For just as in connection with Adam all die, so in connection with the Messiah all will be made alive.

– 1 Corinthians 15:20-22

According to the New Testament, Yeshua rose on the first day of the week - A Sunday (Matthew 28:1). We commemorate God's instruction to keep the day of Firstfruits to remember that Yeshua was God's firstfruit of those who had died. We know that because of our trust in him, we will be raised to life.

Here is another powerful verse about Yeshua's moment of death:

At that moment the curtain in the Temple was ripped in two from top to bottom; and there was an earthquake, with rocks splitting apart.

Also the graves were opened, and the bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life; and after Yeshua rose, they came out of the graves and went into the holy city, where many people saw them.

When the Roman officer and those with him who were keeping watch over Yeshua saw the earthquake and what was happening, they were awestruck and said, "He really was a son of God." – Matthew 27:51-54

The 7 day period of Pesach and Unleavened Bread coincided with Yeshua's Last Supper, his arrest, his charge as a criminal against Bar-Abba, his suffering, crucifixion, death, burial and resurrection. On this day of Firstfruits we commemorate his resurrection. Thank you Y'HoVaH for Yeshua for through him we have eternal life.