

SUKKOT 2009

CAMP EKOWAH



When is Shavuot?

Vayyiqra 23:11 (ISR) ‘And he shall wave the sheaf before יהוה, for your acceptance. **On the morrow after the Sabbath** the priest waves it.’

Vayyiqra 23:11 (Artscroll) He shall wave the Omer before Hashem to gain favor for you; **on the morrow of the rest day** the Kohen shall wave it:

מִמָּחָרֵת הַשַּׁבָּת

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Vayyiqra 23:16 (ISR) ‘Until the morrow after the seventh Sabbath you count fifty days, then you shall bring a new grain offering to יהוה.

Vayyiqra 23:16 (Artscroll) Until the morrow of the seventh week you shall count, fifty days; and you shall offer a new meal-offering to Hashem.

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Devarim 16:9 (ISR) “Count seven weeks for yourself. Begin to count seven weeks from the time you begin to put the sickle to the grain”

Seven weeks

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בִּקְמָה תַּחֵל לִסְפֹּר שְׁבַעַה שְׁבַעוֹת:

Seven weeks

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On the other hand.....the Septuagint supports the Pharisaic understanding:

Holiday of Pentecost

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και	προσποιήσετε	θυσίαν		νέαν	τω	κυρίω	
and	you shall bring	[² sacrifice offering		¹ a new]	to the	LORD.	

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On the other hand.....as do Aramaic Targumim Onkelos and Jonathan.

Vayyiqra 23:11 reads: “the day after the yoma taba” (yom tov)

Vayyiqra 23:16 reads: “shebutha shabiyeitha” (week seventh, i.e. 7th week vice 7th Sabbath).

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Josephus writes:

“But on the second day of unleavened bread, which is the sixteenth day of the month, they first partake of the fruits of the earth, for before that day they do not touch them... (*Antiquities of the Jews* 3.250).

Comment: This indicates that the Sadducees that controlled the Temple priesthood still offered the wave sheaf in accord with the Pharisees' method of counting.

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Acts 2:1-4 (CJB) 1 The festival of Shavu'ot arrived, and the believers all gathered together in one place. **2** 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. **3** Then they saw what looked like tongues of fire, which separated and came to rest on each one of them. **4** They were all filled with the Ruach HaKodesh and began to talk in different languages, as the Spirit enabled them to speak.

Question/Comment: If Josephus is accurate, what is the implication?

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Acts 20:16 ¹⁶ For Sha'ul had decided to bypass Ephesus on his voyage, in order to avoid losing time in the province of Asia, because he was hurrying to get to Yerushalayim, if possible in time to celebrate *Shavu'ot*.

1 Corinthians 16:8 (CJB) But I will remain in Ephesus until Shavu'ot,

Question/Comment: If Paul was a Pharisee, does this indicate when Paul will be there?

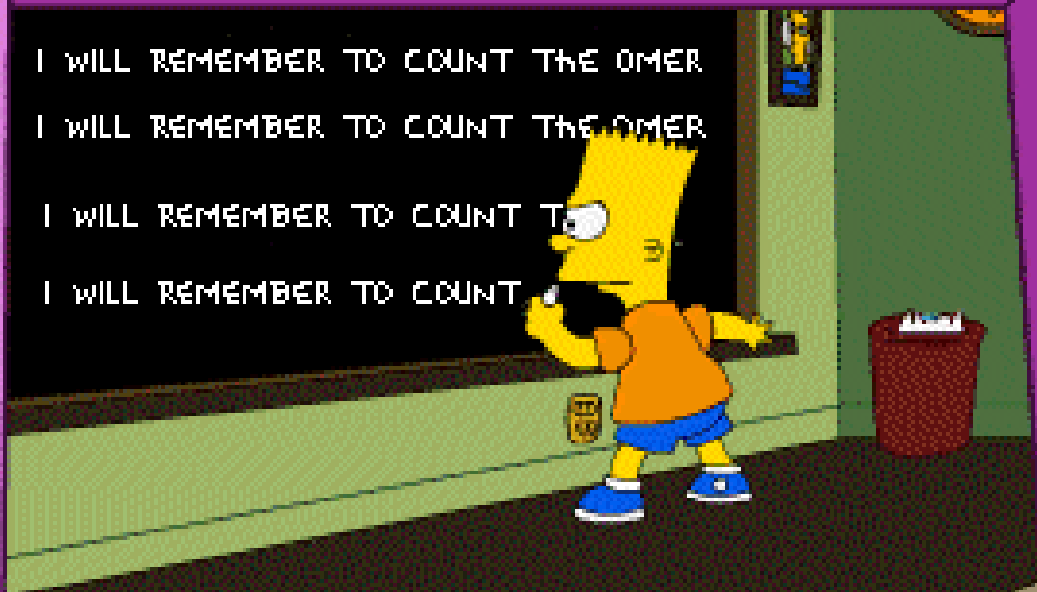
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My conclusion:

The Hebrew scripture better supports the Sadducean/modern Karaite method of counting.

But:

- The Ruach came on the Pharisaic method of counting; Ancient translations/interpretations align with “week” instead of “Sabbath”; Ancient Nazarene practice seems to follow the Pharisees method of counting.

A cartoon illustration of Bart Simpson standing in a classroom. He is wearing his signature orange shirt, blue shorts, and blue shoes with white socks. He is holding a pencil to his chin and looking at a blackboard. The blackboard has the sentence "I WILL REMEMBER TO COUNT THE OMER" written on it four times, with the last line being cut off. To the right of Bart is a brown trash can. The classroom has a green wall and a purple door frame. Above the door are three windows with blue panes and diagonal lines representing blinds.

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Any Questions???