



APRIL 2019

ROOD REVIEW

COUNTING THE OMER

LETTER FROM MICHAEL

Shalom Torah Fans,

This month, we will celebrate the Feast of Passover after the required Adar Bet. Just after the celebration of Passover there is a very important, although quiet, time. The fifty days, or seven Sabbaths, from the Day of Firstfruits to Shavuot are a bridge between these two Spring Feasts of the LORD (Leviticus 23:15-16).

As we count the days from Passover to Shavuot, we are walking with the Israelites from the Exodus out of Egypt, across the Red Sea, and through the desert to Mount Sinai. We make the journey with them every year as we count the days they spent trekking through the wilderness. YeHoVaH delivered the people from slavery and mikveh-ed them in the Red Sea, but they would not become *his* people until they made the 40-day journey to the burning mountain where he would give them the Torah.

Along the way, the people would learn what it meant to be YeHoVaH's people. They would learn important lessons about trusting him; they would be part of the picture the Almighty carefully crafted of the coming Messiah.

The same count that takes the Israelites from Egypt to Mount Sinai also paces out the time from the resurrection of our Messiah to the gifting of the Holy Spirit. It is a count that brings us to the completion of something beautiful. Every year, counting the days to Shavuot anticipates the gift our risen Messiah gave at the completion of his ministry. He did not leave us empty-handed, but rather empowered us with the Holy Spirit to teach and live according to the Word so that we may live eternally with him.

This count is also called the "Counting of the Omer." An "omer" is a unit of measurement used for the grain offering on The Day of Firstfruits. Every day that we count the "omer," we can also think of the offering to the Almighty. This count is not a lull between feasts; it is a lifeline. It is a time filled with anticipation and expectation. It is a time of promise and hope that leads to blessing.

So, as you count the "omer" this year, remember the Exodus of the Israelites from their bondage in Egypt. Remember how Yeshua fulfilled the prophecies given in the Passover celebration. And count your blessings as we look forward to the day we will spend eternity with Him.

I'll see you on the sea of fire and glass!



Michael Rood

Count Your Blessings While You Count Your OMER!

"I've never been disappointed!
I've learned so much from your
teachings, thank you!"

- Rhonda W.

"I have truly been saved, a
Christian converted to the truth! I
was directed to you from a friend
who showed me the way."

- Jeremy C.

"I thank you for answered
prayers and support and for
reaching out a hand or a kind
word where and when you are
led to give it."

- Joyce P.

"I have to tell you that YeHoVaH,
through your programs, is opening my
spiritual eyes as they have never been
opened! I am searching diligently to
know the truth."

- David K.

"Michael Rood, thank you for your
ministry. Learning a lot — 40 years
in Messiah and just now learning
about the Torah."

- Florence E.

"The translations and testimony of
Alvaro for Hispanic America have
been a tremendous blessing to my life!
I am Argentine but I live in Spain."

- Marco C.

"I am so privileged to be part of
this ministry! I wasted so many
years. That sea of fire and glass
will now be a better experience
for me!"

- Helen F.

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- Robert B.

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- John D.

"Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your ministry. Bless you all and may YeHoVaH bring you all the resources you need to keep on keeping on."

- Pierce

"I recently learned how to read and write Hebrew, self-taught with the help of your show every week. I really enjoy it a lot!"

- Steven P.

"We get a great deal of peace being a small part of the ministry. YeHoVaH Yireh and shalom!"

- David L.

"The Chronological Gospels" has deeply impacted my Bible study times. If you know anyone who likes digging in and really studying God's Word, then this book is a MUST HAVE."

- David D.

"I am a religious ultra-Orthodox Jew living in Israel. I think you are doing good work. God bless."

- Israel S.

"I just want say what a blessing it is to be part of this ministry! Thank you for the calls just to say 'thank you' and to ask if we need prayer. Thank you for your service to the Kingdom!"

- Greg C.

How has YeHoVaH blessed you? *Share with us!*

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COUNT THE OMER TO SHAVUOT!

Regardless of whether the first sliver of the new moon is sighted on April 6 or 7, the Day of Firstfruits will be April 28. This is the first day of a 50-day "counting of the omer" that we are commanded to keep (Lev. 23:15-16) leading up to Shavuot when the Holy Spirit was given. Here's a schedule to keep you on track!

April 28 - Day 1	May 8 - Day 11	May 18 - Day 21	May 28 - Day 31	June 7 - Day 41
April 29 - Day 2	May 9 - Day 12	May 19 - Day 22	May 29 - Day 32	June 8 - Day 42
April 30 - Day 3	May 10 - Day 13	May 20 - Day 23	May 30 - Day 33	June 9 - Day 43
May 1 - Day 4	May 11 - Day 14	May 21 - Day 24	May 31 - Day 34	June 10 - Day 44
May 2 - Day 5	May 12 - Day 15	May 22 - Day 25	June 1 - Day 35	June 11 - Day 45
May 3 - Day 6	May 13 - Day 16	May 23 - Day 26	June 2 - Day 36	June 12 - Day 46
May 4 - Day 7	May 14 - Day 17	May 24 - Day 27	June 3 - Day 37	June 13 - Day 47
May 5 - Day 8	May 15 - Day 18	May 25 - Day 28	June 4 - Day 38	June 14 - Day 48
May 6 - Day 9	May 16 - Day 19	May 26 - Day 29	June 5 - Day 39	June 15 - Day 49
May 7 - Day 10	May 17 - Day 20	May 27 - Day 30	June 6 - Day 40	June 16 - SHAVUOT

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