

Keep Your Eyes on Yeshua



As Stephen was about to be stoned, he looked up “steadfastly” into heaven and saw the glory of YeHoVaH and Yeshua standing on the right hand of YeHoVaH (Acts 7:55). He kept his eyes on Yeshua, literally.

Stephen stood up for the Torah by keeping his eyes on Yeshua; he was doing what Yeshua (the Living Torah) did. He spoke against the Pharisees’ impossible manmade hoops that everyone was forced to jump through to be considered righteous. No one could tell the difference between the laws of the Pharisees and the laws of YeHoVaH anymore. That’s why he confronted the synagogue leaders of the Libertines, Cyrenians, Alexandrians, and those of Cilicia and of Asia (Acts 6:9). And that’s why they enticed false witnesses to accuse him. They needed to get rid of him because he was freeing the people from the Pharisees’ control by teaching them to keep their eyes on Yeshua.

That Pharisaical system lives on today in both rabbinical Judaism and mainstream Christianity, taking the attention away from Yeshua and on to the manmade religious systems he came to tear down. Both Judaism and tradition-laden Christian denominations build regulatory fence upon fence until no one knows why they do the things they do in the name of being “righteous.” They muddy the Word with commentaries and loose translations, skewing and complicating the definition of sin itself. Sin is no more than transgression of the Torah! But if we steer ourselves away from listening to what Yeshua said and doing what Yeshua did, we forget this and are in danger of becoming “twice the son of hell” as those who distract us (Matthew 23:15).

Stephen was “full of faith and power” and “did great wonders and miracles among the people” (Acts 6:7) because he kept his eyes on Yeshua. May we do the same until we are gathered and rewarded on the sea of fire and glass.

Shalom

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Count The Omer To Shavuot!

The *Fire!* The *Thunder!* The awesome voice of the Almighty himself delivering the 10 commandments... and that was just the first Shavuot (shah-voOAT)!

On this same day in history, the mighty rushing wind of the Holy Spirit was given to Yeshua's disciples in Jerusalem. That's why Shavuot (also known as Pentecost) is the anniversary of both events — the inseparable bond between the Torah and the Spirit!

It is common among Torah-observant believers to mark each day during the 7 weeks up to the day of Shavuot from the Day of First Fruits by "counting the omer" (49 days) up to the 50th day of the count, which is the actual day of Shavuot. The "omer" is a unit of measure used in the Bible and in this context refers to the measure of barley used in the "wave" offering on the Day of First Fruits, the first day of the counting of the omer.

Use the reference below to count the days to Shavuot, this year on Sunday, May 28.

(NOTE: Each Hebrew omer day below begins at sunset the day before the Gregorian day listed)

- DAY 23 Monday, May 1
- DAY 24 Tuesday, May 2
- DAY 25 Wednesday, May 3
- DAY 26 Thursday, May 4
- DAY 27 Friday, May 5
- DAY 28 Saturday, May 6
- DAY 29 Sunday, May 7
- DAY 30 Monday, May 8
- DAY 31 Tuesday, May 9
- DAY 32 Wednesday, May 10
- DAY 33 Thursday, May 11
- DAY 34 Friday, May 12
- DAY 35 Saturday, May 13
- DAY 36 Sunday, May 14
- DAY 37 Monday, May 15
- DAY 38 Tuesday, May 16
- DAY 39 Wednesday, May 17
- DAY 40 Thursday, May 18 (Yeshua's ascension – event 246 in *The Chronological Gospels Bible*)
- DAY 41 Friday, May 19
- DAY 42 Saturday, May 20
- DAY 43 Sunday, May 21
- DAY 44 Monday, May 22
- DAY 45 Tuesday, May 23
- DAY 46 Wednesday, May 24
- DAY 47 Thursday, May 25
- DAY 48 Friday, May 26
- DAY 49 Saturday, May 27
- DAY 50 Sunday, May 28 (Shavuot - event 254 in *The Chronological Gospels Bible*)

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