

A Quick Guide To The Date of Pentecost

This monograph was written as a quick guide to the paper *On Sivan 7 Pentecost Was Fully Come!* It is not intended as proof that Pentecost falls on the 7th day of the 3rd Hebrew month (Sivan 7) for that is given in the aforementioned paper.

The reader should familiarize himself with the following acronyms and names of the first three Hebrew months:

WSO	=	Wave Sheaf Offer,
FUB	=	Feast of Unleavened Bread,
1FUB	=	1 st day of FUB (an annual Sabbath),
7FUB	=	7 th day of FUB (an annual Sabbath),
Abib	=	1st month of Hebrew calendar (a 30-day month),
Zif	=	2nd month of Hebrew calendar (a 29-day month),
Sivan	=	3rd month of Hebrew calendar.

The Bible's principal key to determining the date of the O.T. *Feast of Weeks*, better known as the N.T. *Pentecost*, is the passage Leviticus 23:10-16. This passage instead of giving a date, sets before us the following two problems which must be solved before we can determine the date of Pentecost:

- *Problem 1:* After which Sabbath is the WSO day? (Lev 23:10-11)
- *Problem 2:* Is the 50-day count to Pentecost *inclusive* or *exclusive* of the WSO day? (Lev 23:15-16).

Solving Problem 1

There appear to be three possible answers to Problem 1, (a) a weekly Sabbath, (b) the 1FUB annual Sabbath, (c) the 7FUB annual Sabbath. The passage Leviticus 23:9-14 refers us forward to Israel's entry into the Promised Land under Joshua. The key is when Israel put the sickle to the corn (Deut 16:9) in the Promised Land (Josh 5:10-12):

- Deut 16.9 Seven weeks shalt thou number unto thee: begin to number the seven weeks from such time as thou beginnest to put the sickle to the corn.
- Josh 5.10 And the children of Israel encamped in Gilgal, and kept the passover on the fourteenth day of the month at even in the plains of Jericho.
- .11 And they did eat of the old corn of the land on the morrow after the passover, unleavened cakes, and parched *corn* in the selfsame day.
- .12 And the manna ceased on the morrow after they had eaten of the old corn of the land; neither had the children of Israel manna any more; but they did eat of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year.

The three verses of Joshua 5:10-12 may be dated and summarized as follows:

- Joshua 5.10 The Abib-14 Passover day
- .11 The Abib-15 1FUB annual Sabbath – unleavened old produce of the land eaten
- .12 The Abib-16, WSO day – The sickle is put to the corn, fresh produce of the land eaten.

This points to the solution to *Problem 1* being a WSO day that follows the *annual* Sabbath of Abib 15 (1FUB) rather than one that follows the weekly Sabbath during FUB as Mr Herbert W. Armstrong assumed!

Solving Problem 2

If the counting were *inclusive* of the WSO day, then it begins on the WSO day and would count only 49 days, because a 1-day inclusive count would count 0 days. This is against the spirit of Leviticus 23:15-16, which specifies a count from the WSO day of 7 weeks and one day; which is a count of 50 days from the WSO day. So the answer to *Problem 2* must be an *exclusive* count beginning on Abib 17, the day after the Abib-16 WSO day, and ending on Sivan 7 (See the Hebrew calendar for 2005 below).

This can be verified from the Bible using Exodus 19:1, Numbers 33:3 and Exodus 19:10-11. For details see my paper *On Sivan 7 Pentecost Was Fully Come!* Mr Herbert W. Armstrong did not consider these scriptures but invented his own rules leading to a false WSO day following the wrong Sabbath. For years such as 2005 when the Passover day and 7FUB fall on weekly Sabbaths, Mr Armstrong's counting rule is obviously artificial.

The paper *Laodicea's Lamp!* offers an explanation why Mr Armstrong was not given the date of God the Father's (!) marriage to Israel at Mt Sinai on the day of Pentecost. The papers *On Sivan 7 Pentecost Was Fully Come!* and *Laodicea's Lamp!* are available from my home page www.rightly-dividing.net.

Hebrew Calendar For 2005 AD

Month	1 st Day	2 nd Day	3 rd Day	4 th Day	5 th day	6 th Day	Sabbath
Abib	8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Passover (Sat. April 23)
	15 1FUB	16 WSO	17 Count 1 of 50	18 Count 2 of 50	19 Count 3 of 50	20 Count 4 of 50	21 7FUB Count 5 of 50
	22 Count 6 of 50	23 Count 7 of 50	24 Count 8 of 50	25 Count 9 of 50	26 Count 10 of 50	27 Count 11 of 50	28 Count 12 of 50
	29 Count 13 of 50	30 Count 14 of 50	1 Count 15 of 50	2 Count 16 of 50	3 Count 17 of 50	4 Count 18 of 50	5 Count 19 of 50
Zif	6 Count 20 of 50	7 Count 21 of 50	8 Count 22 of 50	9 Count 23 of 50	10 Count 24 of 50	11 Count 25 of 50	12 Count 26 of 50
	13 Count 27 of 50	14 Count 28 of 50	15 Count 29 of 50	16 Count 30 of 50	17 Count 31 of 50	18 Count 32 of 50	19 Count 33 of 50
	20 Count 34 of 50	21 Count 35 of 50	22 Count 36 of 50	23 Count 37 of 50	24 Count 38 of 50	25 Count 39 of 50	26 Count 40 of 50
	27 Count 41 of 50	28 Count 42 of 50	29 Count 43 of 50	1 Count 44 of 50	2 Count 45 of 50	3 Count 46 of 50	4 Count 47 of 50
Sivan	5 Count 48 of 50	6 Count 49 of 50	7 Pentecost Count 50 of 50 (Tue June 14)	8	9	10	11
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	19						

Issue 2.2, March 17, 2010, Home page Internet domain name corrected.

Henk Jens

Phone: +61-2-9740-3534

Email: hwj@zip.com.au

Post: P.O. Box 121, Belmore, 2192, NSW, Australia