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# Special Feast Edition

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## INTRODUCTION

This Parsha Pearls Feast Edition is designed specifically for Shavuot. In Leviticus 23:1-2, Yahweh told Mosheh to speak to the children of Yisra'el about His appointed times (moadim), which they were to keep as set-apart gatherings (mikra kodesh). Three times each year, the children of Yisra'el were required to travel to Yerushalayim (Jerusalem) to observe one of the 3 pilgrimage feasts (shalosh regalim).

### The 3 spring festivals are:

1. Passover (Pesach)
2. Festival of Unleavened Bread (Chag HaMatzot), which immediately follows Passover
3. Feast of Weeks (Chag HaShavuot)

### The 4 autumn festivals are:

1. Day of Trumpets (Yom Teruah/Zichron Teruah/Rosh HaShanah)
2. Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur), Day of Atonements (Yom HaKippurim)
3. Feast of Tabernacles (Chag HaSukkot)
4. 8<sup>th</sup> day Assembly (Shemini Atzeret), which immediately follows Sukkot



Shavuot is the 2<sup>nd</sup> appointed time (moad) of the year and the 3<sup>rd</sup> High Sabbath. Shavuot is observed 50 days after one would bring their wave sheaf offering to the temple. *'And from the morrow after the Sabbath, from the day that you brought the sheaf of the wave offering, you shall count for yourselves: 7 completed Sabbaths. And from the morrow after the 7<sup>th</sup> Sabbath, you count 50 days, then you shall bring a new grain offering to Yahweh'* (Lev. 23:15-16). Besides the 2 loaves of bread offered as first-fruits one would also offer a sin offering and a peace offering. *'And on this same day you shall proclaim a set-apart gathering (mikra kodesh) for yourselves, you do no servile work on it - a law forever in all your dwellings throughout your generation.'* (Lev. 23:21).

These festivals were commanded by Yahweh to be kept by the children of Yisra'el throughout their generations, and that is why we are observing them as well (Lev. 23).

**Chag Sameach (Happy Feast) from MTOI and YMTOI**