

## **FEAST OF FIRSTFRUITS**

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*Date in Hebrew Calendar: 16<sup>th</sup> of Nisan (March-April)*  
*Scriptural references: Leviticus 23:9-14; 1Cor 15:20-23.*

The original Feast of Firstfruits was a celebration of the spring barley harvest. The harvest would begin in the month of Nisan, and the Lord required the Israelites to bring the first sheaf of the harvest-the “first fruits” – to His temple as a wave offering.

Yeshua (Jesus) was resurrected from the dead on the Feast of Firstfruits-as the “Firstfruits” from the dead-another sign of His Messiahship, and of His fulfillment of all the Law and the Prophets.

In modern observance this day is called the “Counting of the Sheaves” (“Omer” in Hebrew). The count begins on the day of the sheaf was to have been waved in the temple-The Feast of Firstfruits-and ends 50 days later on Shavout (Pentecost).

Just as the term “Firstfruits” implies that there will be more, so Yeshua’s resurrection from the dead on the Feast of Firstfruits is indicative of the promised resurrection from the dead of many more-all those who confess with their mouths that He is Lord, and believe in their hearts that God has raised Him from the dead (Romans 10:9-10).