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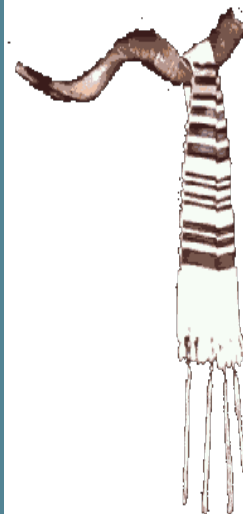
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Message from Pastor Mark

Shalom one and all!!

Chag Sameach or may you have a happy and joyful Feast of Unleavened Bread. We are now in the days of the counting of the Omer until the Feast of Shavuot or Pentecost. Around 2,000 years ago these days were especially filled with excitement when Yeshua rose and appeared to multitudes of

disciples then ascended from the Mt of Olives, promising to return in the same way. Well, 2,000 years have gone by and we are still waiting, believing and expecting that it just might be our generation that gets to see the glorious fulfillment!

We have many exciting events coming. Ari Abramowitz with Tuesday Night Live from Jerusalem will be speaking on Monday night, April 23rd. He and his cohost Jeremy Gimpel produce amazing short videos on the current problems in the Middle east. The latest and greatest is on our homepage you can access [here](#). Be sure and come to this amazing event if you are able and if not at least watch the [YouTube videos feeds](#) as that helps increase its webranking and we would love to see it in the top 10!



Also we have our very first El Shaddai Ministries [Shavuot Conference](#) coming on Memorial Day weekend! We will have our normal service on Shabbat morning followed by a picnic lunch at Clark's Creek Park where we will do our mikvahs (baptisms) for those interested. Then Sunday and Monday we move to the Puyallup Fairgrounds for all day seminars with Dr. Frank Seekins, Dr and Dr. Danny Ben Gigi. The cost for the entire weekend conference is only \$30 which includes a \$15 rebate ticket that will go towards the purchase of materials they will be selling. Breakfast and dinners you will be on your own and you can register for a sack lunch that will be provided for \$12.00/day. Be sure and register right away!

Next month for those who can make it I will be teaching a free conference in Raymond, Washington and you can find information about that [here](#).

As always I want to promote our [Israel tour](#) coming this November. I believe this will be our best one ever and the most eye opening. This is not your normal tour and this year being so significant prophetically you won't want to miss it if you can at all come.

Now for some Hebrew fun! The Bible says:

Ps 119:105 NUN. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

This is from the section honoring the Hebrew letter nun. It just so happens the word for lamp in Hebrew is Ner or in Hebrew . In the ancient Hebrew it looked like this: 

The ancient letter nun you can see how it became our letter N. It was the symbolic picture of a fish darting through water and represented life. The second letter is the reish our letter "r" and was the picture of a person's head. The symbolic meaning was a person or the head. So the word for lamp symbolically meant that a lamp would bring "life to the person".

I can't help but think how the Word of God is likened to what gives life to a person. I'm sure you remember how the foolish virgins have on oil in their lamps. Could it be the word of God is what is missing?

Be Blessed!

Pastor Mark

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Counting The Omer

By Tom O'Haver

When the Jews left Egypt, they were filled with excitement. In 49 days, they were going to receive the Torah from God at Mt Sinai.

They began to count the days. One day, two days... till they had counted up to seven full weeks.

Then it happened. God gave them the Torah. The Day of Pentecost or Shavuot commemorates this event.

Before Yeshua ascended into heaven he told his disciples in Luke 24:49 *"And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high."*

They waited as He instructed and on the Day of Pentecost the Holy Spirit fell.

Today, the Jewish people and we at El Shaddai Ministries still count the days between Passover (Pesach) and the Day of Pentecost (Shavuot), as we prepare to receive the Torah and celebrate the giving of the Holy Spirit (Ruach HaKodesh) again on the Festival of Shavuot. This is called "Counting the Days of the Omer," or "Sefiras Ha'Omer."

Here's how to do it?

Every night, after dark, say the following blessing, and then count the proper day:

Baruch Atah Ado-nai Elo-hai-nu Melech Ha-olam, Asher Kid'shanu B'Mitzvotav V'tzi-vanu Al Sefirat Ha-Omer.

Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the Universe, Who has made us holy with His Commandments, and encouraged us concerning the counting of the Omer.

Then we count the day saying:

"Today is one day (or two days, or three days, etc.) of the Omer."

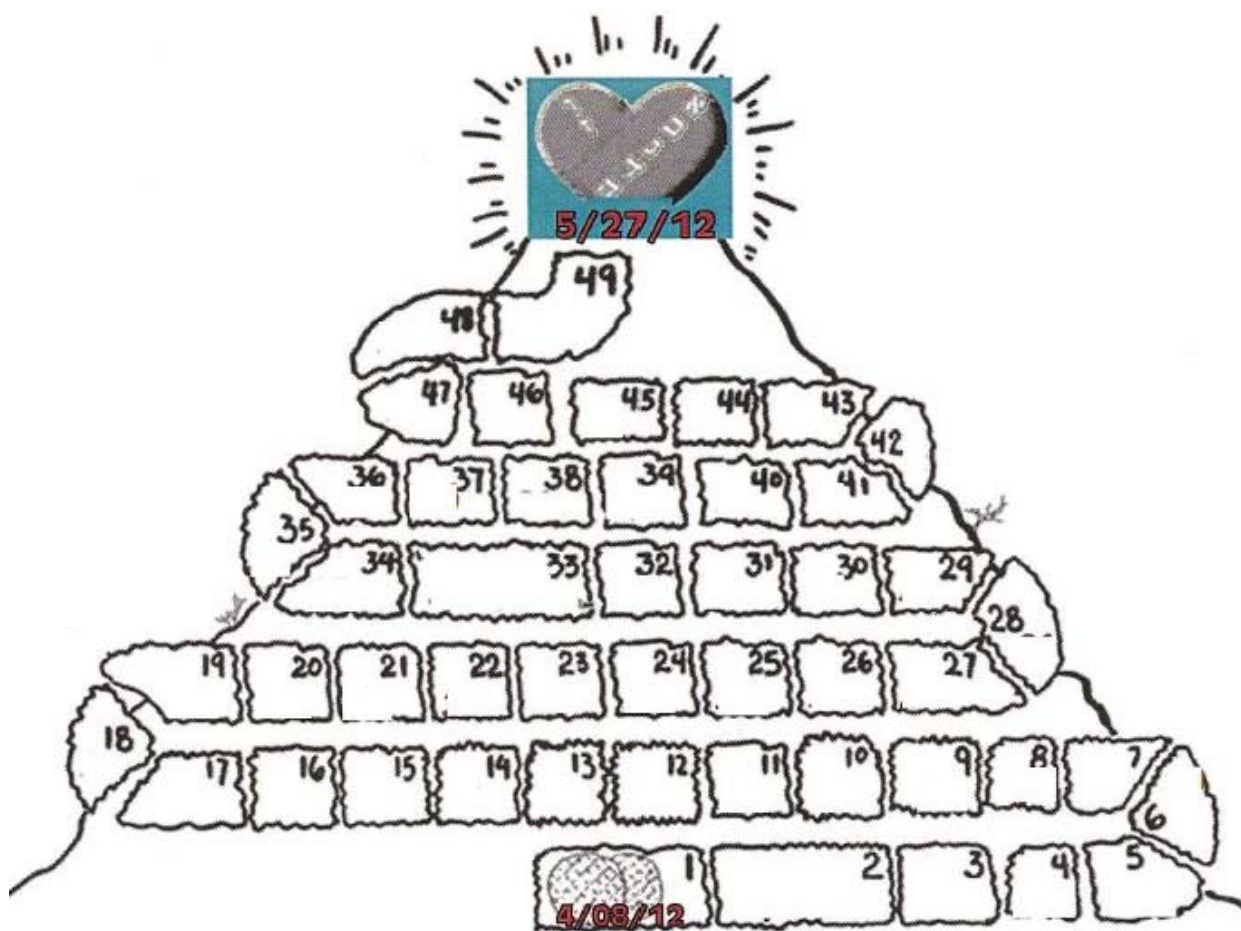
We begin counting the Omer on the second night of the week of Unleavened Bread.

Psalm 67 is also recited daily because it is composed of exactly 49 Hebrew words which correspond to the 49 days of the Omer count. The Psalm is seasonally appropriate because of

its harvest motif. It is spiritually appropriate because it speaks clearly of God's salvation (Yeshua) being made known over all the earth.

Psalm 67: *"May God be merciful to us, and bless us, and cause His face to shine on us. Selah. So that Your way may be known on earth, Your salvation among all nations. Let the nations praise You, O God; let all the nations thank You. O let the nations be glad and sing for joy; for You shall judge the peoples righteously and govern the nations on earth. Selah. Let the nations give thanks to You, O God; let all the nations praise You. The earth shall yield its increase; and God, our own God, shall bless us. God shall bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear Him."*

We have a chart that you can [download](#) to help in the Counting of the Omer.



How To Use Your Chart:

Each time you count a day of the Omer, color in the space on the chart above for that day.



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RECIPES

Submitted by Tina Fallstead

Pomegranate Brisket



Ingredients:

- 5-pound brisket
- ½ cup red wine
- ½ cup pomegranate juice
- 3 tbsp. honey
- 3 tbsp. imitation mustard
- 5 tbsp. olive oil
- 1 tbsp. rosemary
- salt and pepper
- paprika
- 1 large beet, diced
- ½ cup pomegranate seeds (optional)
- 1 large onion, diced

Directions:

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1. Preheat oven to 400°.
2. Place roast in an extra-large roasting pan on top of diced onion, pomegranate seeds and diced beet.
3. Rub roast with olive oil, paprika, salt and pepper, and rosemary.
4. Mix together red wine, pomegranate juice, honey, and mustard, and pour over roast.
5. Cover and bake for 2-2½ hours, depending on how rare or well done you prefer.

Mixed Berry Quinoa with Roasted Almonds

Ingredients:

- 1 cup red quinoa
- 1 cup slivered almonds
- 1 cup white quinoa
- 5-6 medium mushrooms, chopped
- 1 cup golden raisins
- 1 Vidalia onion, diced
- 1 cup Craisins
- 2 tbsp. canola oil
- salt and pepper to taste

Directions:

1. Cook quinoa according to package.
2. In a separate skillet, sauté onions in canola oil until golden brown.
3. Add chopped mushrooms and sauté for one minute.
4. Add raisins, craisins and almonds, and sauté for another
5. When quinoa is ready, add to pan and mix with other ingredients.
6. Add salt and pepper to taste.

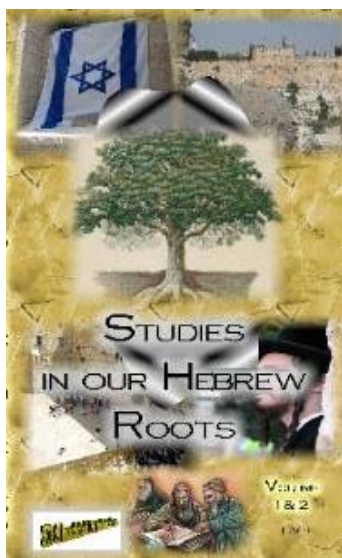


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Submitted by Tina Fallstead

Did you know that you can WATCH all of our services on Vimeo or straight from our website? We are also making DVDs of guest speakers as well as some special individual teachings from Pastor Mark available for sale. Check them out in "Our Store".



Studies in Our

Hebrew Roots

Volume 1 & 2

By Pastor Mark Biltz

In answer to a cry for enlightened understanding of our connection to our Hebrew Roots, Pastor Mark Biltz has provided clear teaching. Fueled now by his passion for studies of literature written from a Jewish mindset he was humbled by the grace, wisdom and insight that poured forth. Studying our Hebrew heritage for over 25 years and realizing the Jews loved the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob he saw that they had been studying and mining the Tanakh for millennia looking for nuggets.

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-Pastor Mark Boltz

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