

Vine's Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words

Easter

[1., [G3957](#), *pascha*]

mistranslated Easter" in [Acts 12:4](#), AV, denotes the Passover (RV). The phrase "after the Passover" signifies after the whole festival was at an end. The term "Easter" is not of Christian origin. It is another form of Astarte, one of the titles of the Chaldean goddess, the queen of heaven.

The festival of Pasch held by Christians in post-apostolic times was a continuation of the Jewish feast, but was not instituted by Christ, nor was it connected with Lent. From this Pasch the pagan festival of "Easter" was quite distinct and was introduced into the apostate Western religion, as part of the attempt to adapt pagan festivals to Christianity. See [PASSOVER](#).

(See [Jeremiah 7:18, 44:17-19](#))

Passover

[1., [G3957](#), *pascha*]

the Greek spelling of the Aramaic word for the Passover, from the Hebrew pasach, to pass over, to spare," a feast instituted by God in commemoration of the deliverance of Israel from Egypt, and anticipatory of the expiatory sacrifice of Christ. The word signifies

(I) "the Passover Feast," e.g., [Matthew 26:2](#); [John 2:13](#), [John 2:23](#); [John 6:4](#); [John 11:55](#); [John 12:1](#); [John 13:1](#); [John 18:39](#); [John 19:14](#); [Acts 12:4](#); [Hebrews 11:28](#); (II) by metonymy,

(a) "the Paschal Supper," [Matthew 26:18-Matthew 26:19](#); [Mark 14:16](#); [Luke 22:8](#), [Luke 22:13](#);

(b) "the Paschal lamb," e.g., [Mark 14:12](#) (cp. [Exodus 12:21](#)); [Luke 22:7](#);

(c) "Christ Himself," [1 Corinthians 5:7](#).

KJ21

And when he had apprehended him, he put him in prison and delivered him to four quaternions of soldiers to guard him, intending after Easter to bring him forth to the people.

ASV

And when he had taken him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four quaternions of soldiers to guard him; intending after the Passover to bring him forth to the people.

AMP

When he had seized Peter, he put him in prison, turning him over to four squads of soldiers of four each to guard him [in rotation throughout the night], planning after the Passover to bring him out before the people [for execution].

AMPC

And when he had seized [Peter], he put him in prison and delivered him to four squads of soldiers of four each to guard him, purposing after the Passover to bring him forth to the people.

BRG

And when he had apprehended him, he put *him* in prison, and delivered *him* to four quaternions of soldiers to keep him; intending after Easter to bring him forth to the people.

CSB

After the arrest, he put him in prison and assigned four squads of four soldiers each to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover.

CEB

He put Peter in prison, handing him over to four squads of soldiers, sixteen in all, who guarded him. He planned to charge him publicly after the Passover.

CJB

so when Herod seized him, he threw him in prison, handing him over to be guarded by four squads of four soldiers each, with the intention of bringing him to public trial after *Pesach*.

CEV

He put Peter in jail and ordered four squads of soldiers to guard him. Herod planned to put him on trial in public after the festival.

DARBY

whom having seized he put in prison, having delivered him to four quaternions of soldiers to keep, purposing after the passover to bring him out to the people.

DLNT

whom indeed having seized, he put into prison, having handed *him* over *to* four squads *of* soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him up *to* the people after the Passover [Feast].

DRA

And when he had apprehended him, he cast him into prison, delivering him to four files of soldiers to be kept, intending, after the pasch, to bring him forth to the people.

ERV

He arrested Peter and put him in jail, where he was guarded by a group of 16 soldiers. Herod planned to bring Peter before the people, but he wanted to wait until after the Passover festival.

EASY

After the soldiers caught Peter, they put him in prison. While he was in prison, four different groups of soldiers guarded him. There were four soldiers in each group. Herod wanted to judge Peter in front of everybody. After the Passover festival had finished, he would bring Peter out of the prison to do this.

EHV

After arresting Peter, Herod put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of four soldiers each to guard him. Herod intended to bring him before the people for trial after the Passover.

ESV

And when he had seized him, he put him in prison, delivering him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending after the Passover to bring him out to the people.

ESVUK

And when he had seized him, he put him in prison, delivering him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending after the Passover to bring him out to the people.

EXB

After Herod ·arrested [seized] Peter, he put him in ·jail [prison] and handed him over to be guarded by ·sixteen [^Lfour squads of four] soldiers. Herod planned to bring Peter ·before the people for trial [^Lto the people; ^Can idiom for a public trial] after the Passover Feast.

GNV

And when he had caught him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four quaternions of soldiers to be kept, intending after the Passover to bring him forth to the people.

GW

After capturing Peter, Herod had him thrown into prison with sixteen soldiers in squads of four to guard him. Herod wanted to bring Peter to trial in front of the people after Passover.

GNT

After his arrest Peter was put in jail, where he was handed over to be guarded by four groups of four soldiers each. Herod planned to put him on trial in public after Passover.

HCSB

After the arrest, he put him in prison and assigned four squads of four soldiers each to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover.

ICB

After Herod arrested Peter, he put him in jail and handed him over to be guarded by 16 soldiers. Herod planned to bring Peter before the people for trial after the Passover Feast.

ISV

When he arrested Peter, Herod put him in prison and turned him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, planning to bring him out to the people after Passover season.

PHILLIPS

It was at this time that King Herod laid violent hands on some of the Church members. James, John's brother, he executed with the sword, and when he found this action pleased the Jews he went on to arrest Peter as well. It was during the days of unleavened bread that he actually made the arrest. He put Peter in prison with no less than four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. So Peter was closely guarded in the prison, while the Church prayed to God earnestly on his behalf.

JUB

And when he had apprehended him, he put *him* in prison and delivered *him* to four quaternions of soldiers to keep him, intending after the Passover to bring him forth to the people.

KJV

And when he had apprehended him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four quaternions of soldiers to keep him; intending after Easter to bring him forth to the people.

AKJV

And when he had apprehended him, he put *him* in prison, and delivered *him* to four quaternions of soldiers to keep him; intending after Easter to bring him forth to the people.

LSB

When he had seized him, he put him in prison, delivering him to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending after the Passover to bring him out before the people.

LEB

After he had arrested *him*, he also put *him* in prison, handing *him* over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him *out for public trial* after the Passover.

TLB

and imprisoned him, placing him under the guard of sixteen soldiers. Herod's intention was to deliver Peter to the Jews for execution after the Passover.

MSG

That's when King Herod got it into his head to go after some of the church members. He murdered James, John's brother. When he saw how much it raised his popularity ratings with the Jews, he arrested Peter—all this during Passover Week, mind you—and had him thrown in jail, putting four squads of four soldiers each to guard him. He was planning a public lynching after Passover.

MEV

When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him before the people after the Passover.

MOUNCE

When he had seized him, he put him in prison, handing him over to four squads of four soldiers each to guard him, intending after the Passover to bring him out to the people.

NOG

After capturing Peter, Herod had him thrown into prison with sixteen soldiers in squads of four to guard him. Herod wanted to bring Peter to trial in front of the people after Passover.

NABRE

He had him taken into custody and put in prison under the guard of four squads of four soldiers each. He intended to bring him before the people after Passover.

NASB

When he had arrested him, he put him in prison, turning him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending *only* after the Passover to bring him before the people.

NASB1995

When he had seized him, he put him in prison, delivering him to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending after the Passover to bring him out before the people.

NCB

he imprisoned him and assigned four squads of four soldiers each to guard him, intending to subject him to a public trial after Passover.

NCV

After Herod arrested Peter, he put him in jail and handed him over to be guarded by sixteen soldiers. Herod planned to bring Peter before the people for trial after the Passover Feast.

NET

When he had seized him, he put him in prison, handing him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him. Herod planned to bring him out for public trial after the Passover.

NIRV

After Herod arrested Peter, he put him in prison. Peter was placed under guard. He was watched by four groups of four soldiers each. Herod planned to put Peter on public trial. It would take place after the Passover Feast.

NIV

After arresting him, he put him in prison, handing him over to be guarded by four squads of four soldiers each. Herod intended to bring him out for public trial after the Passover.

NIVUK

After arresting him, he put him in prison, handing him over to be guarded by four squads of four soldiers each. Herod intended to bring him out for public trial after the Passover.

NKJV

So when he had arrested him, he put *him* in prison, and delivered *him* to four squads of soldiers to keep him, intending to bring him before the people after Passover.

NLV

Herod took Peter and put him in prison and had sixteen soldiers watch him. After the special religious gathering was over, he planned to bring Peter out to the people.

NLT

Then he imprisoned him, placing him under the guard of four squads of four soldiers each. Herod intended to bring Peter out for public trial after the Passover.

NMB

And when he had caught Peter, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four quaternions of soldiers to be kept, intending after the Passover to bring him forth to the people.

NRSVA

When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover.

NRSVACE

When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover.

NRSVCE

When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover.

NRSVUE

When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover.

NTFE

So, when he had seized him, he put him in prison, and gave four squads of soldiers the job of guarding him, with the intention of bringing him out to the people after Passover.

OJB

When he had Kefa seized, he put him in the beis hasohar, having handed him over to four squads of chayalim to guard him, intending after Pesach to bring him before the people.

RGT

And when he had caught him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four quaternions of soldiers to be kept, intending to bring him forth to the people after the Passover.

RSV

And when he had seized him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending after the Passover to bring him out to the people.

RSVCE

And when he had seized him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending after the Passover to bring him out to the people.

TLV

After seizing him, he put him in prison, handing him over to four squads with four soldiers each to guard him. He was intending to bring him before the people after Passover.

VOICE

he caught Peter and imprisoned him, assigning four squads of soldiers to guard him. He planned to bring him to trial publicly after the Passover holiday.

WEB

When he had arrested him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four squads of four soldiers each to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover.

WE

After Herod had caught Peter, he put him in prison. He told four groups of soldiers to guard him. There were four soldiers in each group. He planned to bring him out for trial before the people. But he would do it after the Passover Feast.

WYC

And when he had caught Peter, he sent him into prison; and betook *him* to four quaternions of knights, to keep him, and would after pask bring him forth to the people [willing after pask to bring him forth to the people].

YLT

whom also having seized, he did put in prison, having delivered [him] to four quaternions of soldiers to guard him, intending after the passover to bring him forth to the people.

Exodus 6:6-8

⁶ “Therefore, say to the people of Isra’el: ‘I am *ADONAI*. I will free you from the forced labor of the Egyptians, rescue you from their oppression, and redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments. ⁷ I will take you as my people, and I will be your God. Then you will know that I am *ADONAI* your God, who freed you from the forced labor of the Egyptians. ⁸ I will bring you into the land which I swore to give to Avraham, Yitz’chak and Ya’akov — I will give it to you as your inheritance. I am *ADONAI*.’”

Leviticus 23:4-14

⁴ “These are the designated times of *ADONAI*, the holy convocations you are to proclaim at their designated times.

⁵ “In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month, between sundown and complete darkness, comes *Pesach* for *ADONAI*. ⁶ On the fifteenth day of the same month is the festival of *matzah*; for seven days you are to eat *matzah*. ⁷ On the first day you are to have a holy convocation; don’t do any kind of ordinary work. ⁸ Bring an offering made by fire to *ADONAI* for seven days. On the seventh day is a holy convocation; do not do any kind of ordinary work.’”

⁹ *ADONAI* said to Moshe, ¹⁰ “Tell the people of Isra’el, ‘After you enter the land I am giving you and harvest its ripe crops, you are to bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest to the *cohen*. ¹¹ He is to wave the sheaf before *ADONAI*, so that you will be accepted; the *cohen* is to wave it on the day after the *Shabbat*. ¹² On the day that you wave the sheaf, you are to offer a male lamb without defect, in its first year, as a burnt offering for *ADONAI*. ¹³ Its grain offering is to be one gallon of fine flour mixed with olive oil, an offering made by fire to *ADONAI* as a fragrant aroma; its drink offering is to be of wine, one quart. ¹⁴ You are not to eat bread, dried grain or fresh grain until the day you bring the offering for your God; this is a permanent regulation through all your generations, no matter where you live.

Numbers 28:16-25

(vi) ¹⁶ “In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month, is *ADONAI*'s *Pesach*. ¹⁷ On the fifteenth day of the month is to be a feast. *Matzah* is to be eaten for seven days. ¹⁸ The first day is to be a holy convocation: do not do any kind of ordinary work; ¹⁹ but present an offering made by fire, a burnt offering, to *ADONAI*, consisting of two young bulls, one ram, and seven male lambs in their first year (they are to be without defect for you) ²⁰ with their grain offering, fine flour mixed with olive oil. Offer six quarts for a bull, four quarts for the ram, ²¹ and two quarts for each of the seven lambs; ²² also a male goat as a sin offering, to make atonement for you. ²³ You are to offer these in addition to the morning burnt offering, which is the regular burnt offering. ²⁴ In this fashion you are to offer daily, for seven days, the food of the offering made by fire, making a fragrant aroma for *ADONAI* ; it is to be offered in addition to the regular burnt offering and its drink offering. ²⁵ On the seventh day you are to have a holy convocation; do not do any kind of ordinary work.

John 19:31

³¹ It was Preparation Day, and the Judeans did not want the bodies to remain on the stake on *Shabbat*, since it was an especially important *Shabbat*. So they asked Pilate to have the legs broken and the bodies removed.

Exodus 12:46

⁴⁶ It is to be eaten in one house. You are not to take any of the meat outside the house, and you are not to break any of its bones.

Numbers 9:12

¹² they are to leave none of it until morning, and they are not to break any of its bones — they are to observe it according to all the regulations of *Pesach*.

Psalms 34:20(19)(20)

He protects all his bones;
not one of them gets broken.

John 19:32-37

³² The soldiers came and broke the legs of the first man who had been put on a stake beside Yeshua, then the legs of the other one; ³³ but when they got to Yeshua and saw that he was already dead, they didn't break his legs. ³⁴ However, one of the soldiers stabbed his side with a spear, and at once blood and water flowed out. ³⁵ The man who saw it has testified about it, and his testimony is true. And he knows that he tells the truth, so you too can trust. ³⁶ For these things happened in order to fulfill this passage of the *Tanakh*:

“Not one of his bones will be broken.”^[b] **Psalm 34:21(20); Exodus 12:46; Numbers 9:12**

³⁷ And again, another passage says,

“They will look at him whom they have pierced.”^[c] **Zechariah 12:10**

1 John 1:7-9

⁷ But if we are walking in the light, as he is in the light, then we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of his Son Yeshua purifies us from all sin.

⁸ If we claim not to have sin, we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we acknowledge our sins, then, since he is trustworthy and just, he will forgive them and purify us from all wrongdoing.

Hebrews 9:14

¹⁴ then how much more the blood of the Messiah, who, through the eternal Spirit, offered himself to God as a sacrifice without blemish, will purify our

conscience from works that lead to death, so that we can serve the living God!

Hebrews 12:24

²⁴ to the mediator of a new covenant, Yeshua; and to the sprinkled blood that speaks better things than that of Hevel.(abel)

Matthew 26:28

²⁸ For this is my blood, which ratifies the New Covenant, my blood shed on behalf of many, so that they may have their sins forgiven.

Revelation 1:4a-6

shalom to you from the One who is, who was and who is coming; from the sevenfold Spirit before his throne; ⁵ and from Yeshua the Messiah, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead and the ruler of the earth's kings.

To him, the one who loves us, who has freed us from our sins at the cost of his blood, ⁶ who has caused us to be a kingdom, that is, *cohanim* for God, his Father — to him be the glory and the rulership forever and ever. *Amen*.

Exodus 12:8

⁸ That night, they are to eat the meat, roasted in the fire; they are to eat it with *matzah* and *maror*.

Ephesians 2:8-9

⁸ For you have been delivered by grace through trusting, and even this is not your accomplishment but God's gift. ⁹ You were not delivered by your own actions; therefore no one should boast.

1 Peter 1:18-21

¹⁸ You should be aware that the ransom paid to free you from the worthless way of life which your fathers passed on to you did not consist of anything perishable like silver or gold; ¹⁹ on the contrary, it was the costly bloody sacrificial death of the Messiah, as of a lamb without defect or spot. ²⁰ God knew him before the founding of the universe, but revealed him in

the *acharit-hayamim* for your sakes.²¹ Through him you trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory; so that your trust and hope are in God.

Unleavened Bread

Exodus 12:15-20

¹⁵ “For seven days you are to eat *matzah* — on the first day remove the leaven from your houses. For whoever eats *hametz* [leavened bread] from the first to the seventh day is to be cut off from Isra’el. ¹⁶ On the first and seventh days, you are to have an assembly set aside for God. On these days no work is to be done, except what each must do to prepare his food; you may do only that. ¹⁷ You are to observe the festival of *matzah*, for on this very day I brought your divisions out of the land of Egypt. Therefore, you are to observe this day from generation to generation by a perpetual regulation. ¹⁸ From the evening of the fourteenth day of the first month until the evening of the twenty-first day, you are to eat *matzah*. ¹⁹ During those seven days, no leaven is to be found in your houses. Whoever eats food with *hametz* in it is to be cut off from the community of Isra’el — it doesn’t matter whether he is a foreigner or a citizen of the land. ²⁰ Eat nothing with *hametz* in it. Wherever you live, eat *matzah*.”

Exodus 13:6-10

⁶ For seven days you are to eat *matzah*, and the seventh day is to be a festival for *ADONAI*. ⁷ *Matzah* is to be eaten throughout the seven days; neither *hametz* nor leavening agents are to be seen with you throughout your territory. ⁸ On that day you are to tell your son, ‘It is because of what *ADONAI* did for me when I left Egypt.’

⁹ “Moreover, it will serve you as a sign on your hand and as a reminder between your eyes, so that *ADONAI*’s *Torah* may be on your lips; because with a strong hand *ADONAI* brought you out of Egypt. ¹⁰ Therefore you are to observe this regulation at its proper time, year after year.

Leviticus 23:4-8

⁴ “These are the designated times of *ADONAI*, the holy convocations you are to proclaim at their designated times.

⁵ “In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month, between sundown and complete darkness, comes *Pesach* for *ADONAI*. ⁶ On the fifteenth day of

the same month is the festival of *matzah*; for seven days you are to eat *matzah*.⁷ On the first day you are to have a holy convocation; don't do any kind of ordinary work.⁸ Bring an offering made by fire to *ADONAI* for seven days. On the seventh day is a holy convocation; do not do any kind of ordinary work.”

Matthew 16:5-12

⁵ The *talmidim*, in crossing to the other side of the lake, had forgotten to bring any bread. ⁶ So when Yeshua said to them, “Watch out! Guard yourselves against the *hametz* of the *P'rushim* and *Tz'dukim*,” ⁷ they thought he said it because they hadn't brought bread. ⁸ But Yeshua, aware of this, said, “Such little trust you have! Why are you talking with each other about not having bread? ⁹ Don't you understand yet? Don't you remember the five loaves of the five thousand and how many baskets you filled? ¹⁰ Or the seven loaves of the four thousand and how many baskets you filled? ¹¹ How can you possibly think I was talking to you about bread? Guard yourselves from the *hametz* of the *P'rushim* and *Tz'dukim*!” ¹² Then they understood — they were to guard themselves not from yeast for bread but from the teaching of the *P'rushim* and *Tz'dukim*.

Galatians 5:9

⁹ “It takes only a little *hametz* to leaven the whole batch of dough.”

1 Corinthians 5:7-8

⁷ Get rid of the old *hametz*, so that you can be a new batch of dough, because in reality you are unleavened. For our *Pesach* lamb, the Messiah, has been sacrificed. ⁸ So let us celebrate the *Seder* not with leftover *hametz*, the *hametz* of wickedness and evil, but with the *matzah* of purity and truth.

[Zechariah 12:10](#)

and I will pour out on the house of David and on those living in Yerushalayim a spirit of grace and prayer; and they will look to me, whom they pierced.” They will mourn for him as one mourns for an only son; they will be in bitterness on his behalf like the bitterness for a firstborn son.

Isaiah 53:4-6

In fact, it was our diseases he bore,
our pains from which he suffered;
yet we regarded him as punished,
stricken and afflicted by God.

⁵ But he was wounded because of our crimes,
crushed because of our sins;
the disciplining that makes us whole fell on him,
and by his **bruises*** we are healed.

⁶ We all, like sheep, went astray;
we turned, each one, to his own way;
yet *ADONAI* laid on him
the guilt of all of us.

First Fruits

Leviticus 23:9-14

⁹ *ADONAI* said to Moshe, ¹⁰ “Tell the people of Isra’el, ‘After you enter the land I am giving you and harvest its ripe crops, you are to bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest to the *cohen*. ¹¹ He is to wave the sheaf before *ADONAI*, so that you will be accepted; the *cohen* is to wave it on the day after the *Shabbat*. ¹² On the day that you wave the sheaf, you are to offer a male lamb without defect, in its first year, as a burnt offering for *ADONAI*. ¹³ Its grain offering is to be one gallon of fine flour mixed with olive oil, an offering made by fire to *ADONAI* as a fragrant aroma; its drink offering is to be of wine, one quart. ¹⁴ You are not to eat bread, dried grain or fresh grain until the day you bring the offering for your God; this is a permanent regulation through all your generations, no matter where you live.

Leviticus 23:15-21

¹⁵ “From the day after the day of rest — that is, from the day you bring the sheaf for waving — you are to count seven full weeks, ¹⁶ until the day after the seventh week; you are to count fifty days; and then you are to present a new grain offering to *ADONAI*. ¹⁷ You must bring bread from your homes for waving — two loaves made with one gallon of fine flour, baked with leaven — as firstfruits for *ADONAI*. ¹⁸ Along with the bread, present seven lambs without defect one year old, one young bull and two rams; these will be a burnt offering for *ADONAI*, with their grain and drink offerings, an offering made by fire as a fragrant aroma for *ADONAI*. ¹⁹ Offer one male goat as a sin offering and two male lambs one year old as a sacrifice of peace offerings. ²⁰ The *cohen* will wave them with the bread of the firstfruits as a wave offering before *ADONAI*, with the two lambs; these will be holy for *ADONAI* for the *cohen*. ²¹ On the same day, you are to call a holy convocation; do not do any kind of ordinary work; this is a permanent regulation through all your generations, no matter where you live.

Acts 1:3-4

After his death he showed himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. During a period of forty days they saw him, and he spoke with them about the Kingdom of God.

⁴ At one of these gatherings, he instructed them not to leave Yerushalayim but to wait for “what the Father promised, which you heard about from me. ⁵ For Yochanan used to immerse people in water; but in a few days, you will be immersed in the *Ruach HaKodesh!*”

Shavuot/Pentecost

Deuteronomy 16:9-12

⁹“You are to count seven weeks; you are to begin counting seven weeks from the time you first put your sickle to the standing grain. ¹⁰ You are to observe the festival of *Shavu'ot* [weeks] for *ADONAI* your God with a voluntary offering, which you are to give in accordance with the degree to which *ADONAI* your God has prospered you. ¹¹ You are to rejoice in the presence of *ADONAI* your God — you, your sons and daughters, your male and female slaves, the *L'vi'im* living in your towns, and the foreigners, orphans and widows living among you — in the place where *ADONAI* your God will choose to have his name live. ¹² Remember that you were a slave in Egypt; then you will keep and obey these laws.

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

26 “When you have come to the land *ADONAI* your God is giving you as your inheritance, taken possession of it and settled there; ² you are to take the firstfruits of all the crops the ground yields, which you will harvest from your land that *ADONAI* your God is giving you, put them in a basket and go to the place where *ADONAI* your God will choose to have his name live. ³ You will approach the *cohen* holding office at the time and say to him, ‘Today I declare to *ADONAI* your God that I have come to the land *ADONAI* swore to our ancestors that he would give us.’ ⁴ The *cohen* will take the basket from your hand and put it down in front of the altar of *ADONAI* your God.

⁵ “Then, in the presence of *ADONAI* your God, you are to say, ‘My ancestor was a nomad from Aram. He went down into Egypt few in number and stayed. There he became a great, strong, populous nation. ⁶ But the Egyptians treated us badly; they oppressed us and imposed harsh slavery on us. ⁷ So we cried out to *ADONAI*, the God of our ancestors. *ADONAI* heard us and saw our misery, toil and oppression; ⁸ and *ADONAI* brought us out of Egypt with a strong hand and a stretched-out arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. ⁹ Now he has brought us to this place and given us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰ Therefore, as you see, I have now brought the firstfruits of the land which you, *ADONAI*, have given me.’

You are then to put the basket down before *ADONAI* your God, prostrate yourself before *ADONAI* your God, ¹¹ and take joy in all the good that *ADONAI* your God has given you, your household, the *Levi* and the foreigner living with you.

Acts 2:2-4

2 The festival of *Shavu'ot* arrived, and the believers all gathered together in one place. ² Suddenly there came a sound from the sky like the roar of a violent wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ Then they saw what looked like tongues of fire, which separated and came to rest on each one of them. ⁴ They were all filled with the *Ruach HaKodesh* and began to talk in different languages, as the Spirit enabled them to speak.