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THE COUNTING OF THE OMER

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Introduction to the Counting of the Omer

The document begins with Pastor Jim Staley introducing the concept of the counting of the Omer, a commandment and prophecy in the Bible. He relates it to events in Acts chapter two and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. He also connects it to significant periods such as the 40 days Yeshua spent in the desert, the 40 years the Israelites spent in the desert, and the 40 days Yeshua spent on earth after his resurrection.

Counting the Omer Teaching

God's Prophetic Calendar

God's Calendar vs. Roman Calendar: Explaining that the counting of the Omer is part of what is called God's prophetic calendar, which differs from the Roman calendar

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adopted by Christianity. Pastor Staley asserts that God's calendar was replaced by a non-divine calendar.
Feast Days:* The discussion continues to two sets of feast days in this calendar. The first four, happening in the spring, relate to the first coming of Christ, while the last three, occurring in the fall, relate to the second coming of the Messiah.

The Counting of the Omer Commandment

***Biblical Basis**:* The commandment to count the Omer is found in Leviticus 23:15-16, instructing the counting of 50 days from the day after the Sabbath following Passover until Shavuot (Pentecost).
***Significance**:* Emphasizing the prophetic importance of this commandment, links it to the resurrection of Yeshua on the Feast of First Fruits and the subsequent countdown to Pentecost.

Historical and Prophetic Parallels

***Parallel Events**:* Drawing parallels between the first Passover and Pentecost with the events of Yeshua's death and resurrection, Pastor Jim highlights the striking similarities between the exodus from Egypt and the events leading up to and including Pentecost.
***Ten Plagues and Ten Commandments**:* The ten plagues leading to the Exodus are paralleled with the giving of the Ten Commandments at Mount Sinai.

Spiritual Insights and Practices

***Walking with God**:* Pastor Staley interprets the encounter on the road to Emmaus in Luke 24 as illustrating the importance of walking with and breaking bread with Yeshua to truly recognize Him.
***Tarrying and Receiving Power**:* The need for believers to tarry, or wait patiently, in the presence of God is emphasized to receive power from on high, as instructed by Yeshua before the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

Conclusion

***Call to Reflection**:* Pastor Staley concludes with a call for deeper reflection on these biblical events and commandments, encouraging believers to align their understanding and practices with what he presents as the true biblical calendar and its prophetic significance.

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