

## ~FIRSTFRUITS (165)

[English, initial produce, best offering, expression of thanksgiving]

### .. Figurative And Symbolic Use

- The Israelites were to present their **firstfruits** upon Yehowah God's altar for a restful odor.
- As an offering of the **firstfruits**, you will present them to Yehowah, and they must not come up onto the altar for a restful odor. (**Leviticus 2:12**)
- Moses commanded the Israelites when entering the Promised Land to bring their **firstfruits** to the priest.
- Speak to the sons of Israel, and you must say to them; When you eventually come into the land that I am giving you, and you have reaped its harvest, you must also bring a sheaf of the **firstfruits** of your harvest to the priest. (**Leviticus 23:10**)
- They were to make a contribution of their **firstfruits** of course meal as ring shaped cakes.
- You should make a contribution of the **firstfruits** of your coarse meal as ring-shaped cakes. Like the contribution of a threshing floor is the way you should contribute it. (**Numbers 15:20**)
- Some of the **firstfruits** of your coarse meal you should give as a contribution to Yehowah throughout your generations. (**Numbers 15:21**)
- They were also to offer the **firstfruits** of their oil and new wine and grain, a tenth part of all their produce.
- All the best of the oil and all the best of the new wine and the grain, their **firstfruits**, which they will give to Yehowah, I have given them to you. (**Numbers 18:12**)
- You must also take some of the **firstfruits** of all the fruitage of the soil, which you will bring in from the land of yours that Yehowah your God is giving you, and you must put them in a basket and go to the place that Yehowah your God will choose to have his name reside there. (**Deuteronomy 26:2**)

- And now here I have brought the **firstfruits** of the fruitage of the ground that Yehowah has given me. You must also deposit it before Yehowah your God and bow down before Yehowah your God. (**Deuteronomy 26:10**)
- And as soon as the word broke forth, the sons of Israel increased the **firstfruits** of the grain, new wine, and oil and honey and all the produce of the field, and the tenth of everything they brought in abundantly. (**2 Chronicles 31:5**)
- Also, the **firstfruits** of our coarse meal and our contributions and the fruitage of every sort of tree, new wine and oil we should bring to the priests to the dining halls of the house of our God, also the tenth from our soil to the Levites, as they, the Levites, are the ones receiving a tenth in all our agricultural cities. (**Nehemiah 10:37**)
- Further, there were appointed on that day men over the halls for the stores, for the contributions, for the **firstfruits** and for the tenths, to gather into them out of the fields of the cities the portions called for by the Law for the priests and the Levites, for the rejoicing of Judah was because of the priests and of the Levites who were in attendance. (**Nehemiah 12:44**)
- Honor Yehowah with your valuable things and with the **firstfruits** of all your produce. (**Proverbs 3:9**)
- For in my holy mountain, in the mountain of the height of Israel, is the utterance of the Sovereign Lord Yehowah, there is where they, the whole house of Israel in its entirety, will serve me, in the land. There I shall take pleasure in them, and there I shall require your contributions and the **firstfruits** of your presentations in all your holy things. (**Ezekiel 20:40**)
- And the first of all the first ripe fruits of everything and every contribution of everything out of all your contributions, to the priests it will come to belong, and the **firstfruits** of your coarse meals you should give to the priest, in order to cause a blessing to rest upon your house. (**Ezekiel 44:30**)

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- Paul showed, that spirit anointed Christians have the **firstfruits** of godly intimacy, the Holy Spirit, which makes them want to be adopted by God as his spiritual sons.
- Not only that, but we ourselves also who have the **firstfruits**, namely, the spirit, yes, we ourselves groan within ourselves, while we are earnestly waiting for adoption as sons, the release from our bodies by ransom. (**Romans 8:23**)
- Paul showed that the Jews were like firstfruits in sacred service and that if they were holy, then they also as Christians, were branches off of that fruit-bearing tree, and were holy also.
- Further, if the part taken as **firstfruits** is holy, the lump is also, and if the root is holy, the branches are also. (**Romans 11:16**)
- Paul spoke of Epaenetus as the firstfruits of Asia for Christ, for he was likely one of the first disciples from that area.
- And greet the congregation that is in their house. Greet my beloved Epaenetus, who is a **firstfruits** of Asia for Christ. (**Romans 16:5**)
- Christ has been raised up from the dead the **firstfruits** one another all the dead among mankind.
- However, now Christ has been raised up from the dead, the **firstfruits** of those who have fallen asleep in death. (**1 Corinthians 15:20**)
- Christ is to be raised up from the dead first, and so he is the **firstfruits** of the resurrection, later those who belong to Christ will be resurrected during his presence.
- But each one in his own rank. Christ the **firstfruits**, afterward those who belong to the Christ during his presence. (**1 Corinthians 15:23**)
- Paul spoke of Stephanas as the **firstfruits** of Achaia, likely the first disciple from that area.
- Now I exhort you, brothers. You know that the household of Stephanas is the **firstfruits** of Achaia and that they set themselves to minister to the holy ones. (**1 Corinthians 16:15**)

- James showed, that because Yehowah God willed it he brought spirit anointed Christians forth to be certain **firstfruits** of his creatures.
- Because he willed it, he brought us forth by the word of truth, for us to be certain **firstfruits** of his creatures. (**James 1:18**)
- The spirit anointed Christian congregation is a **firstfruit** from among mankind to God.
- These are the ones that did not defile themselves with women, in fact, they are virgins. These are the ones that keep following the Lamb no matter where he goes. These were bought from among mankind as **firstfruits** to God and to the Lamb. (**Revelation 14:4**)