

Pentecost Date Speculation

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IN a previous study, I speculated that the Pentecost-convergence on June 16 could be “a sign or marker, pointing to a near but still undisclosed time.”

While only the Lord knows the time, here are 12 reasons it could be June 23:

1. Jesus said it will be like the “days of Noah” when He returns (Matt. 24:37). Since God gave Noah a seven-day notice ahead of the Flood (Gen. 7:4), it is conceivable that the Pentecost-convergence on June 16 was a seven-day notice ahead of June 23.

2. With the June 16–23 date range in view—and also the fact that Hebrew numeric ranges are written right-to-left—it is striking that:

- Exodus ‘23:16’ tells us to observe Pentecost: “Celebrate the Festival of Harvest with the firstfruits of the crops you sow in your field.”
- Leviticus ‘23:16’ tells us how to calculate Pentecost: “Count off fifty days up to the day after the seventh Sabbath.”

3. The Eastern Orthodox Church, geographically descended from the churches founded by the apostles in the first century, reckons Pentecost June 22–23 this year.

4. With the June 22–23 date in view, it is significant that Leviticus ‘23:22’ mentions the reaping of the harvest at Pentecost: “When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field.”

5. In the Book of Jubilees, Pentecost is observed at the full moon of Sivan. The full moon of Sivan lands on June 22 this year.

6. In Proverbs, the full moon (June 22) is when the “husband,” or “goodman,” a type of Jesus, is expected to return: “My husband is not at home; he has gone on a long journey. He took with him a bag of money and will not return until the moon is full” (Prov. 7:19, 20).

7. Since the moon is symbolic of the Church, or Bride, the full moon (June 22) is a picture of the Bride in a state of fullness, or readiness for the wedding (Rom. 11:25).

8. The full moon of Sivan corresponds to the 15th day of the month. Since Hebrew dates are written right-to-left, the date Sivan 15 would appear as “15/3.” This is significant because 153 is the number of fish who are “caught up” and brought to the Lord—a picture of the Rapture (John 21).

9. With the 3/15 Pentecost date in view, it is significant that in Ruth ‘3:15,’ Boaz gives Ruth six measures of barley, as a token to seal the marriage contract. Boaz then takes Ruth to be his wife that same day (Ruth 4).

10. With the 6/23 date in view, it is interesting that the final verse of the most quoted psalm in the Bible—Psalm ‘23:6’—states, “I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.”

11. An average pregnancy term is 280 days. Counting 280 days from the “birth” sign in Virgo at last year’s Feast of Trumpets, we arrive at June 22–23.

12. A June 22–23 Pentecost is reconcilable with Leviticus 23, where we are told to keep the spring festivals as follows:

- Observe Passover (vv. 4, 5).
- Observe the week of Unleavened Bread (vv. 6–8).
- Offer up the “firstfruits,” and begin counting the seven weeks from the day after the Sabbath (9–15).

Based on a plain chronological reading of the above, one could argue that the count of seven weeks begins at the Sunday *after* the week of Unleavened Bread.

This way of reckoning finds support elsewhere in Scripture. When Jesus presented himself to the Father as the “firstfruits” of the resurrection, He was acting as the ultimate High Priest (Heb. 9; 1 Cor. 15:20–23). According to biblical law, the high priest was forbidden to come into contact with anything ceremonially unclean, e.g., a dead body, burial clothes, etc., as this would disqualify him from entering into God’s presence (Num. 19:12). This is why there is a seven-day consecration period for priests (Ex. 29). It is also why, during the seven days prior to entering the Holy of Holies (God’s inner sanctuary) on the Day of Atonement, the high priest was sequestered to a special chamber in the Temple, to avoid becoming unclean.

With the seven days of consecration or separation, in view, it is significant that after Jesus’ first appearance to the disciples on resurrection Sunday, He was not seen or touched again until a week later (John 20:26). It is thus conceivable that, while the Lord was resurrected after three days, He did not present Himself as the “firstfruits” until the seven days of consecration were complete the following Sunday.

Counting the seven weeks from this same Sunday—the one after the week of Unleavened Bread—Pentecost lands on June 22–23 this year.

SUMMARY

For the reasons noted above, it is conceivable that true Pentecost is June 22–23.

This date marks:

- Pentecost as observed by the Eastern Church.
- Pentecost as per the Book of Jubilees.
- The full moon that denotes the Bride in a state of fullness or readiness.
- The conclusion of a pregnancy term of 280 days since the “birth” sign on the Feast of Trumpets.

Most importantly, a June 22–23 Pentecost is reconcilable with Leviticus 23, the seven-day consecration period of the high priest, and Jesus’ absence during the week after His resurrection.

If June 22–23 is God’s true Pentecost, it means that the Pentecost-convergence on June 16 was a seven-day notice, or sign, ahead of the festival.

NOTES:

1. June 16 Pentecost-convergence:

Pentecost and the Church Age:
<https://tinyurl.com/msecwvr8>

Pentecost and the Rapture
<https://tinyurl.com/3e57d7xv>

The Resurrection Shroud and Pentecost

<https://tinyurl.com/yvijakhe>

Pentecost: Calculations and Correlations

<https://tinyurl.com/2dd37bv3>

2. Non-biblical coincidences:

- It is interesting that the 1960 classic “The Story of Ruth” has the Gentile maid visiting the Jewish redeemer, Boaz, on the threshing floor at the full moon. Boaz then takes Ruth to be his wife on the same day (Ruth 4:9, 10). Watch the scene here, starting at the 1:55:20 mark:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=slEmSyJi81g>.
- In view of the June 23 Pentecost date, it is interesting that the American slang phrase “23 skidoo” refers to leaving quickly, being compelled to leave quickly by someone, or taking advantage of a propitious opportunity to leave. Popularized during the early 20th century, the exact origin of the phrase is uncertain.
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/23_skidoo_\(phrase\)?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTAAR36kVRPjnzrFLy92uJas3lqxRPUa7gHW5k1K875pe03vT86gJcEIDpb6LM_aem_vonDfDUK4nDzUDPKnX551A](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/23_skidoo_(phrase)?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTAAR36kVRPjnzrFLy92uJas3lqxRPUa7gHW5k1K875pe03vT86gJcEIDpb6LM_aem_vonDfDUK4nDzUDPKnX551A)
- Donald ‘Trump,’ who is expected to be reelected US President for the final time in 2024, was born on the biblical date Sivan 15: Pentecost in the Book of Jubilees.
<https://www.hebcal.com/converter?gd=14&gm=6&gy=1946&g2h=1>