

## Was the Law Given on Pentecost?

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The giving of the Law was not given on Pentecost. The Feast of Pentecost is nowhere said in the Bible to be primarily "a celebration of the giving of God's Law", although this is generally true of all the feasts of Israel. See Leviticus 23:15-22.

The Bible teaches as follows, and I am fairly confident that I am within a day on these dates, allowing for different ways of reckoning a day:

Exodus 12:18 fixes the date of the beginning of the spring feasts (Passover, Unleavened Bread) at 14 Abib.

Exodus 19:1 gives us the exact date of Israel's arrival at Sinai ("the third month" includes the month of Abib). So, 2 months later is 59 days later according to the Hebrew calendar (one 29 day month and one 30 day month). That's 14 Sivan, "on the same day".

"The third day" (Exodus 19:16) brings us to 16 Sivan. Sixty days after Israel celebrated her first Passover and came out of Israel.

The Pentecost falls on 6 Sivan, ten or eleven days earlier than the day the Law was given, although it was technically not instituted until 16 Sivan or shortly thereafter (Exodus 23:16).

Exodus 24:18 tells us that Moses was on Sinai another 40 days after that, before the golden calf incident referenced below where 3,000 died (Exodus 32:28). That's almost 2 months after when Pentecost would have fallen in the calendar.