

## SMOKE..FIRE..TONGUES OF FIRE

Exod. 19:17-19 *“And Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet Yahveh, and they stood at the foot of the mountain. Now Mount Sinai [was] all in smoke because Yahveh descended upon it in fire; and **its smoke ascended like the smoke of a furnace**, and the whole mountain quaked violently. When the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder, Moses spoke and Yahveh answered him with thunder.”*

We see that the original Pentecost at Mt. Sinai had an almost identical occurrence take place as the later experience of the 3,000 at the Feast of Pentecost in later days.

**Acts 2:2-3** *“And suddenly there came from heaven a **noise like a violent rushing wind**, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them*

***tongues as of fire** distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them.”*

Let's first look at where this took place. Many claim these 3,000 people were somehow jammed into an upper room of a house. This is just plain silly. There was no house anywhere that could contain 3,000 people, never mind an upper room of a house. These people were in the Temple. They were gathered together for the Feast of Shavuot (Pentecost). The Temple area was the only place where that many people could gather as such. Remember Yah's Temple was/is to be known as a “house of prayer”. Many have wondered what the tongues of fire were, so let's have a look. If we read in **Lev. 9:24** ***Then fire came out from before Yahveh and consumed the burnt offering and the portions of fat on the altar; and when all the people saw [it], they shouted and fell on their faces.”*** The same fire that consumed the sacrifices for the Levites in the Temple, came down upon the people. The Temple was soon to be

destroyed and Yah was accepting their individual living sacrifices offered up to Him, as prayers of incense. The incense represents the prayers of the saints (Rev. 5:8), hence, just as the incense was to burn continually in the Temple, we as Believers are instructed to pray without ceasing. Each Believer is a living stone of the true temple of Yah, not made with hands (Acts 17:24). As Yah sent fire from Heaven to consume the sacrifice on the altar in the Temple, He also sent fire from Heaven on His new altar; the Believers in Yeshua. These people were being touched and identified with fire as the living stones of Yah's new Temple (Rom. 12:1).

