

HAG HABIKKURIM: THE FEAST OF FIRST-FRUITS

by Dr. Arnold Fruchtenbaum

I. INTRODUCTION

- A. Names
 - 1. Hag Habikkurim
 - 2. Reishit Ketzirchem
 - 3. Yom Habikkurim
 - 4. Sefirat Ha-Omer

B. The Date of the Feast

- 1. The Issue
- 2. The Debate
 - a. The Sadducees
 - b. The Pharisees
 - c. Rabbi Yochanan ben Zakkai

- d. The Problem of the Seven Weeks and the Fifty Days
 - (1) The Issue
 - (2) The First Rabbinic View
 - (3) The Second Rabbinic View Rashi
- e. Conclusion
- C. The Biblical Practice
- D. The Jewish Practice
 - 1. The Second Temple Period
 - 2. The Diaspora
 - 3. Modern Israel

II. THE FEAST OF FIRST-FRUITS IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

- A. Leviticus 23:9-14
- B. Numbers 28:26-31

III. THE MESSIANIC IMPLICATIONS

- A. The Fulfillment I Corinthians 15:20-23
- B. The Date of the Resurrection
 - 1. In Accordance with the Pharisees
 - 2. In Accordance with the Sadducees