

# The Low-Down On First Fruits

Get the inside scoop to what God said about biblical first fruits



The church teaches that first fruits are monetary, that is, money from your paycheck. They modified the scripture with eisegesis and claim that your first week's pay check of the year, the first day's pay check of the year, or the first month's pay check of the year is a designated as God's first fruits. But the Bible identifies first fruits as non-monetary so that means your cash is not a biblical first fruit.

## What is the biblical contextual and hermeneutical definition of first fruits?

### 1 First fruits is defined as that which grows from the ground first.

The strict biblical definition of first fruits based on the law was that which crop grew from the ground first and harvested was called first fruits and dedicated to God and given to the priests in a basket. Duet 26:1-11, Duet 8:8 and Duet 18:4.

### 2 What did God want and specify as first fruits?

The Bible and God defines first fruits as grapes/wine, barley, wheat, figs, olives/oil, honey and pomegranates. These item we put in basket and brought to the priest by the Israelite farmer. No Israelite farmer was allowed to use money as first fruits.

### 3 The Hebrew word for first fruits defines its contents as non-monetary

Fruit fruits in Hebrew is Bikkurim/Bikkuwr. It is a command in the Torah that requires giving produce - the first crop harvested - to the Levitical priests. The produced could raw or prepared. This also included the first born of livestock as first fruits.

### 4 Are first fruits and tithes the same or interchangeable? The answer is no!

First fruits is confined to seven specific eatable items and emphasized quality. Tithes emphasized quantity such as the tenth of the crop and every tenth animal. Saying that the first part of someone's income is first fruits isn't biblical and represents exegetical treason of the God's word and hermeneutical scripture twist for monetary gain.

### 5 First fruits are no longer required today.

First fruits has been fulfilled in Christ because he rose from the dead on the exact day of the first fruit law thus fulfilling the law of first fruits. You cannot monetize agricultural and livestock tithing laws and first fruit laws for the sake of financial gain to support ministry. Everyone in Israel required to consecrate to God first fruits of the land and of livestock. It is also believed that first fruits from newly planted trees could not be offered until the forth year.



**Tithes Come From Seed**

And all tithes of the land Whether Seed of the land...



**Tithes Are Fruit From Trees**

...Or fruit of the Tree...



**Tithes Come From Livestock**

And concerning the tithe of the herd or the flock, whatever passes under the rod, the tenth one shall be holy to the Lord.

**Leviticus**

27:30-33

### Things You Need To Know About Tithes and First Fruits



**Tithes And First Fruits Are Not Money**





First Fruits are Grapes



First Fruits are Barley



First Fruits are Wheat



First Fruits are Figs



First Fruits are Olives



First Fruits Is Honey



First Fruits Were Put in Baskets



First Fruits are Pomegranates

Deut 26:1-4 ...that you shall take some of the first of all the produce of the ground, ...and put it in a basket...

Deut 8:8 a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey...

Deut 18: 4 The first fruits of your grain, and your wine and your oil, and first of the fleece of your sheep you shall give him (the Levites).

Israel practiced three different tithing methods

The Levitical tithe was for the Levites and priests. The festival tithe was for the person paying, his family, their maids and servants and the Levites. The Poor tithe went to aliens, poor, orphans, widows and Levites. Tithes and first fruits were for consumption.



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