

## The Last Piece of the Puzzle

*\* Pentecost (Shavuot) was the 4<sup>th</sup> of the 7 Major Holidays of the Jewish calendar as established by the Lord in Leviticus 23. One of three Pilgrim Festivals it celebrates the giving of the 10 Commandments and serves as a reminder of the chaos that ensued when Moses found the Israelites worshiping the golden calf and “about 3,000 were slain” by the Levites. The readings for Pentecost were Ezek 37:1-14, Is 44:1-8, Gen 11:1-9, Psalm 104:24-34*

### Acts 2:36-41 NIV

36 "Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both **Lord** and **Christ**."

37 When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"

38 Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call."

40 With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." 41 Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.