

THE GREAT WENCHOSTER BIBLE

Leviticus 23: 9-14

9. And when the people stood before the tent of meeting the Lord spake unto Moses, saying,
10. Speak unto the children of Israel who are gathered here before you, and say unto them, When ye be come into the land which I give unto you, and shall reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest unto the priest, and a basket of freshly-baked rolls, some newly-pressed oil and some wine:
11. And he shall place the oil and bread and wine on a table and cover the same with a napkin of pure linen, and he shall take up the sheaf and wave it before the Lord with sweeping arm movements and intricate twirling, to be accepted for you: on the morrow after the sabbath the priest shall wave it with great skill.
12. And ye shall offer that day when ye wave the sheaf an he lamb without blemish of the first year for a burnt offering unto the Lord, and sweet shall be the scent to the nostrils, and of the first flour shall be baked puddings in hot oil until they be risen and crispy.
13. And the meat offering thereof shall be two tenth deals of fine flour mingled with oil, an offering made by fire unto the Lord for a sweet savour: and the drink offering thereof shall be of wine, the fourth part of an hin. And many of the people understood not these measurements and did estimate by the use of cups, and the results were varied, and there was much weeping in the kitchens.
14. And the Lord said, Ye shall eat neither bread, nor parched corn, nor green ears, nor carrots or onions or garlic, until the selfsame day that ye have brought an offering unto your God, and only then you may feast and cook vegetables and chop mint so that the baked puddings are filled. This shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations in all your dwellings, and it shall be written down in books for instruction to future generations, and illustrations may be drawn for guidance, so that the meal may be enjoyed for all time.