

Passover 2022: The LORD's Passover

The Passover and its meaning has evolved over the years. The stories and traditions added to the telling of the Passover story have also been embellished by the story tellers.

YeHoVaH made a promise to Abraham that He was going to bring his offspring out of bondage with great substance. On the first day of Unleavened Bread, He fulfilled that promise.

Ge 15:13 And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years;
Ge 15:14 And also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge: and afterward shall they come out with great substance.

The Biblical Passover is introduced to us by YeHoVaH's Instructions to Moses to instruct His people how to prepare for the last and final plague that He would put on Egypt to force Pharaoh to let His people go.

Ex 11:1 And the LORD said unto Moses, Yet will I bring one plague more upon Pharaoh, and upon Egypt; afterwards he will let you go hence: when he shall let you go, he shall surely thrust you out hence altogether.

Ex 11:4 And Moses said, Thus saith the LORD, About midnight will I go out into the midst of Egypt:
Ex 11:5 And all the firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die, from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sitteth upon his throne, even unto the firstborn of the maidservant that is behind the mill; and all the firstborn of beasts.

The Passover Lamb/Goat is connected to the preservation of Israel's firstborn from the plague and the death of the firstborn of Egypt's man or beast at midnight during the 1st Day of Unleavened Bread.

Ex 12:1 And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying,
Ex 12:2 This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you.
Ex 12:3 Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of their fathers, a lamb for an house:
Ex 12:4 And if the household be too little for the lamb, let him and his neighbour next unto his house take it according to the number of the souls; every man according to his eating shall make your count for the lamb.

Lamb – לֶמֶן seh {seh} or לֶמֶן sey {say}

Meaning: 1) one of a flock, lamb, sheep, goat, young sheep, young goat 1a) sheep, goat 1b) flock (collective)

Usage: AV - sheep 18, cattle 10, lamb 16, ewe 1, lamb + 03532 1; 46

Ex 12:5 Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take it out from the sheep, or from the goats:

Some people killed a sheep, some killed a goat, based on the Instructions given.

Ex 12:6 And ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening.

Ex 12:7 And they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it.

Ex 12:8 And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roast with fire, and unleavened bread; and with bitter herbs they shall eat it.

There are no cups associated with the Biblical Passover nor is wine or grape juice commanded or a requirement at Passover.

The four cups of the traditional Jewish Passover seder is just that: Tradition.

1. The Cup of Sanctification
2. The Cup of Judgment or Deliverance
3. The Cup of Redemption
4. The Cup of Praise or Consummation

Ex 12:9 Eat not of it raw, nor sodden at all with water, but roast with fire; his head with his legs, and with the purtenance thereof.

Ex 12:10 And ye shall let nothing of it remain until the morning; and that which remaineth of it until the morning ye shall burn with fire.

Ex 12:11 And thus shall ye eat it; with your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat it in haste: it is the LORD'S passover.

Passover – פֶּסַח pecach {peh'-sakh}

Meaning: 1) passover 1a) sacrifice of passover 1b) animal victim of the passover 1c) festival of the passover

Usage: AV - passover 46, passover offerings 3; 49

Pesach aka Passover is a Sacrifice Not a Day.

Passover does not begin at sunset on the 13th of Abib.

The 14th of Abib begins at sunset on the 13th.

Ex 12:12 For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the LORD.

Ex 12:13 And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt.

Ex 12:14 And this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and ye shall keep it a feast to the LORD throughout your generations; ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance for ever.

At its heart, Passover is a memorial established by YeHoVaH to remind Israel of what YeHoVaH did to Egypt's firstborns and how He spared the Hebrews' firstborns from the plague of death by the sign of the blood of a sheep or a goat on the doorposts of their houses.

Memorial – זִכְרוֹן zikrown {zik-rone'}

Meaning: 1) memorial, reminder, remembrance

Usage: AV - memorial 17, remembrance 6, records 1; 24

Passover points backwards not forward.
No prophecy here.

Throughout the Tanach (the Old Testament) Passover is called by several titles:

The Lord's Passover
The Passover of the LORD.
The Passover to the LORD
The Passover unto the LORD
It is NOT the Jewish Passover.

Ex 12:11 And thus shall ye eat it; with your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat it in haste: it is the LORD'S passover.

Ex 12:26 And it shall come to pass, when your children shall say unto you, What mean ye by this service?

Ex 12:27 That ye shall say, It is the sacrifice of the LORD'S passover, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt, when he smote the Egyptians, and delivered our houses. And the people bowed the head and worshipped.

Lev 23:5 In the fourteenth day of the first month at even is the LORD'S passover.

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The Passover of the LORD.

Nu 28:16 And in the fourteenth day of the first month is the passover of the LORD.

The Passover to the LORD

Ex 12:48 And when a stranger shall sojourn with thee, and will keep the passover to the LORD, let all his males be circumcised, and then let him come near and keep it; and he shall be as one that is born in the land: for no uncircumcised person shall eat thereof.

The Passover unto the LORD

Nu 9:10 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, If any man of you or of your posterity shall be unclean by reason of a dead body, or be in a journey afar off, yet he shall keep the passover unto the LORD.

Nu 9:14 And if a stranger shall sojourn among you, and will keep the passover unto the LORD; according to the ordinance of the passover, and according to the manner thereof, so shall he do: ye shall have one ordinance, both for the stranger, and for him that was born in the land.

Dt 16:1 Observe the month of Abib, and keep the passover unto the LORD thy God: for in the month of Abib the LORD thy God brought thee forth out of Egypt by night.

Dt 16:2 Thou shalt therefore sacrifice the passover unto the LORD thy God, of the flock and the herd, in the place which the LORD shall choose to place his name there.

2Ki 23:21 And the king commanded all the people, saying, Keep the passover unto the LORD your God, as it is written in the book of this covenant.

2Ch 30:1 And Hezekiah sent to all Israel and Judah, and wrote letters also to Ephraim and Manasseh, that they should come to the house of the LORD at Jerusalem, to keep the passover unto the LORD God of Israel.

2Ch 30:5 So they established a decree to make proclamation throughout all Israel, from Beer-sheba even to Dan, that they should come to keep the passover unto the LORD God of Israel at Jerusalem: for they had not done it of a long time in such sort as it was written.

2Ch 35:1 Moreover Josiah kept a passover unto the LORD in Jerusalem: and they killed the passover on the fourteenth day of the first month.

Do we celebrate Passover because Yeshua was crucified on Passover? **NO.**

Yeshua celebrated Passover all of his earthly life except the last Passover when He was crucified.

Has Passover been fulfilled?

Some people associate a prophetic fulfillment to Passover AFTER Yeshua's crucifixion. BUT there is no known Biblical prophecy, prior to Yeshua's crucifixion, that is associated with Passover which requires a fulfillment.

What is the significance of Yeshua and Passover?

Yeshua was crucified during Passover.

What did Paul mean when he said:

1Co 5:6 Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump?
1Co 5:7 Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened.
For even Messiah our passover is sacrificed for us:
1Co 5:8 Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

First, Paul did not explain what he meant, therefore leaving any explanation to be private or of a personal interpretation.

Second, the context of Paul's statement is not about Passover, but in reference to leaven in the context of dealing with the sin of an individual who was sleeping with his father's wife meaning either his own mother or his stepmother.

It is clear from Paul's several references to leaven and unleavened that the focus is more on leaven and not Passover.

At the time of Paul, Passover and the seven days of Unleavened Bread were all lumped together.

Therefore, we must conclude that Paul is speaking figuratively and symbolically about Passover and Unleavened Bread, not literal, in the encouragement of keeping the Feasts of Passover and Unleavened Bread in the right spirit and attitude.

Paul focuses more on the resurrection of Yeshua and the firstfruits from the dead or them that slept (1st Cor. 15:20) and its significance than the death at Passover.

As we gather to celebrate this Passover, like the thousands of Passovers that have been celebrated before, let us remember the awesome power of deliverance of

**YeHoVaH Almighty
our Most High,
the One True Elohim, and
The Only Wise and Living God!**