

No Wine for You- Passover 2023

Passover, the first Feast of the Early Feast Season commanded by YeHoVaH, is observed on the evening of the 14th day of the month Abib. The commanded requirements to observe the Passover have been overshadowed by traditions developed over years that have completely obscured the Feast itself.

What are the Biblically commanded requirements for proper observance of Passover?

In the teaching “**No Wine for You**”, we will distinguish the truth from the traditions and free the Saints to celebrate the Passover the way it was intended by YeHoVaH!

There is much misinformation about Passover that needs to be cleared up.

Many believe and teach that Jesus fulfilled the Passover. The truth is that Passover is the fulfillment of the prophecy given to Abraham by Elohim.

Passover is about the redemption of the firstborn.

Israel was YeHoVaH's Firstborn

Ex 4:22 And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD, Israel is my son, even my firstborn:

Ex 4:23 And I say unto thee, Let my son go, that he may serve me: and if thou refuse to let him go, behold, **I will slay thy son, even thy firstborn.**

Pharaoh would not let YeHoVaH's Firstborn go, so YeHoVaH killed Pharaoh's firstborn. Israel's firstborn sons were spared because of the blood of the lamb on the doorpost of their homes.

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 blood of the **lamb** was a **sheep** or a **goat**, Exodus 12.*

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.

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:**

Lamb – **07716** הַשֶּׂה seh {seh} or 'שֵׂה sey {say}

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

Origin: probably from 07582 through the idea of pushing out to graze; TWOT - 2237; n m

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

Sheep – **03532** כֶּבֶשׂ kebes {keh-bes'}

Meaning: 1) lamb, sheep, young ram

Origin: from an unused root meaning to dominate; TWOT - 949; n m

Usage: AV - lamb 105, sheep 2; 107

Goat – **05795** אֵזֶז {aze}

Meaning: 1) female goat, she-goat, goat, kid

Origin: from 05810; TWOT - 1654a; n f

Usage: AV - goat 63, kid + 01423 5, kid 4, he 1, kids + 01121 1; 74

Some people had **sheep's blood** on their doorpost, some people had **goat's blood** on their doorpost.

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.

The Passover Meal:

Roasted sheep or goat

Unleavened Bread

Bitter herbs

No Wine for you.

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.

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.

Ex 12:15 Seven days shall ye eat unleavened bread; even the first day ye shall put away leaven out of your houses: for whosoever eateth leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that soul shall be cut off from Israel.

Ex 12:16 And in the first day there shall be an holy convocation, and in the seventh day there shall be an holy convocation to you; no manner of work shall be done in them, save that which every man must eat, that only may be done of you.

Ex 12:17 And ye shall observe the feast of unleavened bread; for in this selfsame day have I brought your armies out of the land of Egypt: therefore shall ye observe this day in your generations by an ordinance for ever.

Ex 12:18 In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at even, ye shall eat unleavened bread, until the one and twentieth day of the month at even.

Ex 12:19 Seven days shall there be no leaven found in your houses: for whosoever eateth that which is leavened, even that soul shall be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether he be a stranger, or born in the land.

Ex 12:20 Ye shall eat nothing leavened; in all your habitations shall ye eat unleavened bread.

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Only the firstborns were saved by the blood, no one else.

Because Israel's firstborns were spared, all the firstborn from man and beast belonged to YeHoVaH and had to be redeemed.

Immediately after the Exodus from Israel, every firstborn had to be sanctified.

Ex 13:1 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

Ex 13:2 **Sanctify** unto me all the firstborn, whatsoever openeth the womb among the children of Israel, both of man and of beast: it is mine.

Ex 13:3 And Moses said unto the people, Remember this day, in which ye came out from Egypt, out of the house of bondage; for by strength of hand the LORD brought you out from this place: there shall no leavened bread be eaten.

Ex 13:4 This day came ye out in the month Abib.

Sanctify **06942** שָׁדַף qadash {kaw-dash'}

Meaning: 1) to consecrate, sanctify, prepare, dedicate, be hallowed, be holy, be sanctified, be separate 1a) (Qal) 1a1) to be set apart, be consecrated 1a2) to be hallowed 1a3) consecrated, tabooed 1b) (Niphal) 1b1) to show oneself sacred or majestic

Usage: AV - sanctify 108, hallow 25, dedicate 10, holy 7, prepare 7, consecrate 5, appointed 1, bid 1, purified 1, misc 7; 172

Passover and the redemption of the firstborn of Israel were from the blood of sheep and goats.

Passover had nothing to do with wine.

People have turned it into the blood of grapes.

Although wine has become a common custom at weddings and evening meals and was shared at the last supper, Passover had nothing to do with wine.

How did wine become so saturated in the Passover celebration?

The Hillel calendar, aka the Jewish calendar.

You may have noticed people celebrating Passover last evening.

The Jewish calendar is Jewish tradition.

Jewish tradition introduced the Haggadah.

The Haggadah incorporates the 4 cups of wine and the Elijah cup.

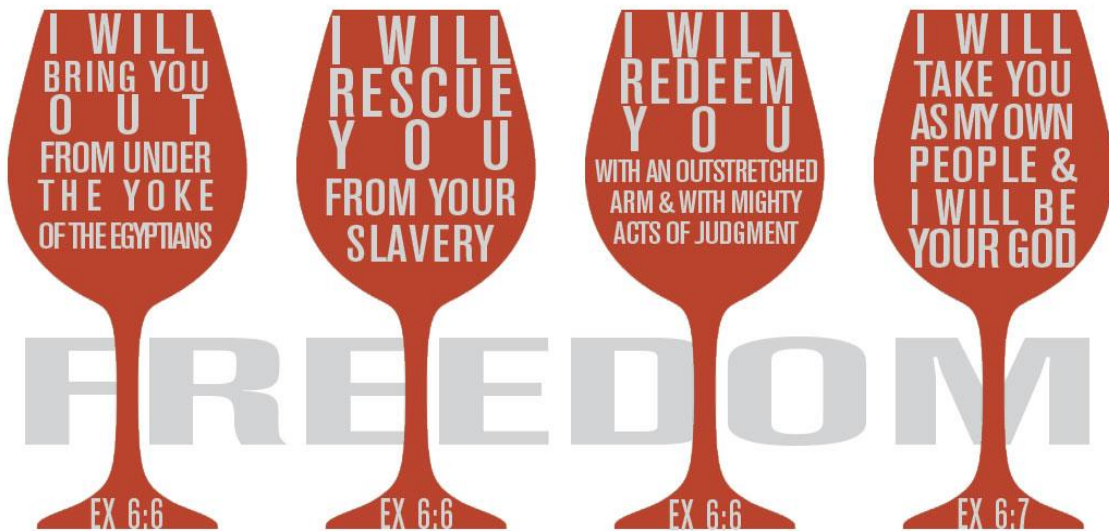
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Passover Seders today are saturated with wine and four cups.

At the Passover Seder, Jews usually drink four cups of wine while leaning to the left, according to the *Haggadah* service, but the reason why is elusive to many.





And then there is the fifth cup, the cup of Elijah.



Yes, Yeshua took bread and wine and blessed it.
The blood of Yeshua has become symbolic to the blood of sheep and goats.

The blood of sheep and goats redeemed Israel.
The blood of Yeshua redeemed all mankind.

Maybe this is what Paul meant when he declared Yeshua our Passover has been sacrificed.
Paul does not explain what he meant.

Wine was not a requirement of Passover.

Israel did not drink wine, have strong drink, or eat bread for forty years.
YeHoVaH fed them with manna that was referred to as bread.

Dt 29:1 These are the words of the covenant, which the LORD commanded Moses to make with the children of Israel in the land of Moab, beside the covenant which he made with them in Horeb.

Dt 29:2 And Moses called unto all Israel, and said unto them, Ye have seen all that the LORD did before your eyes in the land of Egypt unto Pharaoh, and unto all his servants, and unto all his land;

Dt 29:3 The great temptations which thine eyes have seen, the signs, and those great miracles:

Dt 29:4 Yet the LORD hath not given you an heart to perceive, and eyes to see, and ears to hear, unto this day.

Dt 29:5 And I have led you forty years in the wilderness: your clothes are not waxen old upon you, and thy shoe is not waxen old upon thy foot.

Dt 29:6 Ye have not eaten bread, neither have ye drunk wine or strong drink: that ye might know that I am the LORD your God.

Dt 29:7 And when ye came unto this place, Sihon the king of Heshbon, and Og the king of Bashan, came out against us unto battle, and we smote them:

Dt 29:8 And we took their land, and gave it for an inheritance unto the Reubenites, and to the Gadites, and to the half tribe of Manasseh.

Dt 29:9 Keep therefore the words of this covenant, and do them, that ye may prosper in all that ye do.

How was Passover celebrated in Scripture?

The only Passover Instructions we find are from the first Passover in Exodus 12 while Israel was in Egypt.

The second Passover in Numbers 9, during the second year of Israel's extended stay in the various wilderness resort camps, does not come with instructions.

One could assume it followed the pattern of Exodus 12 minus the blood on the doorpost, eating in haste with their possessions packed, and while leaning on a staff to make a quick exodus.

There are no other Passover observations in Torah or Instructions for celebrating Passover in the Old Testament.

Here is what we know:

During the Feasts at the Tabernacle and Temple Services, the Priests were not to drink wine or strong drink.

Lev 10:8 And the LORD spake unto Aaron, saying,

Lev 10:9 Do not drink wine nor strong drink, thou, nor thy sons with thee, when ye go into the tabernacle of the congregation, lest ye die: it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations:

Lev 10:10 And that ye may put difference between holy and unholy, and between unclean and clean;

For 40 years, Israel and those who joined with them:

Ate no bread

Drank no wine

Drank no strong drink

How did believers in the New Testament celebrate Passover?

We have no Instructions or examples to follow, however we can certainly tell you how it was not followed.

There were no Seder plates.
There were no Haggadahs.
Wine was not a requirement.
There were no four cups.
There was no Elijah cup.
There were no Afikomens.

So where did all that come from?

A lack of knowledge of what the Torah actually teaches, and the influence of Jewish and Christian traditions, have led many to put their focus on something other than YeHoVaH's intent based on His Instructions and Commands concerning the Passover and other feasts.

Traditions have a tendency to trump truth.

The traditions of Judaism and the traditional Passover Seder Haggadah made it easier for Messianic Jewish believers and Messianic Christians today to confuse the Last Supper with the Passover.

Many, including myself, have made the classic mistake of looking to the Jews to understand the Torah instead of looking to the Torah, as given by YeHoVaH to Moses to give to the Hebrew Israelites.

Where did the cups of wine required for Passover originate?

Where did the Seder Plate come from?

How did an egg and charoset become parts of a Passover Seder meal?

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Passover - No Wine for You

Where does wine fit in the Commandments of Passover?

It does not!

Passover traditions with Seder plates, Haggadahs, and various cups of wine or grape juice have taken the focus off the Passover Commands.

According to Jewish tradition, the Haggadah was compiled during the Mishnaic and Talmudic periods, although the exact date is unknown. The range is from 170 CE or AD - 360 CE or AD

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Haggadah>

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You need wine according to the Haggadah to celebrate Passover, but wine is not required to celebrate Passover!

The Haggadah is Jewish tradition.

We stopped using Haggadahs years ago because of the traditions that it adds to the Passover Commandments. Watching myself dipping my finger in cups and reciting plagues and the song Dayenu, it would have been enough!

Our identity as Believers are in Messiah Yeshua, but we are also Israel!
We are Fellow Citizens.

Eph 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God:

Eph 2:9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Eph 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Eph 2:11 Wherefore remember, that ye *being* in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands;

Eph 2:12 That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:

Eph 2:13 But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

Eph 2:14 For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition *between us*;

Eph 2:15 Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, *even* the law of commandments *contained* in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace;

Eph 2:16 And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:

Eph 2:17 And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh.

Eph 2:18 For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

Eph 2:19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;

Yeshua kept the Feasts all His life. If He intended to change the focus of the Feasts, He would have informed His Disciples at some point instead of keeping the Feasts as usual.