

Passover Primer



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a Hebrew Roots Ministry

Passover -

- What is it?
- Should we observe it?
- How should we observe it?



What is Passover?

- The event that led to the redemption of God's people
 - Jews – Passover in Egypt
 - Christians – Death of Messiah Yeshua
 - Hebrew Roots – the 'greater exodus'
- One event in the midst of a series of events that culminated in the freedom of the Israelite slaves.



the Exodus

^{ESV} **Exodus 6:6-8** Say therefore to the people of Israel, 'I am the LORD, and I will **bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians**, and I will **deliver you from slavery to them**, and I will **redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great acts of judgment.** ⁷ I will take you to be my **people**, and I will **be your God**, and you shall know that I am the LORD your God, who has brought you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians. ⁸ I will **bring you into the land that I swore to give to Abraham**, to Isaac, and to Jacob. I will **give it to you for a possession**. I am the LORD.'"



Passover Instructions:

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, ² "This month shall be for you the beginning of months. **1** It shall be the first month of the year for you. ³ Tell all the congregation of Israel that **2** on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household. ⁴ And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; **3** according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. ⁵ Your **4** lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, ⁶ and you shall **5** keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall **6** kill their lambs at twilight. ⁷ "Then they shall **7** take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸ They shall **8** eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. ⁹ Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, **9** but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. ¹⁰ And you shall **10** let none of it remain until the morning; **11** anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. ¹¹ In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall **12** eat it in haste. It is the LORD's Passover.

the Passover Event:

^{ESV} **Exodus 12:12-13** For I will **pass through** the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. ¹³ The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will **pass over** you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.



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“abar” (עָבַר – 5674)
“transition through”

“pesach” (פָּסַח – 6452)
“halt, go limp, become lame”



the Passover Event:

^{ESV} **Exodus 12:23** For the LORD will pass through (*abar – continue on*) to strike the Egyptians, and when he sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the LORD will pass over (*pesach – halt, stop*) the door and will not allow the destroyer to enter your houses to strike you.



the Role of the Lamb?

- The Passover victim
 - separated from the flock
 - 1 year old
 - No blemishes or broken bones



the Role of the Lamb?

^{ESV} **1 Corinthians 5:7** Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.



Second Passover → Second Exodus

^{ESV} **Jeremiah 16:14-15** ¹⁴ "Therefore, behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when it shall no longer be said, 'As the LORD lives who brought up the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt,' ¹⁵ but 'As the LORD lives who brought up the people of Israel out of the north country and out of all the countries where he had driven them.' For I will bring them back to their own land that I gave to their fathers.



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^{ESV} **Jeremiah 32:37-41** Behold, I will gather them from all the countries to which I drove them in my anger and my wrath and in great indignation. I will bring them back to this place, and I will make them dwell in safety. ³⁸ And they shall be my people, and I will be their God. ³⁹ I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear me forever, for their own good and the good of their children after them. ⁴⁰ I will make with them an everlasting covenant, that I will not turn away from doing good to them. And I will put the fear of me in their hearts that they may not turn from me. ⁴¹ I will rejoice in doing them good, and I will plant them in this land in faithfulness, with all my heart and all my soul.

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^{ESV} **Luke 22:19-20** ¹⁹ And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁰ And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood."



Who Should Observe Passover?

- All who follow the God of Israel

^{ESV} **Leviticus 23:1** The LORD spoke to Moses, saying,
² "Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, These are the appointed feasts of the LORD that you shall proclaim as holy convocations; **they are my appointed feasts.**



Passover is Part of God's Commandments

^{ESV} **1 John 3:21-24** Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; ²² and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³ And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴ **Whoever keeps his commandments abides in him, and he in them.** And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.



the Festivals Continued after Messiah Died

- ^{ESV} **Acts 2:1** When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.



the Festivals Continued after Messiah Died

- **Acts 20:16** ¹⁶ For Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia, for **he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost.**
- **1 Corinthians 5:7-8** ⁷ Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. **For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.** ⁸ **Let us therefore celebrate the festival . . .**
- **1 Corinthians 16:7-8** ⁷ For I do not want to see you now just in passing. I hope to spend some time with you, if the Lord permits. ⁸ **But I will stay in Ephesus until Pentecost . . .**

Yeshua set the Festival Observance Example

So –

^{ESV} **John 10:27** ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice,
and I know them, and **they follow me.**



How Should Observe Passover?

- Within the context of God's Law -



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^{ESV} **Deuteronomy 4:1** "And now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the rules that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. ² **You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it**, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you.



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- ^{ESV} **Deuteronomy 12:32** ³² "Everything that I command you, you shall be careful to do. You shall not add to it or take from it.



How Should Observe Passover?

- Within the context of God's Law -

^{ESV} **Numbers 9:3** On the fourteenth day of this month, at twilight, you shall keep it (the Passover) at its appointed time; according to all its statutes and **all its rules** you shall keep it."

"mishpat" (מִשְׁפָּט – 4931)
"judgments"



How Should Observe Passover?

- Within the context of God's Law -

^{ESV} **Deuteronomy 16:5-6** ⁵ You may not offer the Passover sacrifice within any of your towns that the LORD your God is giving you, ⁶ but at the place that the LORD your God will choose, to make his name dwell in it, there you shall offer the Passover sacrifice, in the evening at sunset, at the time you came out of Egypt.



How Should Observe Passover?

- Teach the story to your children -

^{ESV} **Exodus 10:1** Then the LORD said to Moses, "Go in to Pharaoh, for I have hardened his heart and the heart of his servants, that I may show these signs of mine among them, ² **and that you may tell in the hearing of your son and of your grandson** how I have dealt harshly with the Egyptians and what signs I have done among them, that you may know that I am the LORD."



Review -

- The Passover is an event that secured our redemption, our freedom from slavery
- It is one of GOD's festivals, it is not simply a "Jewish" festival
- All of God's people should observe it
 - It continued to be observed after the sacrifice of the Messiah
- It should be observed according to the Torah
 - No person has the authority to command changes to the Passover
 - Yet we must make judgments in regards to how we observe it.
- The focus should be on:
 - Remembering what God did for us
 - telling the Exodus story to our children.

ESV **Exodus 13:3** . . . "Remember this day in which you came out from Egypt, out of the house of slavery, for by a strong hand the LORD brought you out from this place . . .



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Shalom Alechim

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Peace be Unto You

