

Passover

A Christ-Centered Celebration for All Believers

2019



“My Feasts”

(They are to be observed by all of mankind)

- *Lev 23:1-2 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 2 "Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: 'The feasts of the Lord, which you shall proclaim to be holy convocations, these are My feasts.*
- *These days belong to God (not to the Jews); if we are part of God's family through Jesus the Messiah, then these days also belong to us. God's "Plan of Salvation" is for all of mankind; these days "point all of us to Jesus Christ" and they give all of us an outline of God's "Plan of Salvation".*

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Elements of the New Testament Passover

- *Foot Washing Ceremony*: *John 13 - an act of humility & Christ-like servant attitude*
- *Taking of the Bread*: *represents the broken body and suffering of Jesus Christ.*
- *Taking of the Wine*: *represents the shed blood of Jesus Christ for the remissions of our sins.*
- *Purpose*: *To commemorate the suffering & death of Jesus our Messiah...and ultimately His resurrection...He is alive..*

Passover – A Picture of Our Messiah

- Familiar expression: “A picture is worth a thousand words.”
- We can more clearly communicate our thoughts and concepts with the use of visual aids than we can with words alone.
- All of God’s Holy Days found in Leviticus 23 (including the Passover and the Days of Unleavened Bread) are physical celebrations God uses to teach us spiritual truths. Because we are still physical, we perceive things through our physical senses much better than through our spiritual senses. These physical celebrations serve as visual aids for us physical human beings to learn spiritual lessons.

“Do not think, . . .”

- *Matt 5:17-18* *“Do not think that I came to destroy the Law (or do not think that I came to do away with the law) or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill (the western mind interprets the word “fulfill” as destroy or do away with). 18 For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.*
- *God came to “fulfill”* *not eliminate these days (including the Passover/DUB); they are pictures/visual aids that represent Jesus.*

Holy Days

Point Us to Christ & Give Outline of His Plan of Salvation

- *Why would you want to do away with these pictures/visual aids that point us to Christ, that help us stay focused on Him, that gives a better understanding of the Bible, and a fuller comprehension of God's plan of salvation.*
- *Why would you want to do away with these Biblical days and substitute them with other days of pagan influence that are not mentioned in the Bible and that distract us from His Plan of Salvation?*

Christ Is the “End-Goal of the Law”

The Law Points Us to Christ

- *Rom 10:4 For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.*
- *“the end” means “the goal”....Jesus is the “goal” of the pictures that point to Jesus the Messiah. This does not mean that the pictures are no longer valuable to us in order to stay focused on Christ and to better understand His Plan of Salvation....the more we study the pictures, the better we understand Him and His plan.*

Holy Days/Law are not Salvation Tools

- *We don't observe these days in order to be saved (salvation is through Jesus the Messiah), but we observe these days because now that we are saved, we want to obey and please God.*
- *We would never think of doing away with “water baptism” or the ritual of the “bread and the wine” (these are two powerful visual aids)... these are not salvation agents, but we observe them because we want to be obedient now that we are saved.*
- *Feast Days also give us an outline of God's Plan of Redemption; you don't want to eliminate such powerful pictures.*

Old Testament Institution of Passover

- Ex 12:11-18It is the Lord's Passover. 12 'For I will pass through the land of Egypt on that night, and will strike 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. 13 Now 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 the plague shall not be on you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. 14 'So this day shall be to you a memorial; and you shall keep it as a feast to the Lord throughout your generations. You shall keep it as a feast by an everlasting ordinance.

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- *15 Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread. On the first day you shall remove leaven from your houses. For whoever eats leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that person shall be cut off from Israel. 16 On the first day there shall be a holy convocation, and on the seventh day there shall be a holy convocation for you. No manner of work shall be done on them; but that which everyone must eat — that only may be prepared by you.*

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- *17 So you shall observe the Feast of Unleavened Bread, for on this same day I will have brought your armies out of the land of Egypt. Therefore you shall observe this day throughout your generations as an everlasting ordinance.*

Jesus Observes Passover With New Symbols

Luke 22:7-13 Then came the Day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover must be killed (remember that He is the Passover lamb that will be crucified). 8 And He sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat." 9 So they said to Him, "Where do You want us to prepare?" 10 And He said to them, "Behold, when you have entered the city, a man will meet you carrying a pitcher of water; follow him into the house which he enters. 11 Then you shall say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says to you, "Where is the guest room where I may eat the Passover with My disciples?"'"

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12 Then he will show you a large, furnished upper room; there make ready." 13 So they went and found it just as He had said to them, and they prepared the Passover.

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- *Luke 22:14-16 When the hour had come, He sat down, and the twelve apostles with Him. 15 Then He said to them, "With fervent desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; 16 for I say to you, I will no longer eat of it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God."*

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- *Luke 22:19-22 And He took bread (we use unleavened bread because during these days it symbolizes sinlessness), gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is (represents) My body which is given for you (Christ willingly gave his life...not taken away from Him); do this in remembrance of Me (do it again and again or you will forget)." 20 Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you."*

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- *1 Cor 11:23-26, 34 For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; 24 and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me." 25 In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often (Passover is an annual event) as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."*

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- 26 *For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.*
- V34 *“But if anyone is hungry, let him eat at home,...*

How Are We To Prepare for Passover? (Examine Yourself)

1 Cor 11:27-31 Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. 28 But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. 29 For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

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30 *For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and
many sleep*

Meaning of “Unworthy Manner”

- None of us is worthy of the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.....it is referring to the “attitude” in which we partake of the “bread and the wine”
- Treat these rituals with honor and respect and with deep thought on what they mean **INSTEAD** of taking them with a “ho-hum” attitude. Like U.S. Flag, when someone tramples on the US flag, he is more than trampling on a “piece of cloth”....he is trampling on all that it stands for....country, honor, and respect for all those who have died to defend it.

“Before I Suffer”

Jesus Died Along With the Killing of the Passover Lambs

- *We celebrate the Christian Passover on the night He was betrayed, which is the night before the OT Passover. He died during the day when the lambs were being killed during the time of the OT Passover.*
- *We do not celebrate the Seder meal as most Jews do. The Seder meal is full of Jewish traditions and opinions of many Rabbis and sages and not based on written Scripture.*
- *The “Night of the Lord” (Ex 12/42) is celebrated during OT Passover. We separate the Bread/Wine from the actual meal which we have on the “Night of the Lord”*

The Changes Jesus Christ Made To the Passover

- *He introduced foot washing custom.*
- *He changed the symbols from the lamb to bread and wine.*
- *He changed the time of Passover Service (not the day...still the 14th of Nissan) but the time...from the end of the 14th to the beginning of the 14th. He changed it so that He would fulfill exactly what the OT Passover pictured...He died on the cross at the time when the Passover lambs were being sacrificed.*

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