



## PESACH: THE FEAST OF PASSOVER

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### I. INTRODUCTION

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2. *Pesach*
3. *Hag He-Aviv*
4. *Zman Cheruteinu*

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2. The Passover Meal

#### C. The Jewish Practice

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  - b. The Rules of Slaughter
  - c. The Rules of Roasting
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    - (2) The Time of Eating
    - (3) The Place of Eating
    - (4) The Amount of Eating
    - (5) The Manner of Eating
  - e. The Negative Commands
  - f. When Passover Falls on the Sabbath
    - (1) Roasting the Sacrifice
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    - (6) If Not Made in Advance
  - g. The Second Passover
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  - a. The Central Point
  - b. The Laws Concerning Leaven
  - c. The *Kitniot*

- d. The *Taarovot*
- e. When the Laws Take Effect
  - (1) *Bal Yera'eh*
  - (2) *Bal Yematze*
  - (3) Application
  - (4) *Shiur*
    - (a) *Kekasevet*
    - (b) *Kezayit*
- f. The Cooking Utensils - *Kashering*
- g. The Three Categories of Leaven
  - (1) *Chameitz Gamul*
  - (2) *Ta'arovet Chameitz*
  - (3) *Chameitz Nuksheh*
- h. Selling the Leaven - *Mechirat Chameitz*
- i. The Cleansing of the Leaven
  - (1) The Purpose
  - (2) The Time
  - (3) *Bdikat Chameitz*
  - (4) *Bitul Chameitz*
  - (5) *Biur Chameitz*
  - (6) Symbolic Meaning

8. The *Matzot* - The Unleavened Bread
  - a. The Definition
  - b. The Laws of Unleavened Bread
  - c. *Matzah Ashirah*
  - d. The Three Categories of Permitted Flour
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    - (2) The Purpose
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      - (a) Guarded *Matzah* - *Matzah Shmurah*
      - (b) Passover Flour
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  - e. The Rules of Baking
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    - (2) For the *Seder* Night
    - (3) The Place
    - (4) The Process
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      - (b) The Later Years
    - (5) The Three Factors of Acceleration or Delay of Fermentation
    - (6) The Lining or Striping
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    - (8) The Time of Baking

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(1) The Obligation

(2) The Amount

(3) The Custom

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b. The Laws of the *Seder*

c. The Order of the *Seder*

(1) *Kaddeish*

(2) *Urchatz*

(3) *Carpas*

(4) *Yachatz*

(5) *Maggid*

(6) *Rachtzah*

(7) *Motzi*

(8) *Matzah*

(9) *Maror*

(10) *Coreich*

(11) *Shulchan Oreich*

(12) *Tzafun*

(13) *Bareich*

(14) *Hallel*

(15) *Nirtzah*

d. The Three *Matzot*

(1) The Placement

(2) The Three Requirements

(3) The Ceremony

(4) The Procedure

(5) How the Three are Used

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(1) The Word

(2) The Origin

(3) The Meaning

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(2) Its Importance

(3) The Meaning

(4) The Type

(5) The Names

(6) The Order

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- (8) Minimum Amount
- (9) Minimum Strength
- g. Reclining
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  - (2) The Meaning
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- h. The Shankbone
  - (1) The Meaning
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- i. The Salt Water
  - (1) The Meaning
  - (2) The Two Dippings
- j. *Chazeret*
  - (1) The Content
  - (2) The Amount
  - (3) The Purpose
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  - (5) The Meaning
- k. *Charoset*
  - (1) The Content
  - (2) The Meaning
  - (3) The Purpose
  - (4) The Eating

- l. The *Seder* Plate
  - (1) The Origin
  - (2) The Content
- m. The Cup of Elijah
  - (1) The Origin
  - (2) The Timing

## 10. The *Haggadah*

- a. Introduction
  - (1) The Meaning
  - (2) The Basis
  - (3) The Origin
  - (4) The Content
  - (5) The Purpose
  - (6) The Fours
  - (7) The *Mitzvah*
  - (8) The Blessing
  - (9) The Persons Obligated
  - (10) The Time
  - (11) The Wording
  - (12) The Minimum
- b. The *Kiddush*
- c. The Invitation



- d. The Four Questions
  - (1) The Questioner
  - (2) The Questions
  - (3) Observations
- e. The Answer
- f. The Four Sons
  - (1) The Basis
  - (2) The Four
- g. The *Maggid*: The Story of the Exodus
  - (1) The Start
  - (2) Moses
  - (3) The Story
  - (4) The Ten Plagues
  - (5) *Dayenu*
  - (6) The *Hallel*
  - (7) The Second Cup
  - (8) The Following
- h. The *Afikoman*
- i. The Hymns of Praise
  - (1) The *Hallel*
  - (2) The Great *Hallel*
  - (3) The *Nishmat*
- j. *Nirtzah*

k. Additional Hymns

- (1) And It Came to Pass at Midnight
- (2) And You Shall Say: This is the Passover Sacrifice
- (3) To Him It is Becoming, to Him It Shall Become
- (4) Mighty is He
- (5) Who Knows One
- (6) One Only Kid

11. The Scripture Reading

12. The Liturgy

- a. The *Hallel*
- b. The Song of the Sea
- c. Prayer for Dew
- d. *Yizkor*

13. Other Practices

- a. *Maot Chittim*
- b. *Ta'anit Bechorim*
- c. *Sefirat Haomer*
- d. The Seventh Day of Passover - *Shvi'i Shel Pesach*

## II. THE FEAST OF THE PASSOVER IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

### A. Exodus 12:1-14, 21-28, 39-51

1. The Initial Word - 12:1-14
2. The Instruction to the Elders - 12:21-28
3. The Exodus - 12:39-42
4. Additional Rules and Regulations - 12:43-51

### B. Exodus 13:3-4

### C. Exodus 13:14-15

### D. Exodus 23:14-15

### E. Exodus 34:25

### F. Leviticus 23:5

### G. Numbers 9:1-14

### H. Numbers 28:16

### I. Deuteronomy 16:1-3a, 4b-7

### J. Joshua 5:9-11

### K. II Kings 23:21-23

### L. II Chronicles 30:1-27

### M. II Chronicles 35:1-19

### N. Ezra 6:19-21

### O. Ezekiel 45:21-24

### III. THE FEAST OF THE PASSOVER IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

#### A. Simple References

1. Luke 2:41-50
2. John 2:13-25
3. John 5:1
4. John 6:4
5. John 11:55-57

#### B. Messiah's Observance of the Passover

1. Matthew 26:1-5, 17-30
2. Mark 14:1-2, 12-26
3. Luke 22:1-2, 7-20
4. John 13:1-30
5. The Specifics
  - a. The Preparation
  - b. The *Kiddush*
  - c. *Urchatz*
  - d. *Carpas*
  - e. *Coreich*
  - f. *Yachatz*
  - g. The Third Cup
  - h. *The Hallel*

## IV. THE MESSIANIC IMPLICATIONS

A. Isaiah 53:1-9

B. Jesus - The Lamb of God

C. Messiah our Passover

1. Jesus the Passover
2. The Believer's Responsibility

D. The Last Passover and the First Lord's Supper

1. The Unleavened Bread
2. The Wine