



Passover



THE FESTIVAL OF FREEDOM

Your only way out is GOD!

Feast Days: Passover - OT · by Ingo Sorke, PhD

CREATION

God's people: defined by relocation!

ORIGIN: PLACE · PEOPLE

- **Principle:** Outside of Israel: Garden of Eden · Exodus · Sinai · Exile
- **Place:** Be fruitful · multiply · fill earth · subdue it · dominion over all creatures! (Gen 1:28)
- **People:** תּוֹלְדוֹת *tôlêdôt* generations (Gen 2:4; 5:1; 6:9; 10:1, 32; 11:10, 27; 25:12, 13, 19; 36:1, 9; 37:2)
- **Passage:** “Eber” עֵבֶר *ēber* (Gen 10:21-25). NET: Gen 11 traces Shem through *Eber* to **Abraham the “Hebrew”** (עִבְרִי, *ivri*). BDB: 5674 עֵבֶר *ābar* vb. **pass over, through, by, pass on** · 5676 עֵבֶר *ēber* nm **region across or beyond** · 5680 עִבְרִי *ivri* adj Hebrew: used to distinguish Isr. from foreigners (= **one from beyond, from the other side**, i.e. prob. *from beyond the Euphrates or from beyond the Jordan*).



Ex 2:23-25 “The children of Israel groaned because of the bondage, and they cried out; and their cry came up to God because of the bondage. 24 So God heard their groaning, and God remembered His covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. 25 And God looked on the children of Israel, and God knew.”

Exodus 12

פֶּסַח *pesah* vb pass or spring over, limp, hobble, defend, protect

Israel 2.0

Regulation: Manner

★ “in the place where the LORD chooses to put His name” (Deut 16:2) ★

2-3 **Calendar:** 10th Nisan/Abib = “beginning of months - the first month of the year to you” ≠ New Year

4-5 **Community:** neighbor + neighbor → lamb (sheep/goat) without blemish

6-7 **Custom:** 14th of Nisan: kill at twilight (Deut 16:6) → **blood** on doorposts and lintel

8-11 **Components:** 1) night, 2) roasted, 3) unleavened bread, 4) bitter herbs (pl. Num 9:11) , 5) no leftovers, 6) burn leftovers, 7) belt on waist, 8) sandals on feet, 9) staff in hand, 10) in haste

Reason: God vs gods (Egypt 30x; the LORD 34x) - judgment “against all the gods of Egypt” (12:2; Num 33:4)

13 **blood** on doorposts and lintel: “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” [תַּשְׁחַת *shakhat* → Gen 6:13 (flood); 13:10 (S&G)].

14 Passover= memorial-feast to The LORD throughout your generations - an everlasting ordinance

Feast of Unleavened Bread → Unleavened Bodies!

“the bread of affliction” (Deut 16:3)

2x no leaven or “cut off from Israel” (Ex 12:15; 19)

“His Church must be kept free from all false doctrine” (Ms 46, 1905.6)

leaven = doctrine/hypocrisy of Pharisees/Sadducees (Mt 16:6,12; Lk 12:1)

1 Cor 5:6-8 “Your glorying is not good. Do you not know that a little **leaven leavens** the whole lump? 7 Therefore purge out the old **leaven**, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are **unleavened**. For indeed **Christ, our Passover**, was sacrificed for us. 8 Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old **leaven**, nor with the **leaven** of malice and wickedness, but with the **unleavened** bread of sincerity and truth.”

22 **Hyssop** (Psalm 51:7!) for **blood** on lintel and 2 doorposts - stay in house!

“So the people bowed their heads and worshiped” (Ex 12:27)

26 **Children:** explain ↔ 29 **Midnight:** the LORD struck all firstborn of Egypt



30-32 **Service:** Pharaoh → Moses/Aaron: **leave to serve the LORD**


34-36 **Stewardship:** jewelry & clothing from Egypt

40-42 **Timing:** 430 years = “solemn observance to the LORD” - “solemn observance for Israel”

43-47 **Exclusive/Inclusive:** no foreigners except circumcised; only in house; no broken bones; all Israel

Exodus 13:9 “It shall be as a sign to you on your hand and as a **memorial between your eyes**, that the LORD’s law may be **in your mouth**; for with a strong hand the LORD has brought you out of Egypt. 10 You shall therefore keep this ordinance in its season from year to year.” → **Deuteronomy 6** → **Revelation 14!**

- **Deut 5:15 Exodus → Sabbath:** “Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there by a mighty hand and by an outstretched arm; **therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day.**”
- **Joshua 5:9** “This day I have rolled away [גָּלַל *galal*] the reproach of Egypt from you.” → End of Manna!
 11 “produce of the land . . . 12 produce of the land . . . food of the land”  ← **Genesis 1-2!**

 **King Hezekiah - 2 Chronicles 30** 5 “they had not done it for a long time in the prescribed manner”
 3 “For they could not keep it at the regular time, **because a sufficient number of priests had not consecrated themselves**, nor had the people gathered together at Jerusalem.”
 6 “Children of Israel, return to the LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel; **then He will return to the remnant of you who have escaped from the hand of the kings of Assyria.**”
 9 “for the LORD your God *is* gracious and merciful, and will not turn *His* face from you if you return to Him.”
 15 “priests + Levites ashamed · sanctified themselves · brought the burnt offerings to house of the LORD.”
 18-19 “yet they ate the Passover contrary to what was written. But Hezekiah prayed for them, saying, “May the good LORD provide atonement for everyone 19 *who* prepares his heart to seek God, the LORD God of his fathers, though *he is* not *cleansed* according to the purification of the sanctuary.”

20 “And the LORD listened to Hezekiah and healed the people.”


21 So Israel ... kept the Feast of Unleavened Bread seven days **with great gladness**; and the Levites and the priests praised the LORD day by day, *singing* to the LORD, accompanied by loud [mighty] instruments.”
 27 Then the priests, the Levites, arose and blessed the people, and their voice was heard; **and their prayer came up to His holy dwelling place, to heaven.**”


 **King Josiah - 2 Kings 23** (2 Chronicles 35) **LEADERSHIP**

- **Command** 21 Josiah: “Keep the Passover to the LORD your God, as *it is* written in this Book of the Covenant.”
- **Complaint** 22 “Such a Passover surely had never been held since the days of the judges who judged Israel, nor in all the days of the kings of Israel and the kings of Judah.”
- **Commencement** 23 “In the 18th year of King Josiah this Passover was held before the LORD in Jerusalem.”
- **Conviction** 24 “Josiah put away those who consulted mediums and spiritists, the household gods and idols, all the abominations that were seen in the land of Judah and in Jerusalem, **that he might perform the words of the law** ... written in the book that Hilkiah the priest found in the house of the LORD.”
- **Comparison** 25 Before him there was no king like him, **who turned to the LORD with all his heart, with all his soul, and with all his might**, according to all the Law of Moses; nor after him did *any* arise like him.”

↳ **highest command! Deut 6:5 ← 6:4 monotheism restored!**

Ezra 6:19-22 Descendants of captivity: kept Passover on Nisan 14: 20 “For the priests and the Levites had purified themselves; all of them *were ritually* clean.” 21 And they “ate together **with all who had separated themselves from the filth of the nations of the land in order to seek the LORD God of Israel.** 22 **And they kept the Feast of Unleavened Bread seven days with joy; for the LORD made them joyful, and turned the heart of the king of Assyria toward them, to strengthen their hands in the work of the house of God, the God of Israel.**”

 **PP 273** “they were singled out to be the depositaries of His law” ... “God is long-suffering and plenteous in mercy. He has a tender care for the beings formed in His image. ... but the nation had stubbornly resisted the divine command, and now the final blow was about to fall.” → SDAs! (5T 381 1885)

 **PP 278** “their sincerity would not have saved them. All who failed to heed the Lord’s directions would lose their first-born by the hand of the destroyer. By obedience the people were to give evidence of their faith.”

PP 279 “Many of the Egyptians had been led to acknowledge the God of the Hebrews as the only true God”

Have you left Egypt yet? · What leaven is left in your life?