

JESUS OUR PASSOVER LAMB

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FACTS ABOUT THE BIBLICAL FEASTS OF THE LORD

- There are 7 Biblical Feasts
- They are all celebrated within 7 months
- Three(3) were mandatory feast in which all the men had to travel to Jerusalem (Passover, Shavuot, Sukkot)
- The Feasts tell the story of God's plan with the human race (salvation)
- All 7 of the Feasts point towards Jesus Christ
- The Feasts are rehearsals and blueprints
- The Feasts help us to refocus on God. It helps to preserve our faith

*And the Lord said to Moses, say to the children of Israel, These are the fixed **feasts** of the Lord, which you will keep for holy **meetings**: these are my feasts."*
Lev 23:1-2

מועדה Moade

Meaning: an appointment, that is, a fixed time or season; specifically a festival;

מקרא Miqra

Meaning: public gatherings, rehearsal for the future, exercise for the real thing

(blueprints, coming together to look at the blueprint which points towards the real event)

Here is Lev 23 in a freer translation:

Lev 23:1-2 (FREE TRANSLATION)

"And the Lord said to Moses, say to the children of Israel, these are the fixed feasts, the special appointments and fixed times and season of the Lord, the visual reminders, which you will keep as holy and sacred meetings, my called out times of public gatherings where you rehearse and focus on the feasts for they are blueprints of what I am going to do with you and the nations: these are my feasts."

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT PASSOVER

It is celebrated for 7 days.

During this time the Israelites had to eat bread without any yeast in it. They also had to eat bitter herbs. A lamb was sacrificed.

Unleavened bread.

Blood on doorposts

Just like the blood of the lamb had to be placed on the doorposts on the Israelites houses, so too when you fully surrender to JC, His blood is placed on the doorposts of your heart and judgement and death passes by.

THE PASSOVER LAMB

Exodus 12:5-8, 11-15

"Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old: ye shall take it from the sheep, or from the goats: and ye shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month; and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it at even.

And they shall take of the blood, and put it on the two side-posts and on the lintel, upon the houses wherein they shall eat it. And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roast with fire, and unleavened bread; with bitter herbs they shall eat it."

JESUS IS A PASSOVER LAMB

The prophet Isaiah confirms that Jesus is the Passover Lamb.

Isaiah 53:4-6,7b

Surely our griefs He Himself bore, And our sorrows He carried; Yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, Smitten of God, and afflicted. But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; The hastening for our well-being fell upon Him, And by His scourging we are healed. All of us like sheep have gone astray, Each of us has turned to his own way; But the Lord has caused the iniquity of us all To fall on Him.

Like a lamb that is led to slaughter, And like a sheep that is silent before its shearers, So He did not open His mouth.

John the Baptist confirms that Jesus is the Lamb.

John 1:29 (NASB)

The next day he (John the Baptist) saw Jesus coming to him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

1 Corinthians 5:7 (NASB)

Clean out the old leaven so that you may be a new lump, just as you are in fact unleavened. For Christ our Passover also has been sacrificed.

JESUS WAS WITHOUT SPOT OR BLEMISH

On the 10th of Nisan (the first month) the Passover lambs are examined in

Jerusalem. Interestingly enough, Jesus came to Jerusalem on the 10th of Nisan.

JC Triumphal entry into Jerusalem

Jesus comes from Bethany, riding on donkey into Jerusalem. 5 Centuries earlier angel Gabriel told Daniel when JC had to do this. JC did this on 10 Nisan. Passover lamb is presented to the Priests on that day.

This was prophesied by Zechariah 9.

Zechariah 9:9

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy king cometh unto thee; he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, even upon a colt the foal of an ass (donkey).

Matthew 21:9

And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

1 Peter 1:18-19 (NASB)

Knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.

Pilate finds no fault in Jesus

Pilate said "I find no fault in him" which echoes the words of the Priests who found no fault with the Passover lamb. John 19:4

Luke 23:4

Pilate turned to the leading priests and to the crowd and said, "I find nothing wrong with this man!"

John 19:4

Pilate went outside again and said to the people, "I am going to bring him out to you now, but understand clearly that I find him not guilty."

NO BONE WAS TO BE BROKEN

Exodus 12:46

It is to be eaten in a single house; you are not to bring forth any of the flesh outside of the house, nor are you to break any bone of it.

Numbers 9:12

They must not leave any of it till morning or break any of its bones. When they celebrate the Passover, they must follow all the regulations.

Psalms 34:20 (NASB)

He keeps all his bones, not one of them is broken.

John 19:31-34 (NASB)

Then the Jews, because it was the day of preparation, so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. So the soldiers came, and broke the legs of the first man and of the other who was crucified with Him; but coming to Jesus, when they saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out.

The custom was to break the legs of those on the cross so that they would die faster.

CONCLUSION

God gives us reminders throughout the year to help us focus on the fact that He is the source of our salvation. It is all about Jesus Christ.