

# Passover: A Blueprint of the End Times



Passover 2015 is Sundown Friday, April 3-Sundown Saturday, April 11

## Scripture

- **Rev. 11:3**

<sup>3</sup> And I will grant *authority* to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for twelve hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth.”

<sup>6</sup> These have the power to shut up the sky, so that rain will not fall during the days of their prophesying; and they have power over the waters to turn them into blood, and to strike the earth with every plague, as often as they desire.

## Other Scriptures

- Mal.4:5
- Duet.18:15; Acts 3:22
- John 1:29
- Rev. 2:13
- John 14:3
- Exodus 7 through 12
- Ex.14:3-9,21-31
- Ex. 15:19
- Rev. 16:17-21
- Acts 14:22
- Rom. 8:38
- I Cor. 2:9

## Main Points

- Passover is a blueprint for understanding the End Times.
- Eschatology is a study of the End Times.
- Passover is the Gospel in its primitive form.
- The Passover lamb was a symbol and a shadow of Jesus.
- Jesus is referred to as the lamb 29 times in the book of Revelation.
- Pharaoh is a shadow of Satan.
- Passover is a season of freedom and deliverance.
- Two witnesses will call down plagues in the End Times like Moses and Aaron did in Egypt.
- The plagues, local to Egypt in Moses’ day, will be global in the end times.
  - Hail-Exodus 9:18-35; Rev. 16:21
  - Frogs- Ex. 8:1-15; Rev. 16:13

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- Darkness- Exodus 10:21-29; Rev. 6:12
- Death-Ex. 11:1-10; Rev. 6:7-8
- The parting of the Red Sea for Israel is a symbol of the Rapture.
  - The Church will be on the earth during many of the plagues.
  - The Church will not be on the earth for the seven bowls of wrath. The equivalent of the drowning of Pharaoh's army in the Red Sea.
  - We need to be prepared to endure hard times.
  - A greater dimension of God's glory is going to be revealed during the End Times.
    - We can celebrate this.
    - We must be serious about living for our Lord in order to be prepared.
- As believers we need to be ready to endure hard times.
- Even as Pharaoh was the oppressor of Israel, Satan is the oppressor of God's children.
- Israel was in a place of oppression in Egypt. The church lives in a place of oppression because of the world's darkness.
- As Israel was delivered by the blood of the lamb, we too are delivered by the blood of the Lamb.
- Do not be afraid. God is with you.
- The church will come into greater unity during the end times.
- Chag Sameach- Happy Holidays

## Discussion Questions

1. Passover is an invitation for Elijah to return a second time to announce the coming of the deliverer. A seat is left open and a plate empty as an invitation to him to come. The Gospel of Jesus helps us understand that He is the deliverer. Take a moment to thank God for His coming as the Lamb of God and deliverer for us for our sins. As you get ready to celebrate the Passover/Resurrection of our lamb/deliverer be sure to truly rejoice and worship Him for the gift He has given.
2. How does understanding the story in Exodus, help you have greater understanding of the End Time events? Does the teaching today help remove fear of the tribulation we may experience in days to come? Are you challenged to pursue God more deliberately?
3. Can you trust God to give you what you need until the very end of your time on earth? Supernatural protection and provision will be God's gift to you during this time. What are some things that you can do today to help you be prepared for these present days and days to come? Who were some of the saints Rabbi listed as a pattern for us concerning enduring hard times?
4. Israel saw God part the Red Sea for them. What kinds of things might God do to keep you during the times at the end? Walk forward in unity with the banner of God in front of you. You are more than a conqueror in Christ Jesus!

# Passover: Seder



## Scriptures

- Deuteronomy 18:15
- John 1:29
- Exodus 12:8
- I Cor. 5:7
- Exodus 6: 6-7
- Matthew 7:29
- Exodus 12:34
- Isaiah 53:4
- Matthew 26:23
- Malachi 4:5
- Matthew 17:10-13

## Main Points

- Seder means order of service.
- Only 3 elements are commanded by Scripture: lamb, bitter herbs, and matza.
- Other elements were added by sages and rabbis to help us appreciate what God did for His people.
- Jesus is the fulfillment of Passover. In Jesus, you have been grafted into the commonwealth of Israel.
- The order of service comes from the Haggadah, which means the telling.
- As you go through the Seder, think about all the things from which Jesus has delivered you.
- The woman of the home lights the candles, because she sets the spiritual tone of the home.
  - o She says, “Blessed art thou, O Lord our God, King of the universe, Who sanctifies us with thy commandments and has commanded us to kindle the holiday lights.
  - o Jesus has brought us into freedom. The pillow the leader leans on accents the freedom that we have been brought into.
- The wine: four cups that accent the 4 expressions of deliverance in Ex. 6:6-7
  - o Blessed art thou, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who brings forth the fruit of the vine.
- Ritual purification-the leader washes hands as a sign of sanctification and for cleanliness.
- Parsley dipped twice in saltwater. The saltwater represents the tears that the children of Israel cried in Egypt. The parsley represents the youth of Israel as a nation, young and green. The second dip: The parsley can also represent Egypt going through the Red Sea.
- Matzah (unleavened bread)-represents the obedience to God to leave when called to leave, in haste. The stripes on the Matzah remind us of the stripes of Jesus by which we are healed.
  - Blessed art thou, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who brings forth the bread from the earth.

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- o The matzah was broken and was dipped in the bitter herbs. Jesus identified Judas as the betrayer as they dipped together in the herbs.
- Bitter herbs—ground horseradish.
- Charoset is a sweet apple mixture of apple, walnuts, brown sugar, cinnamon, and honey, mixed with horseradish. Charoset symbolizes the mortar Israel used to make their bricks while slaves in Egypt. Now that we are free, even our hard labor has been made a joy, so that is why it is a sweet mixture.
- Dip matzah in the charoset and experience the joy of freedom.
- Egg (symbol of sacrifice)-reminds us of the sacrifices that took place in the temple in Jerusalem. Because we sin every day we need a sacrifice every day—the chicken lays an egg every day, so the egg is a reminder of that.
- To remind us of the meat of the sacrifice, the shank bone of a lamb is placed on the plate.
- Elijah’s plate-empty plate and cup of wine for him, because Elijah will come and announce the coming of the Messiah.
  - o Jesus declared John the Baptist, as the Elijah that announced his coming.
  - o Traditional Jews are still looking for the Messiah, and Elijah’s announcement of his coming, so a place is set for him at the table.
- Jesus, the final Deliverer has come!
- Passover is the season of freedom and deliverance.
- Ask Jesus to bring you into a whole new level of freedom. Receive your freedom and deliverance today.
- Chag Sameach means Happy Holidays. A Jewish greeting during this season.

## Discussion Questions

1. Imagine yourself as a Jew in Egypt during the time of Moses. What types of thoughts do you have as you progress through the meal, understanding its full meaning? What particular part of the Passover celebration supper spoke to your heart most powerfully? Write a few thankful thoughts to God, your deliverer.
2. Is there an area of bondage in your life in which you need freedom? Name it and begin to ask God and thank God for the freedom He desires to give you. The Passover Lamb—Jesus--was slain once and for all for your freedom. He wants to set you free today. Continue to pray through each area. Like the Egyptians who were destroyed in the Red Sea, let Him wash away the chains that keep you in bondage.
3. Does seeing the Seder reenacted create in you an interest in celebrating Passover for yourself or your family? Plan now to include some aspects of the Jewish celebration into your own observance of Passover. Let us know if it made a difference in your life, by visiting our website and leaving a testimony, or dropping us a line.

# Passover: The Gospel In Its Primitive Form



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## Scripture

- **Exodus 12:5-<sup>5</sup>** Your lamb shall be an unblemished male a year old;
- **Ex. 12:6-** You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month, then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel is to kill it at twilight.
- **Exodus 12:7-** Moreover, they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses in which they eat it.
- **John 5:46-** If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me.
- **Duet. 18:15-** The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your countrymen, you shall listen to him.

## Other Scriptures

- Exodus 12
- Exodus 3-4
- Exodus 7-11
- Exodus 14: 1-31
- Exodus 12:3-6
- Leviticus 17:11
- Exodus 12:12-13
- Titus 3:5-7
- Ephesians 1:7
- 2 Cor. 5:21
- I Cor. 5:7
- Matt. 5:17
- Exodus 12:8
- John 6:53
- Luke 22:19-20
- Luke 22:8
- John 4:23-24
- Duet. 7:7-8

## Main Points

- The story of Passover is the Gospel of Jesus in its primitive form.
- Passover is the season of deliverance and freedom.
- Jesus is the Great Deliverer!

# Passover: The Gospel In Its Primitive Form



- Passover is the story in Exodus 12, of God’s deliverance of Israel from their slavery in Egypt.
- Every person was a part of the killing of the sacrifice lamb to signify all of our guilt and sin put the lamb to death.
- The spilled blood was the key—the life in the blood makes atonement.
- In the book of Revelation, Jesus is referred to as THE LAMB 29 times.
- Your faith in Jesus is the fulfillment of Judaism.
- Passover was a shadow pointing to the ultimate deliverer, Jesus!
- Christianity is the fulfillment of Judaism.
- When we celebrate the Lord’s Supper, we’re actually celebrating Passover.
  - Instituted by Jesus at Passover.
  - Communion comes out of Jerusalem, and Jewish worship.
  - We are not obligated to celebrate Passover, but connect yourself to your Judeo-Christian faith—in the context of the Passover experience.
- Jesus became the substitute for our sin, just as the Passover lamb was the substitute for Israel’s sin.
- When our names are written in the Lamb’s Book of Life, it means that His blood covers our sin and we will not be judged for it.
- The foundations of our salvation experience are in the Passover story.
- Moses was Jesus in shadow form.

## **Discussion Questions**

1. Did today’s teaching inspire you to incorporate Passover thinking into your Christian observance of Good Friday and Resurrection Sunday? What are some things that you can do to make this so for you and your family members, both small and large?
2. How does seeing the connection between Judaism and Christianity enrich your thinking and worship? What does grafted in mean? We are not better than our Jewish brothers and sisters, but we are the fulfillment to which Judaism points. Will you pray for your unbelieving Jewish brothers and sisters now and in the future.
3. Reread the Passover story in Exodus to harvest the details of God’s provision. Don’t forget to praise Him for the spiritual application of redemption that we celebrate during this season.