

# Passover and the End Times

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## Scripture

- **Acts 12:1**

Now about that time Herod the king laid hands on some who belonged to the church in order to mistreat them. And he had James the brother of John put to death with a sword. When he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. Now it was during the days of Unleavened Bread. When he had seized him, he put him in prison, delivering him to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending after the Passover to bring him out before the people.

- **John 1:36**

...and he looked at Jesus as He walked, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!"

## Other Scriptures

- Revelation 5:12
- Matthew 26:27-28
- John 6:53
- Luke 22:19
- I Corinthians 11:24
- Revelation 5:13; 21:27
- Revelation 12:11
- I Thessalonians 4:16-17
- John 4:22
- Matthew 6:33

## Main Points

***Passover begins at sunset on Wed., April 8 and ends at nightfall on Thurs., April 16, 2020***

- Many early church followers tried to remove any trace of Judaism from faith in Jesus.
- Jesus is the Jewish Messiah, and the King of the Jews.
- Acts 12:4 (KJV) ...intending after **Easter** to bring him forth to the people.
  - English word Passover
  - Hebrew transliteration: Pesach
- Easter was a pagan holiday that was Christianized in the 4<sup>th</sup> Century.
- John was a Jewish prophet; he was pointing Israel back to the Passover.
- The children of Israel got delivered out of Egypt through the blood of a Passover lamb.
- Jesus was crucified on Passover for you!
- Jesus is the Lamb of God.
- Whenever we partake of communion, we are actually partaking of Passover.
- Yeshua is referred to as the Lamb 29 times in the book of Revelation.
- We need to interpret the Book of Revelation through the Passover experience when Israel was redeemed through the blood of the Lamb.
- Pharaoh in ancient Egypt was a symbol of Satan in the Book of Revelation.
- Israel is a shadow of the church and Egypt is a shadow of the world.
- The plagues that fell upon Egypt will fall upon the whole world before God's final deliverance of His people.
  - ...the rivers and the springs...became blood Exodus 7:20; Rev 16:4
  - ...a loathsome and malignant sore Exodus 9:10; Revelation 16:2
  - ...the plague of the hail...Exodus 9:23; Revelation 16:21
  - ...three unclean spirits like frogs; Exodus 8:6 Revelation 16:13
- Passover is the lens through which we interpret the Book of Revelation.
- Pharaoh is a symbol of Satan.
- Egypt is a symbol of the world.
- Israel is a symbol of the church.
- The Passover Lamb is a symbol of Yeshua HaMashiach, the Lamb of God.

## Questions

1. What happened to the connection between Judaism and Christianity in the early church age? How do we know this from the King James Version alone?
2. Is Passover for believers in Jesus? How do we routinely practice Passover in worship?
3. How should Passover affect our view of the end times?
4. Write about the foreshadowing in Pharaoh, Israel, Egypt, and the Lamb of God.
5. What about the plagues of Egypt? What bearing do they have on end times?
6. Though Israel lived through most of the plagues, what was true about their experience with them?