

Celebrating Pesach (Passover)

(How to Celebrate the Biblical Feast Days By Debra Stuart Sanford)

Question: What is Pesach or Passover? Passover celebrates the death angel “passing over” the houses of the Israelites and sparing their lives but striking the firstborn of the Egyptians. Elohim miraculously released the Israelites from slavery to the Egyptians and formed a new nation who served only Him.

Exodus 12:12 For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night and will kill all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, *both* man and beast; and I will execute against all the gods of Egypt judgment: I am יהוה. 13 And the blood will be **לַאֲתָהּ** a sign upon the houses where **אַתֶּם** you are: and when I see **אַתָּה** blood, I will pass over you and the plague will not *come* upon you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. *Prophecy Fulfilled-Ex 12:13 The blood of the Lamb saves from wrath-Romans 5:8.* 14 And this day will be a memorial *for you*; and you will keep it as a feast to ליהוה throughout *all your generations*; you will keep this feast as an ordinance forever.

Question: How was Passover fulfilled by the coming of the Messiah, which is the Lamb of יהוה? 1 Corinthians 5:7 Purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, as you are unleavened. For even Mashiach our Passover is sacrificed for us: 8 Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. C-MATS

Romans 5:8 But Elohim demonstrates His love towards us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Mashiach died for us. 9 Much more then, being now justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. C-MATS

Question: When does Passover begin?

1. **YOU SHOULD CELEBRATE PASSOVER ON THE FOURTEENTH DAY OF ABIB.**
(Before sunset but usually extends into the fifteenth of Abib)

Leviticus 23:5 On the full moon on *the* fourteenth day of the first month at evening (*between sunset/darkness*) is יהוה Passover. **Deuteronomy 16:1** Observe **אז** *the* month of Abib and keep the Passover to ליהוה your Elohim: for in the month of Abib יהוה your Elohim brought you out of Egypt by night. C-MATS

The first month of the Hebrew calendar is Abib or Aviv (“Spring”). The name of the month was changed to Nissan (“Miracles”) while the Israelites were in Babylon. Passover falls somewhere between the months of March or April according to our Gregorian calendar. Passover is always celebrated on the fourteenth day on the evening of a full moon after the northern vernal equinox. The Hebrew calendar is based on the lunar cycle and our Gregorian calendar is based on the solar cycle. In 46 AD, Julius Caesar issued a decree changing the Roman calendar from lunar to solar, since the Romans celebrated sun god worship. The months of the years were changed to pagan gods or the names of Roman emperors. Pope Gregory XIII changed the calendar in 1582 to the calendar we now use today, but it is still based on the solar cycle. The dates of the feast days do not change, but the dates we celebrate the feast days change on the Gregorian calendar. Since we are now living under a corrupt calendar based on the sun, we must go back to our Hebrew roots and use the Hebrew calendar based on the moon as the Creator of the world intended us to use.

Question: How do you prepare for Passover?

2. **YOU SHOULD REMOVE ALL LEAVEN FROM YOUR HOME BEFORE PASSOVER BEGINS.**

Exodus 12:15 On the first day you will take away leaven out of your houses. C-MATS

Question: What is leaven?

Leaven or leavening agent is a substance used in doughs and batters that causes them to rise. Therefore you should remove any baked bread or cakes from your house. As Passover approaches plan ahead, so you do not buy too much bread or products made with yeast. Buy just enough for your family to eat before the Passover begins, so you will not have to throw away any food.

Check your food labels for leavening agents or yeasts that must be removed from your house. Some of the commonly used leavening agents are baker’s yeast, active dried yeast, baking powder, baking soda, cream of tartar or potassium bitartrate, sourdough, ammonium carbonate, ammonium bicarbonate, potassium carbonate, and potassium bicarbonate. Brewer’s yeast and yeast extract are not leavening agents, because they are nonliving, dried yeasts, meaning the yeasts have been killed and have no leavening power.

Question: What commandments were given for Passover?

3. YOU SHOULD EAT A LAMB DURING PASSOVER.

Exodus 12:3 In the tenth *day* of this month every man will take a lamb according to house of their **אבת** *fathers*, a lamb for *each* house: 4 And if the household is *too* small for one lamb, then let him and his neighbor next to his house *share it* according to the number of persons; *dividing it* according to the number of people eating the lamb. C-MATS

4. YOU SHOULD COOK THE MEAT WITH FIRE NOT BOILED IN WATER.

Exodus 12:8 And they will eat **אנת** the flesh that night roast it with fire. 9 Do not eat it raw or boiled in water but roast *it with* fire. C-MATS

5. YOU SHOULD EAT THE PASSOVER LAMB IN YOUR HOUSE.

6. YOU SHOULD NOT BREAK ANY BONE OF THE PASSOVER LAMB.

Exodus 12:46 In **אנת** one house it will be eaten; you will not carry *any* of the *meat* out of the house; neither will you break any of the bones. C-MATS

Question: Why was it so important not to break any of the bones of the Passover Lamb? This is symbolic of Yahusha our Passover Lamb whose bones were not broken.

John 19:31 The Jews asked that the bodies should not remain upon the stake on the Sabbath day, because it was the Preparation Day. That Sabbath day was a High Sabbath, so they asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. 32 Then came the soldiers, and broke the legs of the first man, and of the other man who was crucified with Him. 33 But when they came to Yahusha, and saw that He was dead already, they did not break His legs: 34 But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced His side, and came there out blood and water. 35 And he that saw it gave his testimony, and it is true: and he knows that what he said is true, so that you might believe. 36 For these things were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled, None of His bones shall be broken. C-MATS

7. YOU SHOULD EAT THE MEAT WITH BITTER HERBS AND UNLEAVENED BREAD.

Exodus 12:8 And they will eat **אנת** the flesh that night roast *it with* fire and eat it with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. C-MATS

Question: What are bitter herbs?

Bitter herbs symbolize the bitterness and harshness of the slavery the Hebrews endured in Egypt. Some of the bitter herbs used in the bible are chicory, coriander, dandelion, and sow-thistle. Other bitter herbs include mint, sorrel, horehound, wormwood, and watercress. Romaine lettuce and endive are most commonly used today for Passover. Bitter herbs aid in digestion, which helps to digest the heavier meat.

Question: What is unleavened bread?

Unleavened bread does not use raising agents. Unleavened breads are generally flat breads. However, some flat breads contain leaven, so you have to check the package just to be sure. Some examples are pita, gordita, crepes, roti, tortillas, and matzo (matza or matzah). Matzah is usually used for the Passover Seder, because it symbolizes the affliction of Yahusha.

8. YOU SHOULD TEACH THE DELIVERANCE OF ISREAL FROM EGYPT DURING PASSOVER.

Exodus 13:8 And you will tell your son in that day saying, *This is done* because of what יהוה did for me when I came out of Egypt. 9 And it will be for **לֶאֱוֹת** *sign (a mark)* for you upon your hand and for a reminder between your eyes that יהוה Torah may be in your mouth: with a strong hand יהוה has brought you out of Egypt. 10 You will keep **הַזֶּאת** *this אֶת* ordinance in His sacred festival (*appointed time*) from year to year. C-MATS

Question: What is a Passover Seder?

The Passover *Seder* (meaning order) is the scriptural command (Exodus 13:8) to tell the story of the Exodus to your children. The Seder that we use is at the end of this lesson, but be led by His Spirit how you want to conduct your own Passover Seder.

9. YOU SHOULD NOT ALLOW ANY UNCIRCUMCISED PERSON TO EAT THE PASSOVER LAMB.

Exodus 12:43 And יהוה said to Moses and Aaron, **זֶה** *this is* the ordinance of the Passover: No stranger will eat it: 44 But every man's servant *that* is bought for money, *after* you have circumcised **אֹתוֹ** *him*, then he will eat it. 45 A foreigner and a hired servant will not eat it. 47 All the congregation of Israel will celebrate **אֹתוֹ** *it (him)*. 48 And when a stranger settles with **אִתְּךָ** *you* and keeps the Passover to ליהוה, let all his males be circumcised *first* and then let him come and keep it; and he will be as one that is born in the land: no uncircumcised person will eat it. C-MATS

10. YOU SHOULD BURN UP ANY OF THE MEAT THAT IS LEFT IN THE MORNING.

Exodus 12:10 And you will let nothing of it remain until the morning; and that which remains until the morning you will burn with fire. C-MATS

Question: Should you put the blood of the lamb on your doorposts?

Exodus 12:6 And you will keep *it* until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel will kill **אֹתוֹ** *it (him)* in the evening. 7 And they will take the blood and *smear it* on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses in which they shall eat **אֹתוֹ** *it (him)*. C-MATS

Yahusha is the Passover Lamb. The blood of Yahusha covers your body and is a sign. When יהוה sees the blood He gives you life not death. There is no need to put blood on your door posts.

Acts 20:28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Ruach haKodesh has made you overseers, to feed the assembly of Elohim, which He has purchased with His own blood. C-MATS

Question: What should you eat for the Passover meal?

The Scriptures only require that you eat roasted lamb, bitter herbs, and unleavened bread at your meal. You may add other items to your menu if you choose to do so.

Question: What should you do if you are not able to celebrate the Passover on the fourteenth of Abib?

11. YOU SHOULD CELEBRATE PASSOVER THE NEXT MONTH, IF YOU DID NOT CELEBRATE PASSOVER IN THE FIRST MONTH OF ABIB.

Numbers 9:9 And יהוה spoke to Moses saying, 10 Speak to *the* Children of Israel saying, If any of you now or in future generations is unclean because of a dead body or he is on a journey abroad, he can still keep the Passover to ליהוה. 11 The fourteenth day of the second month between the evenings they shall keep ארו it (him) and eat it (the meat) with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. 12 They will leave none of it until morning or break any of its bones: according to all the ordinances of the Passover they will keep ארו it (him). 13 But the man that *is* clean and is not on a journey and does not keep the Passover, that man will be cut off from among his people: because he has not brought the *offering* for יהוה in his appointed time and that man will bear the consequences of this sin. C-MATS

FEAST OF UNLEAVENED BREAD

Question: When should you celebrate Feast of Unleavened Bread?

1. YOU SHOULD CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF UNLEAVENED BREAD ON THE FIFTEENTH DAY OF ABIB (NISSAN).

Leviticus 23:6 On the fifteenth day of the same month is the Feast of Unleavened Bread to ליהוה: seven days you must eat unleavened bread. C-MATS

The Passover Seder begins on the fourteenth of Abib before sunset and continues into the fifteenth of Abib. Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread are usually considered an eight day feast since they run together.

Exodus 12:18 In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at evening, you will eat unleavened bread until the twenty first day of the month at evening. C-MATS

Question: What commandments were given for the Feast of Unleavened Bread?

2. YOU SHOULD EAT UNLEAVENED BREAD FOR SEVEN DAYS DURING THE FEAST OF UNLEAVENED BREAD.

Exodus 12:14 And this day will be a memorial *for you*; and you will keep it as a feast to ליהוה throughout *all* your generations; you will keep *this* feast as an ordinance forever. 15 Seven days you will eat unleavened bread; on the first day you will take away leaven out of your houses: whoever eats leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day will be cut off from Israel.

Exodus 13:6 Seven days you will eat unleavened bread and in the seventh day *will be* a feast to ליהוה. 7 Unleavened bread will be eaten *for* אַתְּ seven days; and no leavened bread *will be* seen with you *throughout your territory*. C-MATS

Question: Why do you eat food without leaven during the Feast of Unleavened Bread?

The children of Israel ate the Passover lamb in Egypt on the fourteenth of Abib, but they were driven out of Egypt that night on the fifteenth of Abib. They did not have time for their bread to rise, so for seven days they ate unleavened bread in the Wilderness. We are to remember the exodus of our ancestors and their deliverance from bondage at this time. In the Bible, leaven is almost always symbolic of sin. Just as leaven permeates the whole lump of dough, sin will spread throughout a person eventually overwhelming him and bringing him into its bondage and eventually to death. We should examine ourselves at this time for sin, so we do not fall into bondage like our ancestors did. As we fast leaven bread, we should pray and ask for our hidden sins to be revealed to us, so we can repent and draw closer to Him.

Deuteronomy 16:3 You will not eat *any* leavened bread; seven days you will eat unleavened bread, *which is* the bread of affliction; because אַתְּ? you came out of the land of Egypt in a hurry: thus you will remember אַתְּ day when you came out of the land of Egypt all the days of your life. C-MATS

3. YOU SHOULD NOT WORK ON THE FIRST DAY OR THE SEVENTH DAY OF THE FEAST OF UNLEAVENED BREAD, EXCEPT TO PREPARE YOUR FOOD.

Exodus 12:16 And on the first day there will be a sacred assembly and on the seventh day there will be a sacred assembly for you; no work will be done in those days, except that which every man must do to prepare his food to eat, you may only do that. C-MATS

4. YOU SHOULD HAVE NO LEAVEN IN YOUR HOUSE FOR SEVEN DAYS DURING THE FEAST OF UNLEAVENED BREAD.

Exodus 12:19 Seven days no leaven will be found in your houses: for whoever eats that which is leavened will be cut off from the Congregation of Israel, whether he is a stranger or born in the land. 20 You will eat nothing leavened; in all your houses you will eat unleavened bread. C-MATS

Deuteronomy 16:4 And no leavened bread is to be seen with you in all your territory for seven days. C-MATS

Eliminating leaven from your diet for seven days stops the yeast (Candida) buildup that can be so detrimental to your health. Yeast spores can even float around in your house, so that is why you should remove all the yeast from your house. All laws have been given to benefit us even though we cannot see the importance of why we should obey a certain law. Do not think that one law is not as important as another law. In His eyes all His Laws are important and have value for our lives.

5. YOU SHOULD KEEP THE FEAST OF UNLEAVENED BREAD EVERY YEAR NO MATTER WHAT COUNTRY YOU LIVE IN.

Exodus 12:17 And you will observe **אֶת־ Unleavened Bread; for in this day I have brought **אֶת־** your armies out of the land of Egypt: therefore, you will observe **אֶת־** day, in all your generations by an ordinance forever (owlam). C-MATS**

6. YOU SHOULD GIVE A VOLUNTARY OFFERING TO ELOHIM ON THE FEAST OF UNLEAVENED BREAD.

Exodus 23:14 Three times in the year you will keep a feast to Me. 15 **אֶת־ Feast of Unleavened Bread you will keep seven days: You will eat unleavened bread as I commanded you, in the time appointed in the month of Abib; because in it **אֶת־** you came out from Egypt: And none will appear before me empty handed. 16 And the Feast of Harvest (*Shavuot*), the first fruits of your labors, which you have planted in the field: and the Feast of Ingathering (*Sukkot*), which is at the end of the year, when you have gathered in **אֶת־** your labors out of the field. 17 Three times in the year all your males will appear before Adonai **יהוה**. 18 You will not offer the blood of My sacrifice with leavened bread; neither will the fat of My sacrifice remain until the morning. 19 The first (*best*) of the first fruits of your land you will bring into the House of **יהוה** your Elohim. C-MATS**

Give to the poor at this time or a local charity that feeds the hungry. Be led by His Spirit as to where you should give your gift to Him.

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TORAH LESSON for Passover Sabbath

Exodus 12:1 And יהוה spoke to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt saying, **2 This month will be the beginning of months: it will be the first month of the year for you. C-MATS**

Question: What does the word “month” in Hebrew mean? Month means renewal. Just as the moon disappears at the end of each month, but returns and grows to fullness, so Israel may suffer exile and decline, but it always renews itself until the coming of the Messiah. *Chumash*

Question: What calendar did יהוה begin for the Hebrews? The Hebrew calendar is based on the moon, and it is regulated by the sun. The length of the months is 29 or 30 days. A “leap year” adds a thirteenth month to the year seven times very nineteen years so that Nissan always remains in its proper season. *Chumash*

Exodus 12:3 Speak to all the congregation of Israel saying, **In the tenth day of this month every man will take a lamb according to house of their אבות fathers, a lamb for each house. C-MATS**

Question: What does the word “lamb” mean here? The Hebrew word refers to both the young of both sheep and goats. There is no one-word translation in English. *Chumash*

Question: What is meant by “house of their אבות fathers”? The father’s house is what is known today as an extended family, such as grandparents with the families of their children. If this group was so large that one animal would not provide the minimum required amount of meat for each participant, then an animal should be used for each household. *Chumash*

Exodus 12:4 And if the household is *too* small for one lamb, then let him and his neighbor next to his house *share it* according to the number of persons; *dividing it* according to the number of people eating the lamb. C-MATS



Eat Passover with your family.

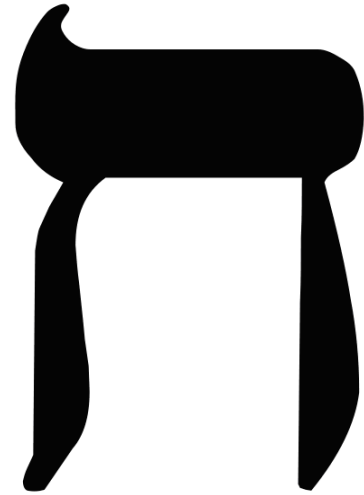
Question: Why was it important to calculate how many lambs were to be prepared for each house? The people who will participate in the eating of each offering must be calculated according to how much they can eat, because all of the meat must be eaten that night or thrown away. יהוה does not want you to waste any food. *Chumash*

Exodus 12:5 Your *animal should* be without blemish, a one year old male: you can take it from the sheep or goats: *Prophecy Fulfilled-Ex. 12:5 A Lamb without blemish-1 Pet. 1:19.* **6** And you will keep *it* until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel will kill אֹתוֹ *it (him)* in the evening. C-MATS

Question: Why was Moses fearful to slaughter the lamb in Egypt? When יהוה told Moses to slay the paschal lamb, Moses said: "Master of the Universe! How can I possibly do this thing? Don't you know the lamb is the Egyptian god? 'Lo, if we sacrifice the abomination of the Egyptians before their eyes, will they not stone us?'" Said יהוה: "By your life, Israel will not depart from here before they slaughter the Egyptian gods before their very eyes, that I may teach them that their gods are really nothing at all." This is what He actually did, for on that night He slew the Egyptian firstborn, and on that night the Israelites slaughtered their paschal lamb and ate it. *Chumash*

Exodus 12:7 And they will take the blood and *smear it* on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses in which they shall eat אֹתוֹ *it (him)*. C-MATS

Question: What Hebrew letter did the blood over the doorposts make? Chet means “life”.



Exodus 12:8 And they will eat **את** the flesh that night roast *it* with fire and *eat it with* unleavened bread *and bitter herbs*. C-MATS



Gathering bitter herbs

Question: What do you think makes the **unleavened bread** we eat on Passover a symbol for being humble? The unleavened Matzah is flat and low. It doesn't puff up with air the way regular bread does when it rises. Therefore, it symbolizes humility and teaches us not to let ourselves get puffed up with conceited pride either. But more than this, eating Matzah on Passover can actually give us a big spiritual boost in our attempts to become more humble and better people as we focus on the symbol the Matzah bread gives us.

1 Corinthians 5:6 Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? 7 Purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, as you are unleavened. For even Mashiach our Passover is sacrificed for us: 8 Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. C-MATS

Questions: Unbaked Matzah dough will not begin to rise as long as it's being worked and kneaded, but once it sits idle it begins to puff up and rise. What analogy do you think we can learn from here about human nature? As long as a person keeps busy doing worthwhile activities he is going to feel good about himself and have no need to put anyone else down, but once he 'sits idle' he is going to start feeling unproductive and bad about himself until the only way he can build himself up is by putting others down. A big secret of being happy is to keep busy doing things that count!

Question: Passover is the great festival of freedom when we remember and celebrate our people's miraculous freedom from the brutal slavery of Egypt. While physical and political freedom *is* important, there is even a higher type of freedom - freedom from being a slave to the destructive habits and desires which push us to do what we know we shouldn't. A person who can freely choose to act according to his values and not just his desires is truly free. Does being free mean being able to do whatever you feel like it? To be free doesn't mean doing whatever you feel like. Real freedom is having the strength to freely choose to do what you deep down want to do even if part of you desires to do something else.

Question: What do you think it means to be a slave to one's desires? Every person has two competing inner voices. One represents his true inner values that will lead him to personal and spiritual growth. The second is the desire of immediate gratification at all cost. Someone who acts upon that second voice is essentially enslaved by that desire and prevented from fulfilling his true mission in life.

Question: What types of things can make someone a slave? Many people are 'slaves' to junk food, or too much food of any kind. Alcoholics are slaves to drinking. Cigarette smokers are slaves to smoking. Illegal drug users are slaves to drugs. Some people become slaves to keeping up with the latest fashion or other ways of impressing people. In short, anything that draws us to do it and we can't stop ourselves - even when we know we shouldn't or we just don't want to do it - can make us a 'slave.'

Question: A free person is someone with self-control. What do you think this means? Self-control means that we are able to decide what we do or don't want to do - and then stick to it. This means we have the ability to freely choose and there's no greater freedom than that.

Question: Can someone be forced to do something by someone else - and still be free? While he may not be able to choose what to do, he or she can still choose what attitude to have, and choosing the most positive attitude possible within those circumstances sets one free.

Question: Do you think a person could be incarcerated in jail and yet be free? Yes. True spiritual freedom is not dependent on any external circumstances, rather it is the degree to which a person chooses to think, speak, and act in a way that best reflects his deepest inner values, within the limits his circumstances allow. Therefore someone even confined in a squalid dungeon could be essentially free, and conversely someone could be enjoying the best of luxuries and be a slave.

Spiritual Exercise: Use self-control this week and do not be a slave to destructive habits.

Exodus 12:9 Do not eat it raw or boiled in water but roast *it with fire*; its head with its legs and with its *organs* in it. C-MATS

Question: How was the lamb cooked? One should roast it completely as one, with its head and with its legs and with its internal organs, and one must place its intestines inside it after they have been rinsed. *Chumash*

Exodus 12:10 And you will let nothing of it remain until the morning; and that which remains until the morning you will burn with fire. 11 You will eat אָתָּה *it (him)* with your loins girded (*belt*), your shoes on your feet and your staff in your hand; and you will eat אָתָּה *it (him)* quickly, it is to לִיהוּדָה *Passover*. C-MATS

Question: What does it mean **loins girded**? The Hebrews should have their belts tightened, and be dressed as if they were ready for an immediate journey out of the country. *Chumash*

Exodus 12:12 For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night and will kill all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, *both* man and beast; and I will execute against all the gods of Egypt judgment: I am יְהוָה. C-MATS

Question: What judgment was placed on their idols? The idols made of wood will rot, and the idols made of metal will melt and flow to the ground. The demonic spiritual forces that guided and protected the destiny of Egypt were struck in this plague, so that Egypt would be completely defenseless. *Chumash*

Exodus 12:13 And the blood will be אֶתְּךָ *a sign* upon the houses where אַתָּם *you are*: and when I see אֶתְּךָ *blood*, I will pass over you and the plague will not *come* upon you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. *Prophecy Fulfilled-Ex 12:13 The blood of the Lamb saves from wrath-Romans 5:8*. 14 And this day will be a memorial *for you*; and you will keep it as a feast to לִיהוּדָה *throughout all your generations*; you will keep *this* feast as an ordinance forever. 15 Seven days you will eat unleavened bread; on the first day you will take away leaven out of your houses: whoever eats leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day will be cut off from Israel. C-MATS

Question: When should you take all the leavened bread out of your house? The leaven must be removed before the Pesach-offering may be offered (or cooked). *Chumash*

Question: What picture of Yahusha do we see in the Matzah (unleavened bread)? The Matzah is striped. **Isaiah 53:5 But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed.** *Prophecy Fulfilled-Isa. 53:5a Bears penalty for mankind's transgressions...Luke 23:33; 5b His sacrifice would provide peace between man and Elohim-Col. 1:20; 5c His back would be whipped-Matthew 27:26. C-MATS*

The Matzah is pierced. **Zechariah 12:10 And I will pour upon the House of David and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplication; and they shall look to Me **אֲנִי** whom they have pierced; and they shall mourn for Him, as one mourns for his only son and shall be in bitterness for Him, as one that is in bitterness for his first-born.** *Prophecy Fulfilled-Zech. 12:10a The Messiah's body would be pierced-John 19:34-37; 10b The Messiah would be both Elohim and man-John 10:30; 10c The Messiah would be rejected-John 1:11; His body was pierced-Ps. 22:16; John 20:25, 27. C-MATS*

Question: How is Yahusha a symbol of bread? Yahusha was born in Bethlehem, which means, 'House of Bread.' Yahusha called Himself the Bread from Heaven. The Bread from Heaven was born in the House of Bread. **John 6: 35 And Yahshua said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that comes to me shall never hunger; and he that believes on me shall never thirst.** C-MATS

When we eat of Yahusha we are eating יהוה's pure unleavened Bread that is the staff of our life; the true Bread from Heaven. This is pictured in Matzah because unleavened bread symbolizes sinlessness and purity. יהוה set it up so that Yahusha, who is sinless and pure, could speak of Himself as Matzah: sinlessness, purity, and freedom. By eating of Him one attains Heaven: life eternal in the Presence of יהוה. **John 17:1 These words spoke Yahshua and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify your Son, that your Son also may glorify you: 2 As you have given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as you have given him. 3 And this is life eternal, that they might know you the only true Elohim, and Yahshua haMashiach, whom you have sent.** C-MATS

Exodus 12:16 And on the first day there will be a sacred assembly and on the seventh day there will be a sacred assembly for you; no work will be done in those days, except that which every man must do to prepare his food to eat, you may only do that. C-MATS

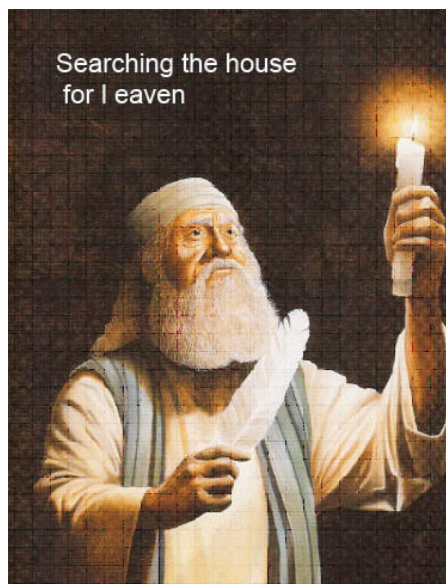
Question: What kind of work can be done on the first and seventh day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread? The necessary work for food preparation is allowed, even though it is not allowed on Sabbath and Yom Kippur. No other kind of work may be performed on these days, even though work can be performed on the other days of the feast. *Chumash*

Question: What is considered **work**? Any types of work that are considered by you as labor and necessities, where a monetary loss may be incurred if one would refrain from them, for example, something that will be lost if the activity is postponed. Work that is a burden, such as ordinary labor, is not permitted. Only such work is forbidden on festivals, but "pleasurable work", such as preparation of food, is permitted including slaughter and cooking.



Feast of Unleavened Bread

Exodus 12:17 And you will observe **אֶת־ Unleavened Bread; for in this day I have brought **אֶת־** your armies out of the land of Egypt: therefore, you will observe **אֶת־** day, in *all* your generations by an ordinance forever (*owlam*). 18 In the first *month*, on the fourteenth day of the month at evening, you will eat unleavened bread until the twenty first day of the month at evening. 19 Seven days no leaven will be found in your houses: for whoever eats that which is leavened will be cut off from the Congregation of Israel, whether he is a stranger or born in the land. 20 You will eat nothing leavened; in all your houses you will eat unleavened bread. C-MATS**



No leaven shall be in your houses.

Question: Eating Matzah bread helps remind us of the value of being humble - like the humble, unleavened Matzah - rather than all inflated and full of ourselves. What does it mean to be humble? It means not looking down on others or trying to put them down. Rather, treating everyone with sincere respect and doing what we can to help them. If you put down others, you are building up yourself. You are comparing yourself to that person and saying, "I am better than that person." All men have faults, but we need to focus on our own faults and correct them first.

Matthew 7:1 Judge not, that you be not judged. 2 For with what judgment you judge, you shall be judged: and with what measure you mete (*measure*), it shall be measured to you again. 3 And why behold you the mote that is in your brother's eye, but consider not the beam that is in your own eye? 4 Or how will you say to your brother, Let me pull out the mote out of your eye; and, behold, a beam is in your own eye? 5 You hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of your own eye; and then shall you see clearly to cast out the mote out of your brother's eye. C-MATS

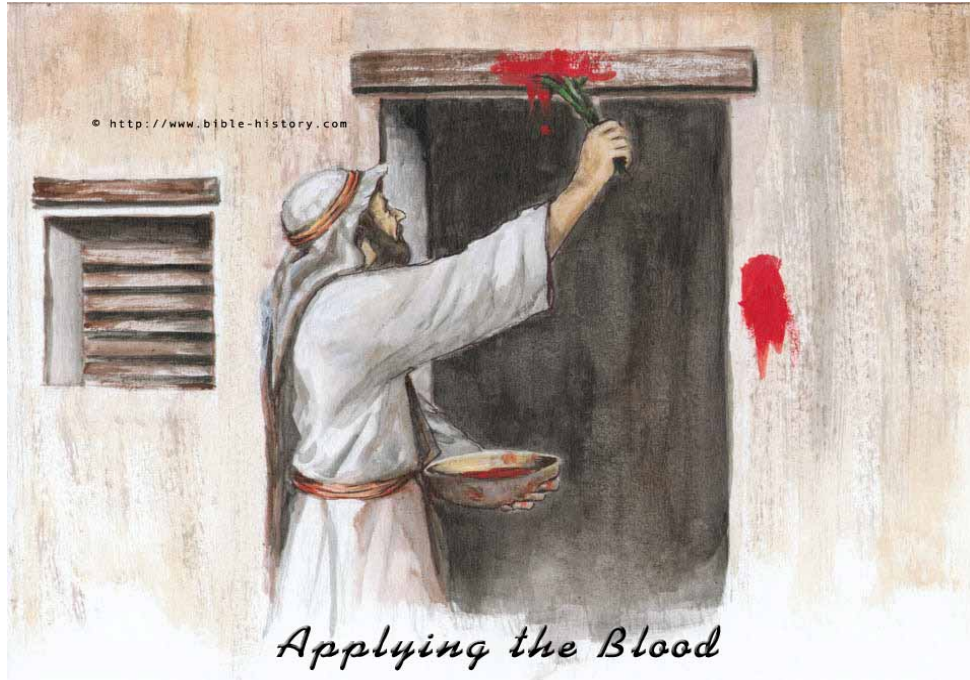
Question: Moses' great humility was what enabled him to come so close to יהוה. What do you think is the connection? A person who is humble is always looking for ways to give to others rather than demanding that others give to him. As יהוה is the ultimate giver, the humble person comes close to Him by imitating His ways.

Question: What is the difference between healthy self-esteem and false, puffed up pride? Self-esteem is an inner attitude in which we recognize that our self worth does not depend on other's approval. False pride is the opposite, it is when we define ourselves in others eyes and demand of them that they sustain our feelings of self worth by giving us their honor and approval. If we truly respect ourselves, we will not be overly moved even if others don't treat us with the proper respect.

Question: What attitude do you think could help prevent us from puffing up with false pride and feeling insulted over things? One powerful tool is to remember that nobody can say or do anything to us unless יהוה allows them to and יהוה only allows it if it will ultimately be for our best good. In fact, being insulted by someone and not responding angrily is one of the quickest and most effective ways to build character and achieve spiritual growth. While we shouldn't seek these experiences, if and when they happen we should seize the opportunity to use them to grow.

Spiritual exercise: Do not criticize others, but look at yourself and put yourself in order during this Feast of Unleavened Bread. Try to become more humble and think of ways you can do so in your life. What does יהוה want you to change this week?

Exodus 12:21 Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel and said to them, Take a lamb according to the number in your family and kill the Passover lamb. 22 And you take a אֶרְבֵּית סוּסָנִים bunch of hyssop and dip it in the blood that is in the basin and smear the lintel and the two side posts with the blood that is in the basin; וְאַתֶּם and you will not go out of the door of your house until the morning. C-MATS



Exodus 12:23 For יהוה will pass through to kill אֶת־ the Egyptians; and when he sees אֶת־ the blood upon the lintel and on the two side posts, יהוה will pass over the door and will not allow the Destroyer to come into your houses to strike you. 24 And you will observe אֶת־ this matter as an ordinance for you and your sons forever (*owlam*). 25 And it will come to pass, when you have come to the land which יהוה will give you, as He has promised, that you will keep אֶת־ this אֶת־ service. 26 And it will come to pass, when your children will say to you, what do you mean by אֶת־ this service? 27 That you will say, it is the sacrifice to ליהוה Passover, who passed over the houses of the Children of Israel in Egypt, when He struck אֶת־ the Egyptians אֶת־ and our houses He delivered. And the people bowed their heads and worshipped. *Prophecy Fulfilled-Ex. 12:21-27 Messiah is our Passover-1 Cor. 5:7.* 28 And the Children of Israel went away as had commanded יהוה אֶת־ Moses and Aaron, so they did. C-MATS



Exodus 12:29 And it came to pass at midnight and **ויהיה** killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sat on his throne to the firstborn of the captive that was in the dungeon; and all the firstborn of *the* cattle. C-MATS



The Death of the Firstborn by Sir Lawrence Alma-Tad

Exodus 12:30 And Pharaoh rose up in the night, he and all his servants and all the Egyptians; and there was a great cry in Egypt; for *there was not a house where one was not dead in it.* C-MATS

Question: Why did every house have a corpse in it? And Pharaoh rose up in the night, he and all his servants and all the Egyptians, and there was a great cry throughout Egypt in that night, for there was not a house in which there was not a corpse. **יהיה** also killed the firstborn who were not known to everyone, like those who were the products of incest and immorality. Also the likenesses of the first born of Egypt that were carved into the walls of their houses were destroyed and fell to the ground. Even the bones of their firstborn who had died before this and whom they had buried in their houses, were raked up by the dogs of Egypt on that night and dragged before the Egyptians and cast before them. All the Egyptians saw this evil, which had suddenly come upon them, and all the Egyptians cried out with a loud voice. All the families of Egypt wept upon that night, each man for his son and each man for his daughter, being the first born, and the cries of Egypt was heard at a distance on that night. Jashar 80

Exodus 12:31 And Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron by night and said, Rise up and get out from among my people, both אַתָּה you and the Children of Israel; and go serve יהוה אֱתֶךָ as you have said. 32 Also take your flocks and your herds as you have said and be gone, but bless אֱתִי me also. C-MATS

Question: What blessing did Pharaoh want? Pray for me that I will not die, for I am a firstborn.
Chumash

Question: Since Pharaoh was a firstborn, why wasn't he killed? Concerning him, יהוה says: "And in very deed for אֶתְּ this cause have I raised you up to show through you אֶת־ My power; and that My name may be declared throughout all the earth." Exodus 9:16 at the Red Sea. C-MATS

Exodus 12:33 And the Egyptians were urgent with the people that they might send them out of the land quickly; because they said, We will be all dead men. C-MATS



Middlebrow Answer: Death of the First-Born (10th)

Exodus 12:34 And took the people אֶת־ their dough before it was leavened and wrapped their kneading bowls in their clothes on their shoulders. 35 And the Children of Israel obeyed the word of Moses; and they borrowed from the Egyptians jewels of silver and gold and garments. C-MATS

Question: Why did the Egyptians give the Hebrews all their wealth? When the Hebrews came to ask their neighbors to borrow various items, the Egyptians gave them lavish gifts and forced their wealth on them, just so they would leave the country. *Chumash*

Exodus 12:36 And **יְהוָה** gave **אֶת־** favor *to the people in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they granted them as much as they required. And they plundered אֶת־ the Egyptians. 37 And the Children of Israel journeyed from Rameses to Succoth, about 600,000 men on foot, not counting the children. C-MATS*

Question: How many Hebrews left Egypt? 600,000 adult males did not include women, children, and elderly males, which indicates that a total population of about 3,000,000 people followed Moses into the Wilderness. *Chumash*

Question: **יְהוָה** did the impossible and brought the Israelites out of slavery from Egypt, the strongest nation in the world at that time. Is there anything that's truly impossible? Of course, there are some things that are simply beyond the laws of nature and no one can presume to accomplish them. For instance, no matter how much one wishes he could fly like a bird - he can't. However, there are many other things, accomplishments, etc., that feel impossible, but once we try to do what we can, we'll find that they were possible after all.

Question: Do we always see why things are for our best? No. Many, if not most of the time we don't. Still, we should remember that nothing is random and **יְהוָה** is working 'behind the scenes' and sending us what we best need for our ultimate good and personal growth.

Question: Why do you think many things that seem so impossible at first are actually doable? One reason is that before we attempt any challenging task, there is part of us motivated by inertia and fear that tries to hold us back. One way it does so is by making the task appear more formidable than it really is. Once we get past that barrier, we're often surprised at how easily things go.

Question: How can thinking about the miracles of Passover empower us in our own lives? The Israelite people were lowly slaves in a terrible physical and spiritual state. Yet, through **יְהוָה**'s miracles, they became a great spiritual nation until today. We too as individuals, even if we're feeling down and lowly, if we never stop trying to do what we can in every situation to improve our lives, may very well see **יְהוָה**'s miracles too.

Question: How many years did the Israelites suffer hard labor? And the children of Israel journeyed from Rameses to Succoth, about six hundred thousand men on foot, besides the little ones and their wives. Also a mixed multitude went up with them, and flocks and herds, even much cattle. And the sojourning of the children of Israel, who dwelt in the land of Egypt in hard labor, was two hundred and ten years. And at the end of two hundred and ten years, **יְהוָה** brought out the children of Israel from Egypt with a strong hand. Jashar 81



Israelites leave Egypt

Exodus 12:38 And a mixed multitude went up אִתָּם *with them*; flocks, herds and cattle in very large numbers. C-MATS

Question: Who was the **mixed multitude** that went with the Hebrews into the Wilderness? A multitude of people of various nationalities converted to worship יהוה and accompanied the Hebrews out of Egypt. *Chumash*

Exodus 12:39 And they baked אֶת־הַדָּגַח the dough which they brought out of Egypt, unleavened cakes, because it was not leavened since they were driven out of Egypt and could not wait, neither had they prepared for themselves any meat. C-MATS

Question: What does this verse say about the faith of the Israelites? Israel did not say, "How will we go out into the desert without provisions?" Instead they believed and left. This is what is stated explicitly in Jeremiah 2:2: "I remember you, the kindness of your youth, אֶהְיֶה לְךָ you loved your espousals, when you went after Me in the wilderness, in a land *that was not planted.*" C-MATS

Exodus 12:40 Now the time *the* Children of Israel lived in Egypt **and Canaan was 430 years.* C-MATS

Question: What does this mean **Israel lived in Egypt *and Canaan was 430 years?** The Covenant between the Parts took place 430 years before the Exodus, and that is the period referred to in this verse. At that time, יהוה foretold Abraham that his offspring would endure 400 years during which there would be exile, persecution, and servitude-but not necessarily all of them at the same time. Thirty years later those 400 years began with the birth of Isaac, since the prophecy referred to Abraham's offspring. Thus the Exodus was perfectly calibrated to conform to the prophecy to Abraham, for Isaac was born on the fifteenth of Nissan and exactly 400 years later precisely at the deadline of the prescribed time the Israelites were liberated. The actual exile in Egypt lasted 210 years. *Chumash*

Exodus 12:41 And it came to pass at the end of *the* 430 years, on the very same day, it came to pass *that* all the **צְבָאוֹת** *hosts of* יהוה went out from the land of Egypt. 42 This night *was* observed by יהוה for bringing them out from the land of Egypt: *this is* the night to ליהוה to be observed by all *the* Children of Israel in their generations. 43 And יהוה said to Moses and Aaron, **זֹאת** *this is* the ordinance of the Passover: No stranger will eat it: 44 But every man's servant *that* is bought for money, *after* you have circumcised **אֹתוֹ** *him*, then he will eat it. 45 A foreigner and a hired servant will not eat it. 46 In **אֶחָת** *one* house it will be eaten; you will not carry *any* of the *meat* out of the house; neither will you break any of the bones. *Prophecy Fulfilled-Ex. 12:46 Not a bone of the Lamb to be broken-John 19:31-36.* 47 All the congregation of Israel will celebrate **אֹתוֹ** *it (him)*. 48 And when a stranger settles with **אִתְּךָ** *you* and keeps the Passover to ליהוה, let all his males be circumcised *first* and then let him come and keep it; and he will be as one that is born in the land: no uncircumcised person will eat it. 49 The *same* laws will be for him that is native and the stranger that settles among you. 50 So *the* Children of Israel did all as commanded by יהוה **אֶת־** *Moses* **וְאֶת־** *and* Aaron. 51 It came to pass the very same day, brought יהוה **אֶת־** *the* Children of Israel out of the land of Egypt by their armies. (* Septuagint) C-MATS



John Martin - One of the Seven Plagues of Egypt

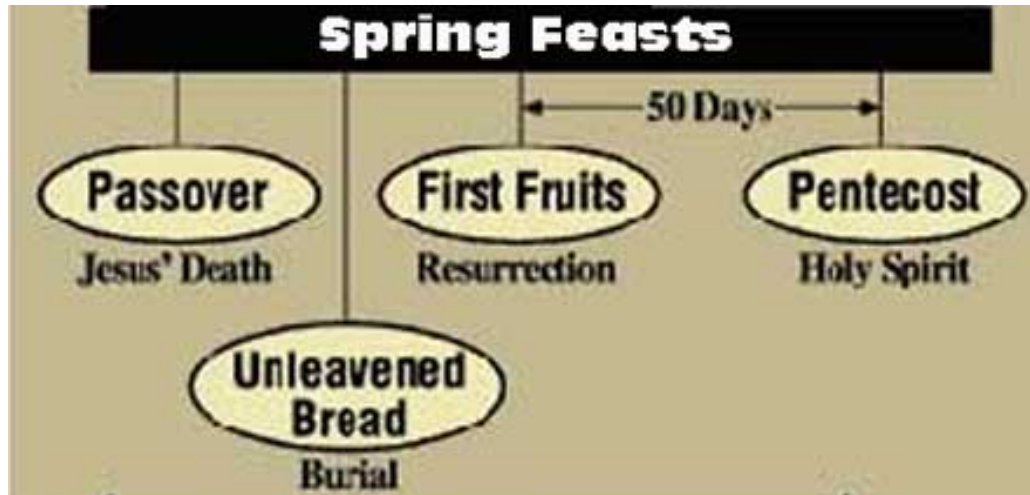
Question: When did the Israelites leave Egypt? What did they take with them? And the children of Israel delayed going out at night, and when the Egyptians came to them to bring them out, they said to them, "Are we thieves, that we should go out at night?" (They would not even wait until daylight.) And the children of Israel asked of the Egyptians, vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and garments, and the children of Israel stripped the Egyptians. And Moses rose up and went to the river of Egypt, and brought up the coffin of Joseph and took it with him. The children of Israel also brought up each man's father's coffin with him and each man the coffins of his tribe. Jashar

Question: How important is keeping the feast days? When King Jeroboam set up his secessionist monarchy of the Ten Tribes after the death of King Solomon, and wanted to prevent the Israelites of his kingdom from traveling to Jerusalem for the pilgrimage festivals -- where they would be reminded that the House of David was the legitimate ruler -- he set up golden statues of calves in his kingdom and established his own festivals for their worship (**I Kings 12:28 Whereupon the king took counsel and made two calves of gold; and he said to them, It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem: behold your gods, O Israel, which brought you up out of the land of Egypt.**). He realized that observance of the festivals is the road to faith in יהוה. So, too, is the Sabbath, which bears testimony that יהוה created heaven and earth in six days and rested on the seventh.

Question: Can you keep the Passover later if you are traveling or unclean? **Numbers 9:9 And יהוה spoke to Moses saying, 10 Speak to the Children of Israel saying, If any of you now or in future generations is unclean because of a dead body or he is on a journey Then יהוה spoke to Moses, saying, abroad, he can still keep the Passover to ליהוה. 11 The fourteenth day of the second month between the evenings they shall keep אתו it (him) and eat it (the meat) with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. 12 They will leave none of it until morning or break any of its bones: according to all the ordinances of the Passover they will keep אתו it (him). Prophecy Fulfilled-Num. 9:12 Not a bone of Him broken-John 19:31-36. 13 But the man that is clean and is not on a journey and does not keep the Passover, that man will be cut off from among his people: because he has not brought the offering for יהוה in his appointed time and that man will bear the consequences of this sin. C-MATS**

Question: How important is continuing forward in the spirit of the feast days? The first Feast of Unleavened Bread the Israelites kept must have been exciting and exhilarating! **Exodus 14:8 The Children of Israel went out boldly.** It was on the Last Day of Unleavened Bread that they actually saw the Red Sea split in two, and they walked through it on dry ground. Then they witnessed Pharaoh's feared army being smashed beneath its crushing walls (**Exodus 14:27 And the Egyptians fled לקראתו from him; but overthrew יהוה את- the Egyptians in the midst of the sea. 28 And the waters returned and covered את- the chariots ואת- and the horsemen and all the host of Pharaoh that came into the sea after them; not one remained.**). And yet, just three days later, they forgot this great deliverance and amazingly began to condemn Moses again (**Exodus 15:24 And the people murmured against Moses saying, What will we drink?**). But stop for a moment. Before we judge the Israelites too harshly, let's judge ourselves. How fast can we say or do things we later regret? We need to remember the words that Moses was charged to relay to the children of Israel on the banks of the Red Sea: **"And יהוה said to Moses, Why do you cry to me? Speak to the Children of Israel to move forward. Exodus 14:15.** Let's grow, overcome, change, and accomplish our part in יהוה's great Work that lies yet ahead of us. Let's not go backward, let's go forward!





Leviticus 23:4 These *are* the feasts of יהוה, *the* sacred convocations which you will proclaim אָתָם *them* at their designated times. 5 On the full moon on *the* fourteenth *day* of the first month at evening (*between* sunset/darkness) is יהוה Passover. 6 On the fifteenth day of the same month is the Feast of Unleavened Bread לִיהוה: seven days you must eat unleavened bread. 7 In the first day you will have a sacred convocation: you will do no ordinary work *in it*. 8 But you will offer an *offering* made by fire to ליהוה *for* seven days: on the seventh day is a sacred convocation: you will do no ordinary work. C-MATS

Exodus 33:12 And Moses said to יהוה, See, אָתָּה You said to me, Bring up אָתִי people אָתָּה and You have not let me know אֵת whom You will send with me. אָתָּה And You אָמַרְתָּ You said, I know you by name אָתָּה and moreover, מָצָאתָ you found grace in My sight. 13 Now please, if מָצָאתִי I found grace in your sight, show me now אָתֶּךָ Your way that I may know You, that I may find grace in Your sight: and consider that this nation is Your people. 14 And He (Elohim) said, My presence will go *with you* and I will give you rest. 15 And Moses said to Him, If Your presence will not go *with us* do not take us from here. 16 For how *else* will it be known here that מָצָאתִי I found grace in Your sight, *if* not I and Your people, You go with us? So shall we be set apart, I and Your people, from all the people that *are* upon the face of the earth. 17 And יהוה said to Moses, Also אָתֶּךָ *this* matter that you have spoken: I will do this, for מָצָאתָ you found grace in My sight and I know you by name. 18 And Moses said, I pray You, show me אָתֶּךָ Your glory. 19 And He (Elohim) said, I will make all My goodness pass before you and I will proclaim the name of יהוה before you (*in your presence*); and I will be gracious to אָתֶּךָ whom I will be gracious and I will show mercy on אָתֶּךָ whom I will show mercy. *Prophecy Fulfilled-Ex. 33:19 His Character-Merciful-Luke 1:72.* 20 And He (Elohim) said, You cannot see אָתֶּךָ My face: because no man can see Me and live. 21 And יהוה says, You will stand on a rock *in* a place אָתִי *with Me*: 22 While My glory passes by, that I will put you inside a crevice in the rock and cover you with My hand while I pass by: 23 And I will take away אָתֶּךָ My hand and you will see אָתֶּךָ My back: but My face you will not see. Exodus 34:1 And יהוה said to Moses, Make two tablets of stone like the first *ones*: and I will write upon *these* tablets אָתֶּךָ the words that were in the first tablets, which you broke. 2 And be ready in the morning and come up to Mount Sinai and present yourself there to Me on the top of the mountain. 3 And no man will come up with you, neither let any man be seen close to the mountain; neither let the flocks or the herds feed on the mountain. C-MATS

Exodus 34:4 And he cut two tablets of stone like the first *ones*; and Moses rose up early in the morning and went up to Mount Sinai as יהוה had commanded אֱתוֹ *him* and he took *the* two tablets of stone. 5 And יהוה descended in the cloud and stood with him there and proclaimed the Name of יהוה. 6 And יהוה passed by before him and proclaimed, יהוה, יהוה *is* El, merciful and gracious, longsuffering and abundant in goodness וְאֱמֻנָה *and truth*, 7 Showing mercy to thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, *but by no means clearing the guilty; but* placing the iniquity of the אֲבוֹת *fathers* upon the children and upon the children's children, to the third and to the fourth generation. 8 And Moses at once bowed his head toward the earth and worshipped. 9 And he said, If now מָצָאתִי *I found* grace in your sight, O Adonai, let my Adonai please go with us; *even though they* are a stiff necked people; and pardon our iniquity and sin and take us as your inheritance. 10 And He (Elohim) said, I *am* making a covenant in front of all your people *that* I will do נִקְלָאוֹת *marvels**, such as have not been done in all the earth or in any nation: and will see all the people which אַתָּה *you are* among אֲנִי *the* work of יהוה: it is an awesome thing that I will do for you. 11 Observe אֵת *that* which I command you this day and I *will* drive out ahead of you אֲנִי *the* Amorites, Canaanites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. 12 Be careful *not to* make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land where אַתָּה *you* go or it will be a snare (*a trap*) to you: 13 But אֲנִי *their* altars you will destroy, וְאֲנִי *and* their images, break אֲנִי *and* their groves (*sacred poles*) cut down: 14 You will not worship *any* other El, because יהוה, whose name *is* jealous, *is* a jealous El. 15 If you make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land and go whoring after their gods and sacrifice to them and *if someone* invites you to *his* gods feast and you eat his sacrifice; 16 And you take of their daughters to your sons and their daughters go a whoring after their gods and make go a whoring אֲנִי *your* sons after their gods. 17 You will make no molten gods. 18 אֲנִי *Feast of Unleavened Bread* you will keep. Seven days you will eat unleavened bread, as I commanded you in the month of Abib: because in the month Abib יָצָאתָ *you came out* from Egypt. 19 Everything that opens the womb *is* mine; and every first born male among your cattle, *whether* ox or sheep *is* mine. 20 But the first born male of a donkey, you will redeem with a lamb: and if you do not redeem *him*, then you will break his neck. All the firstborn of your sons, you will redeem. And none will appear before Me empty-handed. 21 Six days you will work, but on the seventh day you will rest, *even* in plowing time and in harvest you will rest. 22 And you will observe the Feast of Weeks (*Shavuot*) with the first gathered fruits of *the* wheat harvest and the feast of ingathering at the end of the year. 23 Three times a year will appear all your male children אֲנִי *before* Adonai יהוה, the Elohim of Israel. 24 I will cast out the nations (*gentiles*) before you and enlarge אֲנִי *your* borders: neither shall desire any man אֲנִי *your* land, if you go up to appear אֲנִי *before* יהוה your Elohim three times in the year. 25 You will not offer the blood of My sacrifice with leaven *bread*; neither will the sacrifice of the Feast of Passover be left until morning. 26 The best of the first fruits of your land you will bring to the House of יהוה your Elohim. C-MATS

Numbers 28:16 And on the fourteenth day of the first month *is* the Passover to לִיהוה. 17 And on the fifteenth day of this month hold a feast: seven days unleavened bread will be eaten. 18 On the first day *have* a sacred convocation; you will not do any kind of ordinary work: 19 But you will offer a sacrifice made by fire *for* a burnt offering to לִיהוה; two young bullocks and one ram and seven lambs in *the* first year: they will be without blemish: 20 And their grain offering *will be* of flour mixed with oil: three tenths of an ephah (*six quarts*) you will offer for a bullock and two tenths of an ephah (*four quarts*) for a ram; 21 One tenth of an ephah (*two quarts*) you will offer for each of the seven lambs. C-MATS

Numbers 28:22 And one goat for a **חַטָּאת** *sin [offering]* to make atonement for you. 23 Beside the burnt *offering* in the morning, which is for a burnt *offering*, you continually will offer **אֵת** these. 24 In this way you will offer daily, *throughout the seven days*, the meat of the sacrifice made by fire, as a sweet savor to יהוה: it will be offered in addition to the continual burnt *offering* and its drink *offering*. 25 And on the seventh day you will have a sacred convocation; you will do no ordinary work. 26 On the day of the first fruits, when you bring a new grain *offering* to יהוה in your feast of *Shavuot (Pentecost)*, you will have a sacred convocation; you will do no ordinary work: 27 But you will offer the burnt *offering* as a sweet savor to יהוה: two young bullocks, one ram, seven lambs in *the first year*; 28 and their grain *offering* of flour mixed with oil will consist of three tenths of an ephah (*six quarts*) to one bullock, two tenths of an ephah (*four quarts*) to one ram, 29 One tenth of an ephah (*two quarts*) for each of the seven lambs; 30 And one male goat to make atonement for you. 31 You will offer *them* in addition to the continual burnt *offering* and its grain *offering*, (they will be without blemish) and their drink offerings. C-MATS

Haftorah

Question: Did Y'hoshua keep the commandments after Moses died? Y'hoshua 3:5 And Y'hoshua said to the people sanctify yourselves; for tomorrow יהוה will do wonders among you. 6 And Y'hoshua spoke to the priests, saying, Take up **אֵת** the Ark of the Covenant and pass over before the people. And they took up **אֵת** the Ark of the Covenant and went before the people. 7 And יהוה said to Y'hoshua, This day will I begin to magnify you in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. 5:2 At that time יהוה said to Y'hoshua, Make knives of flint and again circumcise **אֵת** Children of Israel the second time. 3 And Y'hoshua made him knives of flint and circumcised **אֵת** Children of Israel at the hill of the foreskins (*Gibeath-haaraloth*). 4 And this *is* the cause why Y'hoshua did circumcise: all the people that came forth out of Egypt, *that were* males, *even* all the men of war, died in the wilderness by the way, after they came forth out of Egypt. 5 For all the people that came out were circumcised; but all the people *that were* born in the wilderness by the way as they came forth out of Egypt, they had not *been* circumcised. 6 For *the* Children of Israel walked forty years in the wilderness, till all the nation, even the men of war that came forth out of Egypt, were consumed, because they listened not to the voice of יהוה: to who יהוה swore that He would not let them see **אֵת** the land which יהוה swore to their fathers that He would give us, a land flowing with milk and honey. 7 **אֶתְּךָ** and their children, *who* he raised up in their stead, **אֶתְּךָ** them did Y'hoshua circumcise: for they were uncircumcised, because they had not circumcised **אֶתְּךָ** them by the way. 8 And it came to pass, when they had finished circumcising the entire nation that they dwell in their places in the camp, till they were *made* whole (*healed*). 9 And יהוה said to Y'hoshua, This day have I rolled away **אֵת** the reproach of Egypt from off you. Why the name of that place was called Gilgal (*wheel*), to this day. 10 And *the* Children of Israel encamped in Gilgal; and they kept **אֵת** the Passover on the fourteenth day of the month at even (*twilight*) in the plains of Jericho. 11 And they did eat of the produce of the land on the morrow after the Passover, unleavened cakes and parched *grain*, on the very same day. 12 And the Manna ceased on the morrow, after they had eaten of the produce of the land; neither had *the* Children of Israel Manna anymore; but they did eat of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year. 13 And it came to pass, when Y'hoshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked and, surely, there stood a man over against him with his sword drawn in his hand: and Y'hoshua went to him and said to him, *are* **אֶתְּךָ** you for us, or for our adversaries? C-MATS

Y'hoshua 5:14 And He said, Neither; but *as* Prince of the Host of יהוה am I now come. And Y'hoshua fell on his face to the earth and did worship and said to Him, what says my Adonai to His servant? 15 And the Prince of יהוה Host said to Y'hoshua, Take off your shoes from off your feet; for the place on which אַתָּה you stand, on Him, is Sacred. And Y'hoshua did so. 6:27 So was אַתָּה יהוה with Y'hoshua; and his fame was in all the land. C-MATS

Ezekiel 36:37 So says Adonai יהוה: For זאת this I will be inquired of by the House of Israel, to do it for them: I will increase אֲתֵם them with men like a flock. 38 As the flock for sacrifice, as the flock of Jerusalem in her appointed feasts, so shall the waste cities be filled with flocks of men; and they shall know that I am יהוה. Ezekiel 37:1 The hand of יהוה was upon me and He brought me out in the Spirit of יהוה and set me down in the midst of the valley; and it was full of bones. 2 And He caused me to pass by them round about: and, behold, there were very many in the open valley; and, lo, they were very dry. 3 And He said to me, Son of man, can these bones live? and I answered, O Adonai יהוה, אַתָּה You know. 4 Again He said to me, Prophecy over these bones וְאָמַרְתָּ and you say to them, O you dry bones, hear the word of יהוה. 5 So says Adonai יהוה to these bones: Surely, I will cause breath to enter into you and you shall live. 6 And I will lay sinews upon you and will bring up flesh upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you and you shall live; and you shall know that I am יהוה. 7 So I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I prophesied, there was a noise and, surely, an earthquake; and the bones came together, bone to its bone. 8 And I beheld and, lo, there were sinews upon them and flesh came up and skin covered them above; but there was no breath in them. 9 Then said He to me, Prophecy to the wind, prophecy, Son of man וְאָמַרְתָּ and you say to the wind, So says Adonai יהוה: Come from the four winds, O breath and breathe upon these slain, that they may live. 10 So I prophesied as He commanded me and the breath came into them and they lived and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army. 11 Then He said to me, Son of man, these bones are the whole House of Israel: surely, they say, our bones are dried up and our hope is lost; we are ourselves cut off. 12 Therefore, prophecy וְאָמַרְתָּ and you say to them, So says Adonai יהוה: Surely, I will open אֶתְּךָ your graves and cause אֲתֵם you to come up out of your graves, O My people; וְהִבֵּאתִי and I will bring אֲתֵם you into the אֶרֶץ land of Israel. 13 And you shall know that I am יהוה, when I have opened אֶתְּךָ your graves and caused אֲתֵם you to come up out of your graves, O My people. 14 And I will put My Spirit in you and you shall live and I will place אֲתֵם you in אֶרְצֵתְכֶם your land: and you shall know that I, יהוה, have spoken it and performed it, says יהוה. C-MATS

Brit Chadashah

John 13:1 Now before the feast of the Passover, when Yahshua knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end. 2 And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him; 3 Yahshua knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from Elohim, and went to Elohim; 4 He rose from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself. 5 After that he poured water into a basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded. 6 Then he came to Simon Peter: and Peter said unto him, Master, do you wash my feet? 7 Yahshua answered and said unto him, **What I do you know not now; but you shall know hereafter.** 8 Peter said unto him, You shall never wash my feet. Yahshua answered him, **If I wash you not, you have no part with me.** 9 Simon Peter said unto him, Master, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head. C-MATS

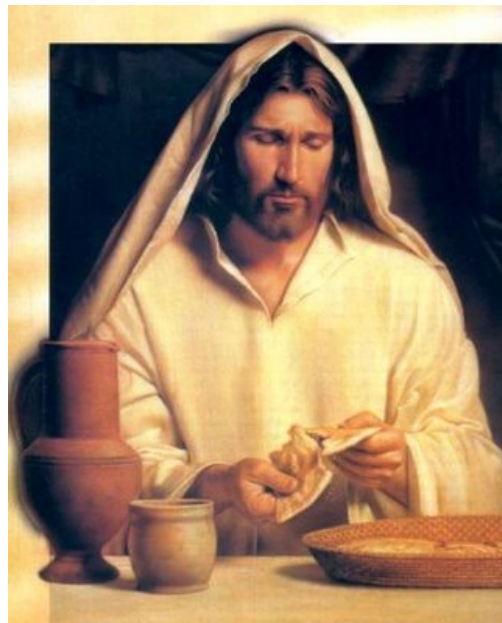


Yahusha washes Peter's feet

John 13:10 Yahshua said to him, **He that is washed needs not save to wash his feet, but is clean completely: and you are clean, but not all.** 11 For he knew who should betray him; therefore said he, **You are not all clean.** 12 So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, **Know you what I have done to you?** 13 **You call me Teacher and Master: and you say well; for so I am.** 14 **If I then, your Teacher and Master, have washed your feet; you also ought to wash one another's feet.** 15 **For I have given you an example that you should do as I have done to you.** 16 **I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his master; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him.** 17 **If you know these things, happy are you if you do them.** 18 **I speak not of you all: I know whom I have chosen: but that the scripture may be fulfilled, He that eats bread with me has lifted up his heel against me.** 19 **Now I tell you before it comes, that, when it is come to pass, you may believe that I am he.** 20 **Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that receives whomsoever I send receives me; and he that receives me receives him that sent me.** C-MATS



John 13:21 When Yahshua had thus said, he was troubled in spirit, and testified, and said, **Verily, verily, I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me.** 22 Then the disciples looked one on another, doubting of whom he spoke. 23 Now there was leaning on Yahshua' bosom one of his disciples, whom Yahshua loved. 24 Simon Peter therefore beckoned to him, that he should ask who it should be of whom he spoke. 25 He then lying on Yahshua' breast said unto him, Master, who is it? 26 Yahshua answered, **He it is, to whom I shall give bread, when I have dipped it.** And when he had dipped the bread, he gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon. 27 And after the bread Satan entered into him. Then said Yahshua unto him, **That you do, do quickly.** 28 Now no man at the table knew for what intent he spoke this unto him. 29 For some of them thought, because Judas had the bag, that Yahshua had said unto him, Buy those things that we have need of against the feast; or, that he should give something to the poor. 30 He then having received the sop went immediately out: and it was night. C-MATS



John 13:31 Therefore, when he was gone out, Yahshua said, **Now is the Son of man glorified, and Elohim is glorified in him.** 32 If Elohim be glorified in him, Elohim shall also glorify him in himself, and shall straightway glorify him. 33 Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You shall seek me: and as I said unto the Jews, Where I go, you cannot come; so now I say to you. 34 A new commandment I give unto you, That you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. 35 By this shall all men know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another. 36 Simon Peter said unto him, Master, where go you? Yahshua answered him, **Where I go, you cannot follow me now; but you shall follow me afterwards.** 37 Peter said unto him, Master, why cannot I follow you now? I will lay down my life for your sake. 38 Yahshua answered him, **Will you lay down your life for my sake? I say unto you, The cock shall not crow, till you have denied me three times.** John 14:1 Let not your heart be troubled: you believe in Elohim, believe also in me. 2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there you may be also. 4 And where I go you know, and the way you know. C-MATS



In my Father's house are many rooms

John 14:5 Thomas said unto him, Master, we know not where you go; and how can we know the way? **6** Yahshua said unto him, **I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man comes unto the Father, but by me.** **7** If you had known me, you should have known my Father also: and from henceforth you know him, and have seen him. **8** Philip said unto him, Master, show us the Father, and it will satisfy us. **9** Yahshua said unto him, **Have I been so long time with you, and yet have you not known me, Philip? he that has seen me has seen the Father; and how say you then, Show us the Father?** **10** Believe you not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwells in me, he does the works. **11** Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake. **12** Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believes on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. **13** And whatsoever you shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. **14** If you shall ask anything in my name, I will do it. **15** If you love me, keep my commandments. **16** And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever; **17** Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it sees him not, neither knows him: but you know him; for he dwells with you, and shall be in you. **18** I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. **19** Yet a little while, and the world sees me no more; but you see me: because I live, you shall live also. **20** At that day you shall know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. **21** He that has my commandments, and keeps them, he it is that loves me: and he that loves me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him. **22** Judas said unto him, not Iscariot, Master, how is it that you will manifest yourself unto us, and not unto the world? **23** Yahshua answered and said unto him, **If a man loves me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.** C-MATS

John 14:24 He that loves me not keeps not my sayings: and the word which you hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me. **25** These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. **26** But the Comforter, which is the Ruach haKodesh, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. **27** Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world gives, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. **28** You have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you. If you loved me, you would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I. **29** And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, you might believe. **30** Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world comes, and has nothing in me. **31** But that the world may know that I love the Father; and as the Father gave me commandment, even so I do. Arise, let us go.

John 15:1 I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. **2** Every branch in me that bears not fruit he takes away: and every branch that bears fruit, he purges it, that it may bring forth more fruit. **3** Now you are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. **4** Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can you, except you abide in me. **5** I am the vine, you are the branches: He that abides in me, and I in him, the same brings forth much fruit: for without me you can do nothing. **6** If a man abides not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. **7** If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, you shall ask what you will, and it shall be done unto you. **8** Herein is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit; so shall you be my disciples. **9** As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you: continue you in my love. **10** If you keep my commandments, you shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. **11** These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. **12** This is my commandment, That you love one another, as I have loved you. C-MATS



John 15:13 Greater love has no man than this that a man lay down his life for his friends. 14 You are my friends, if you do whatsoever I command you. 15 Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knows not what his master does: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you. 16 You have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that you should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever you shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you. 17 These things I command you, that you love one another. 18 If the world hates you, you know that it hated me before it hated you. 19 If you were of the world, the world would love his own: but because you are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. 20 Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his master. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also. 21 But all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake, because they know not him that sent me. 22 If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no cloak for their sin. 23 He that hates me hates my Father also. 24 If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father. 25 But this comes to pass, that the word might be fulfilled that is written in their Torah, They hated me without a cause. 26 But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceeds from the Father, he shall testify of me: 27 And you also shall bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning. C-MATS



Coming of the Spirit

John 16:1 These things have I spoken unto you, that you should not be offended. **2** They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time comes, that whosoever kills you will think that he does Elohim service. **3** And these things will they do unto you, because they have not known the Father, nor me. **4** But these things have I told you, that when the time shall come, you may remember that I told you of them. And these things I said not unto you at the beginning, because I was with you. **5** But now I go my way to him that sent me; and none of you ask me, Where go you? **6** But because I have said these things unto you, sorrow has filled your heart. **7** Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. **8** And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: **9** Of sin, because they believe not on me; **10** Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and you see me no more; **11** Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged. **12** I have yet many things to say unto you, but you cannot bear them now. **13** Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come. **14** He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall show it unto you. **15** All things that the Father has are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall show it unto you. **16** A little while, and you shall not see me: and again, a little while, and you shall see me, because I go to the Father. **17** Then said some of his disciples among themselves, What is this that he says unto us, A little while, and you shall not see me: and again, a little while, and you shall see me: and, Because I go to the Father? **18** They said therefore, What is this that he says, A little while? we cannot tell what he said. **19** Now Yahshua knew that they were desirous to ask him, and said unto them, Do you inquire among yourselves of that I said, A little while, and you shall not see me: and again, a little while, and you shall see me? **20** Verily, verily, I say unto you, That you shall weep and lament, but the world shall rejoice: and you shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy. **21** A woman when she is in travail has sorrow, because her hour is come: but as soon as she is delivered of the child, she remembers no more the anguish, for joy that a man is born into the world. **22** And you now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man takes from you. **23** And in that day you shall ask me nothing. I say unto you, Whatsoever you shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you. **24** Hitherto have you asked nothing in my name: ask, and you shall receive, that your joy may be full. **25** These things have I spoken unto you in proverbs: but the time comes, when I shall no more speak unto you in proverbs, but I shall show you plainly of the Father. **26** In that day you shall ask in my name: and I say not unto you, that I will pray the Father for you: **27** For the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me, and have believed that I came out from Elohim. **28** I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father. **29** His disciples said unto him, Lo, now speak you plainly, and speak no proverb. **30** Now are we sure that you know all things, and need not that any man should ask you: by this we believe that you came forth from Elohim. **31** Yahshua answered them, Do you now believe? **32** Behold, the hour comes, yea, is now come, that you shall be scattered, every man to his own, and shall leave me alone: and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me. **33** These things I have spoken unto you, that in me you might have peace. In the world you shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world. C-MATS

Yahusha's Prayer for His Disciples

John 17:1 These words spoke Yahshua, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, **Father, the hour is come; glorify your Son, that your Son also may glorify you: 2** As you have given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as you have given him. **3** And this is life eternal, that they might know you the only true Elohim, and Yahshua haMashiach, whom you have sent. **4** I have glorified you on the earth: I have finished the work which you gave me to do. **5** And now, O Father, glorify you me with your own self with the glory which I had with you before the world was. **6** I have manifested your name unto the men which you gave me out of the world: yours they were, and you gave them me; and they have kept your word. **7** Now they have known that all things whatsoever you have given me are of you. **8** For I have given unto them the words which you gave me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from you, and they have believed that you did send me. **9** I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which you have given me; for they are yours. **10** And all mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I am glorified in them. **11** And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to you. Holy Father, keep through your own name those whom you have given me, that they may be one, as we are. **12** While I was with them in the world, I kept them in your name: those that you gave me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled. **13** And now I come to you; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves. **14** I have given them your word; and the world has hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. **15** I pray not that you should take them out of the world, but that you should keep them from the evil. **16** They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. **17** Sanctify them through your truth: your word is truth. **18** As you have sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. **19** And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. **20** Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; **21** That they all may be one; as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that you have sent me. **22** And the glory which you gave me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: **23** I in them, and you in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that you have sent me, and have loved them, as you have loved me. **24** Father, I will that they also, whom you have given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which you have given me: for you loved me before the foundation of the world. **25** O righteous Father, the world has not known you: but I have known you, and these have known that you have sent me. **26** And I have declared unto them your name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith you have loved me may be in them, and I in them. **C-MATS**



“I will see you again and you will rejoice.”

Do You Know?

1. Passover is celebrated on the ____ day of the first month.
2. The first month of the year is called ____.
3. You should eat the Passover lamb with ____ bread and ____ herbs.
4. The Passover lamb must be ____ with fire.
5. None of the Passover lamb should be left until ____.
6. No ____ male can eat Passover.
7. The ____ of Egypt were killed on Passover by the Death Angel.
8. The Death Angel "passed over" the houses that had the blood of the Passover lamb on the ____.
9. The blood over the doorposts made the Hebrew letter "Chet" meaning ____.
10. The Feast of Unleavened Bread begins on the ____ day of Abib.
11. During the Feast of Unleavened Bread you should eat unleavened bread for ____ days.
12. The 1sts and 7th day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread are high ____.
13. No work should be done during those days except to prepare ____.
14. No ____ should be found in your house during the Feast of Unleavened Bread.
15. The Last Supper was held before ____.
16. Yahusha wanted to ____ the disciples' feet before he left them, as an example to them.
17. Yahusha said that he left so he could prepare a ____ for us.
18. Yahusha told the disciples that ____ was going to betray him.
19. Yahusha said that he had to leave so the ____ could come.
20. Yahusha's last commandment to his disciples was "____ ____ ____."

Answers:

1. 14th
2. Abib
3. unleavened, bitter
4. roasted
5. morning
6. uncircumcised
7. firstborn
8. doorposts
9. life
10. 15th
11. 7
12. Sabbaths
13. food
14. leaven
15. Passover
16. Wash
17. place
18. Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon
19. Comforter
20. Love one another

Question: What is one of the main lessons of Passover? On Passover, Believers all over the world eat a special flatbread called matzah. The only difference between it and regular bread is that matzah is baked before it has a chance to puff up and rise. But bread isn't the only thing that can get puffy. People also sometimes puff themselves up by bragging and acting conceited. One of the big lessons of Passover is to un-puff ourselves and learn to be down to earth like the humble, sacred matzah.

TAKING THE CAKE

One of the highlights of Passover vacation was the annual spring science fair. Kids came together in a big auditorium from schools all over the state to display their award-winning projects and compete for the grand prize of a free trip to Israel. Though he hadn't won the grand prize, Alex Frankel was feeling pretty proud of himself, as one of judges had just told him he had won an honorable mention - and 50 dollars cash for his project on plant photosynthesis.

As Alex waited for his prize, he decided to go take a look at some of the other displays. He noticed that the kid in the booth next to him had done a project about how bread and cake rises and how unleavened matzah stayed matzah. "Hey, that's kind of neat," he said to the boy whose nametag had 'Josh' written on it. "Looks like you really worked hard, Josh. Too bad not *everyone* could win a prize like I did, isn't it?"

Josh smiled uncomfortably and nodded. Alex hoped he hadn't hurt the kid's feelings, but still he *had* earned the right to brag a bit, hadn't he? Head held high, Alex looked down from the top of his nose at the kid's project, and shook his head. "Don't mind me saying so Josh, but if you want to win a prize next year - like I did - you have to make things look a little more, um ... *professional*."

Alex continued to give Josh a whole list of tips and pointers, while Josh listened carefully, nodding his head, and saying "good idea" every once in a while.

All of the sudden there was a big commotion. Alex turned around to see the whole panel of judges with big smiles on their faces, together with what looked like news reporters with big cameras wearing headphones, rushing his way.

They must be coming to give me my prize, he thought. "Great talking to you Josh, better luck next time," Alex said hurriedly, as he tucked in his shirt and walked toward the delegation to accept his prize.

As the reporter got closer, Alex flashed his best prizewinner's smile and held out his hand. But instead of taking it, the man pushed him aside. "Sorry kid, no time for autographs. I've got a job to do."

Alex didn't get it. He turned on his heels and followed them, but didn't have to go far because the entire delegation stopped at the booth next to his, right in front of Josh! Flashbulbs started popping, and the head judge shook Josh's hand with a big smile and ceremoniously presented him with a free round-trip ticket to Israel.

Alex couldn't believe it. Josh had won the Grand Prize! And even more unbelievable was that the whole time he had been bragging about his own little prize, Josh knew he was the grand prizewinner and still just humbly stood there without saying a thing!

After the excitement died down and everyone was packing up, Alex went back over to Josh and shook his hand. "I guess you think I'm pretty foolish, huh, bragging like I did, when you were the real winner?"

Josh just smiled sincerely and said, "Everyone here is a winner, prize or no prize," and offered Alex to take home one of the matzah snacks he had brought along.

Alex gratefully accepted and hoped that by eating the matzah this Passover he'd learn to be a bit more like it.

Question: How did Alex feel at first when he was talking to Josh? He felt proud that he had won a prize and wanted to brag about it to Josh who hadn't.

Question: How did Alex feel in the end? He was amazed that Josh had really won a much bigger prize than he did, but didn't brag at all. He felt silly for bragging and decided to be more humble for now on.

Question: Is there ever a time we should 'puff ourselves up'? There can be times that we have to stand up for our own legitimate rights or those of others. Also, we should like ourselves and not put ourselves down. But puffing up for the sake of bragging and making others feel bad has no place in a spiritual life.



PASSOVER SEDER

Reader 1: Let us prepare our hearts for the Passover Seder. We must consider ourselves as having personally been freed from Egypt. As we prepare for this experience of personal redemption, let us take the leaven of sin hidden within our hearts far away from us.

HAGGADAH (hah-gah-dah) means "the Telling" Seder means "order"

Exodus 12:11 You will eat אֶת־וּ (it (him) with your loin's girded (belt), your shoes on your feet and your staff in your hand; and you will eat אֶת־וּ (it (him) quickly, it is to לִיהוּהּ Passover. 12 For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night and will kill all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and I will execute against all the gods of Egypt judgment: I am יְהוּהּ. 13 And the blood will be אֶת־וּ a sign upon the houses where אַתֶּם you are: and when I see אֶת־וּ blood, I will pass over you and the plague will not come upon you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. 14 And this day will be a memorial for you; and you will keep it as a feast to לִיהוּהּ throughout all your generations; you will keep this feast as an ordinance forever. 15 Seven days you will eat unleavened bread; on the first day you will take away leaven out of your houses: whoever eats leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day will be cut off from Israel. 16 And on the first day there will be a sacred assembly and on the seventh day there will be a sacred assembly for you; no work will be done in those days, except that which every man must do to prepare his food to eat, you may only do that. 17 And you will observe אֶת־וּ Unleavened Bread; for in this day I have brought אֶת־וּ your armies out of the land of Egypt: therefore, you will observe אֶת־וּ day, in all your generations by an ordinance forever (owlam). 18 In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at evening, you will eat unleavened bread until the twenty first day of the month at evening. 19 Seven days no leaven will be found in your houses: for whoever eats that which is leavened will be cut off from the Congregation of Israel, whether he is a stranger or born in the land. 20 You will eat nothing leavened; in all your houses you will eat unleavened bread.
C-MATS

Blessed are You, יְהוּהּ our Elohim, King of the universe, who chose us from all the people of the earth and has exalted us among all nations, by making us set apart with His commandments.

Reader 2: One of Yahusha's last earthly acts was the celebration of the Passover. Gathering His disciples in a small room in Jerusalem, Yahusha led them in a Seder.

Luke 22:11 **And you shall say unto the goodman of the house, The Master says unto you, Where is the guestchamber, where I shall eat the Passover with my disciples? 12 And he shall show you a large upper room furnished: there make ready. 13 And they went, and found as he had said unto them: and they made ready the Passover. 14 And when the hour was come, he sat down, and the twelve apostles with him. 15 And he said unto them, With desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer: C-MATS**

It was there, in the context of this celebration that Yahusha revealed to them the mystery of יְהוּהּ's plan of redemption. May we experience once again יְהוּהּ's great redemption.

Blessed are You, יהוה our Elohim, King of the universe, who Has given us life and brought us to this happy season, and we thank Thee for sustaining us all to this day.

Reader 3: Light the candles (*Candles are optional.*)

As we kindle the festival lights, we pray for the illumination of the Spirit of יהוה to bring great personal meaning to this our Passover celebration.

Psalm 27:1 יהוה is my light and my salvation; who shall I fear? יהוה is the strength of my life; of who shall I be afraid? C-MATS

Blessed are You, יהוה our Elohim, King of the Universe, who has sent Thy Son, Thine Only Son, Yahusha the Messiah, to be the light of the world and our Passover Lamb, that through him we might have eternal life.

Exodus 6:1 Then יהוה said to Moses, now will you see what I will do to Pharaoh: with a strong hand will he let them go and with a strong hand will he drive them out of his land. C-MATS

As יהוה spoke these words of encouragement to Moses, יהוה revealed to His servant the plan by which He would redeem the children of Israel.

Exodus 6:6 Go say to the Children of Israel, I am יהוה and I will bring אתכם you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians and I will take אתכם you out of their bondage and I will redeem אתכם you with a stretched out arm and with great judgments: 7 And I will take אתכם you to Me for a people and I will be to you an Elohim: and אתכם you will know that I am יהוה your Elohim, who brought you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians. C-MATS

Reader 4: The Cup of Sanctification

(Lift your cup of wine.) Let us lift our cup together and bless the Name of יהוה! Blessed are You, יהוה our Elohim, Ruler of the universe, who creates the fruit of the vine.

Luke 22:17 And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, Take this, and divide it among yourselves: 18 For I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of Elohim shall come. C-MATS

Let us drink.

(Wait until everyone drinks.)

Reader 5: Unleavened Bread

On all other nights we eat bread with leaven, but on Passover we eat only Matzah, unleavened bread. As the children of Israel fled from Egypt, they did not have time for their dough to rise. Instead, the hot desert sun baked it flat. But even more than that, the scriptures teach us that leaven symbolizes sin.

1 Corinthians 5:7 Purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, as you are unleavened. For even Mashiach our Passover is sacrificed for us. C-MATS

During this season of Passover, let us break our old habits of sin and selfishness and begin a fresh, new, and set apart life.

(Lift the plate which contains the Matzah.) This is the bread of affliction, the poor bread which our fathers ate in the land of Egypt. Let all who are hungry come and eat. Let all who are in need share in the hope of Passover. *(Pass the Matzah, but do not eat it. Wait unless everyone has a piece.)*

In the Matzah we can see a picture of Yahusha. See it is striped.

Isaiah 53:5 But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed. C-MATS

See how the Matzah is pierced.

Zechariah 12:10 And I will pour upon the House of David and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplication; and they shall look to Me אה whom they have pierced; and they shall mourn for Him, as one mourns for *his* only son and shall be in bitterness for Him, as one that is in bitterness for his first-born. C-MATS

John 6:35 And Yahshua said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that comes to me shall never hunger; and he that believes on me shall never thirst. C-MATS

Luke 22:19 And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me. C-MATS

Blessed are You, יהוה, King of the universe, who brings forth bread from the earth. (Take a small bite of the Matzah.)

Reader 6: Bitter Herbs

(Lift the bitter herbs.) On all other nights we eat all kinds of vegetables, but on Passover we eat bitter herbs. As sweet as our lives are today, let us still remember how bitter life was for the children of Israel in the land of Egypt.

Exodus 1:11 Therefore, they set over them taskmasters to afflict אה them (him) with their burdens. And they built treasure cities for Pharaoh אה Pithom אה and Ramses. 12 But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew. And the Egyptians were grieved because of the Children of Israel. 13 And made the Egyptians אה Children of Israel labor rigorously: 14 And they made bitter אה their lives with hard bondage, in mortar and in brick and in all manner of service in the field: אה all their service, which they made them serve, was with cruelty. C-MATS

(Put bitter herbs on your Matzah, but do not eat. Pass the bitter herbs.) As we scoop bitter herbs onto a piece of Matzah, let us allow the bitter taste to cause us to shed tears of compassion for the sorrow that our ancestors knew thousands of years ago. *(Wait for everyone to prepare the bitter herbs.)*

Blessed are You, יהוה, King of the universe, who has set us apart by Your Word and commanded us to eat bitter herbs. *(Everyone eats.)*

Reader 7: The Lamb

This roasted lamb represents the lamb whose blood marked the houses of the children of Israel, signifying their obedience to יהוה's command.

John 1:36 And looking upon Yahshua as he walked, he said, Behold the Lamb of Elohim!

Exodus 12:3 Speak to all the congregation of Israel saying, In the tenth *day* of this month every man will take a lamb according to house of their אבות *fathers*, a lamb for *each* house: **5** Your *animal should* be without blemish, a one year old male: you can take it from the sheep or goats: **6** And you will keep *it* until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel will kill אֹתוֹ *it (him)* in the evening. **7** And they will take the blood and *smear it* on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses in which they shall eat אֹתוֹ *it (him)*. **8** And they will eat אֹתוֹ the flesh that night roast *it* with fire and *eat it with* unleavened bread and bitter *herbs*. **11** You will eat אֹתוֹ *it (him)* with your loin's girded (*belt*), your shoes on your feet and your staff in your hand; and you will eat אֹתוֹ *it (him)* quickly, it is to לילה ליהוה *Passover*. **13** And the blood will be אֵשֶׁת a sign upon the houses where אַתֶּם *you are*: and when I see אֵשֶׁת blood, I will pass over you and the plague will not *come* upon you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. C-MATS

The blood of Yahusha over your body is a sign, and when יהוה sees the blood He gives you life not death.

Acts 20:28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Ruach haKodesh has made you overseers, to feed the assembly of Elohim, which He has purchased with His own blood. C-MATS

Romans 3:25 Who Elohim has set forth to be a sacrifice of atonement through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of Elohim; **26** To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believes in Yahusha. C-MATS

How great is יהוה's goodness to us! For each of His acts of mercy and kindness we declare, "It would have been sufficient." If יהוה had merely rescued us, but had not judged the Egyptians, "It would have been sufficient." If יהוה had only destroyed their gods, but had not parted the Red Sea, "It would have been sufficient." If יהוה had only drowned our enemies, but had not fed us with manna, "It would have been sufficient." If יהוה had only led us through the desert, but had not given us the Shabbat, "It would have been sufficient." But יהוה, blessed be He, provided all of these blessings for our ancestors and not only these, but so many more.

Philippians 4:19 But my Elohim shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Mashiach Yahusha. C-MATS

Blessed are You, O יהוה, for You have in mercy supplied all our needs. You have given us Yahusha, forgiveness for sin, life abundant, and life everlasting, Halleluiah!

AFTER THE MEAL:

(Patriarch of the House): The Cup of Redemption

This is the cup of redemption, symbolizing the Blood of the Passover lamb. It was the cup “after supper” with which Yahusha identified Himself. The Prophet Isaiah reminds us in **Isaiah 59:1 Surely יהוה hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy that it cannot hear. 16 And He saw that there was no man and wondered that there was no intercessor: therefore, His own arm brought salvation to Him; and His righteousness, it upheld Him.** C-MATS

Yahusha lifted the cup saying, **Luke 22:20 This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is shed for you.** C-MATS

Just as the blood of the lamb brought salvation in Egypt, so Yahusha’s redeeming death can bring salvation to all who believe. Blessed are You, יהוה our Elohim, King of the universe, who creates the fruit of the vine. Let’s all drink and remember Yahusha’s Blood was freely given for us. (*Pass the Silver Chalice or Cup and let all drink from it.*)

Before the birth of John the Baptizer, an angel of יהוה said. (**Luke 1:17**) **And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for יהוה.** C-MATS

Later Yahusha spoke of John. **Matthew 11:12 And from the days of John the Baptizer until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force. 13 For all the prophets and the Torah prophesied until John. 14 And if you will receive it, this is Elias, which was for to come. 15 He that has ears to hear let him hear.** C-MATS

It was this same John who saw Yahusha and declared. **John 1:29 The next day John saw Yahusha coming to him, and said, Behold the Lamb of Elohim, which takes away the sins of the world. 30 This is he of whom I said, After me comes a man which is preferred before me: for he was before me. 31 And I knew him not: but that he should be made manifest to Israel, therefore am I come baptizing with water. 32 And John gave testimony, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him. 33 And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom you shall see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizes with the Ruach haKodesh. 34 And I saw, and gave testimony that this is the Son of Elohim.** C-MATS

Our Passover Seder is now complete. May we always remember the sacrifice Yahusha made for us. Everyone says: “Next year in Jerusalem.”

**Patriarch will read the story of *The Deliverance of Our Ancestors* to the children:
Exodus chapters 7-11, 12:29-42, 13:17-14:31**

Question: Should you include the washing of the feet as an example of what Yahusha did for His Disciples at the Passover Seder?

You may also include this optional reading during the Seder, if you desire to do so.

Reader: Psalm 24:3 Who shall ascend into the hill of יהוה? And who shall stand in His holy place? 4 He that has clean hands and a pure heart; who has not lifted up his soul to falsehood and has not sworn deceitfully. 5 He shall receive a blessing בְּרָכָה from יהוה and righteousness from the Elohim of his salvation. C-MATS

(Lift the basin of water.) Let us now offer the bowl of water to one another and share in this hand washing ceremony. Let us also reflect upon the gesture of humility and the lesson of commitment made by Yahusha, when, on the night, He laid aside His garments and girded Himself with a towel.

John 13:4 He rose from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself. 5 After that he poured water into a basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded. 12 So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, **Know you what I have done to you? 13 You call me Teacher and Master: and you say well; for so I am. 14 If I then, your Teacher and Master, have washed your feet; you also ought to wash one another's feet. 15 For I have given you an example that you should do as I have done to you. C-MATS**

(Wash your hands and dry them on your napkin. Pass the bowl of water. Wait until all have washed their hands.)

Resources:

The Stone Edition of The Chumash

The Complete Messianic Aleph Tav Scriptures C-MATS www.AlephTavScriptures.com

How to Celebrate the Biblical Feast Days By Debra Stuart Sanford

“Weekly Torah Portion” from www.aish.com

Book of Jasher* or *Book of the Just Man Joshua 10:13 And the Sun stood still and the Moon stayed, until the nation had avenged themselves of their enemies. *Is not this written in the book of Jashar? And the Sun stayed in the midst of heaven and delayed not going down about a whole day.* 2 Sam 1:18 And he bade them teach the Children of Judah *the song of the bow*: surely, it is written in the book of Jashar. **(The Septuagint translation renders *sefer hayashar* in both cases as 'Book of the Just'. The reference to the bow is here missing, so that the text reads: And he gave orders to teach it the sons of louda: behold it is written in the Book of the Just.)**