

# **JESUS**

## **The Passover Lamb**





## THE SEVEN FEASTS OF ISRAEL...and Jesus



**Lev 23:1-5**

**1 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,**

**2 "Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: 'The feasts of the Lord, which you shall proclaim to be holy convocations, these are My feasts.**

**3 'Six days shall work be done, but the seventh day is a Sabbath of solemn rest, a holy convocation. You shall do no work on it; it is the Sabbath of the Lord in all your dwellings.**

**4 'These are the feasts of the Lord, holy convocations which you shall proclaim at their appointed times.**

**5 On the fourteenth day of the first month at twilight is the Lord's Passover.**

**GOD DECLARED 7 HOLY FEAST DAYS THAT WERE TO BE OBSERVED BY HIS PEOPLE...**

**ALL THE FEASTS BEGIN WITH THE PASSOVER – It is the FIRST MONTH of the Hebrew Year.**

# Feasts of Israel

Leviticus Chapter 23:1-44      The Seven Feasts of Israel

Given by the LORD to Moses on Mt. Sinai

1. **Passover** - Crucifixion
2. **Unleavened Bread** - Our sin (leaven) covered by the "bread of life".
3. **First Fruits** - Jesus risen from the Grave! (3 days after Passover) Always on a Sunday.
4. **Pentecost** - (Weeks) 50 days later - Holy Spirit given - "new grain." - always on a Sunday.
5. **Trumpets** - Announces the coming of the last two feasts.
6. **Atonement (Yom Kippur)** - Day of Awe and Wrath if not under the blood.
7. **Tabernacles** - God is now dwelling with man.



# 1. THE PASSOVER

**Leviticus 23:5, Exodus 12 (First full moon after Winter solstice.)**

**The beginning of the Ceremonial New Year.**

**The FIRST of the Feasts – all others build upon it.**

**Often called – synonymously – The Feast of Unleavened Bread... especially by the N.T. times.**

**The family “picked” a Lamb on 10<sup>th</sup> Nissan.**

**The family had to be celebrating by 6pm on the 14<sup>th</sup> of Nissan.**

**Jesus took the Lord’s Supper on the “first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread (Wed.) – He was “picked” on the 10<sup>th</sup> (Palm Sunday) and on the cross and dead by 3pm on the 14<sup>th</sup>! (Thursday) He became our Passover Lamb. Sunday Morning He arose after 3 literal nights and ON the third day!**



*Then they led Jesus from Caiaphas to the Praetorium, and it was early morning. But they themselves did not go into the Praetorium, lest they should be defiled, but **that they might eat the Passover.** (John 18:28)*



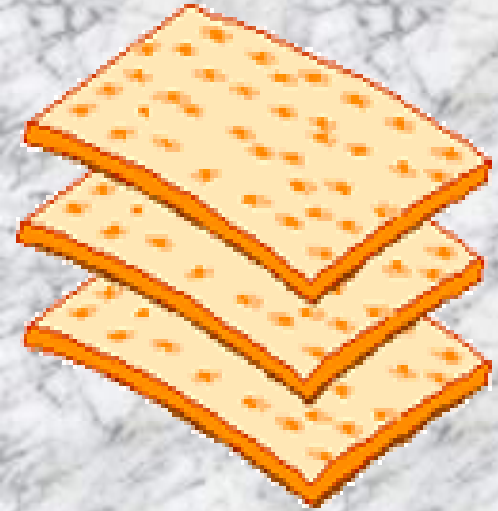
## 2. UNLEAVENED BREAD

To “officially” begin on the day  
AFTER Passover – yet synonymous  
with it also.

By Jesus’ day – the First Day of the  
Feast of Unleavened Bread was  
actually the day BEFORE the actual  
Passover celebration.

Bread without Yeast – it would be  
their “sustenance” in the “desert.”

Jesus is the BREAD OF LIFE and  
“without sin”. He is our  
“sustenance” in the “desert” of life  
until we enter the “promised land!”



*Now on the first day of  
Unleavened Bread, when they  
killed the Passover lamb, His  
disciples said to Him, "Where do  
You want us to go and prepare,  
that You may eat the Passover?"  
(Mark 14:12)*

# 3. FIRST FRUITS

To begin on the "first day after the first Sabbath after Passover".

**IN OTHER WORDS** – on the **SUNDAY** after Passover week!  
**Always on a Sunday.**

Commemorated the "first fruit" (barley harvest) of the year. Just before the full "harvest season".

**JESUS** became the **FIRST FRUITS** from the dead and an "offering" to God on the **SUNDAY** after Passover! He is **RISEN!**



**The Barley Harvest**



# 4. WEEKS – Pentecost (50)

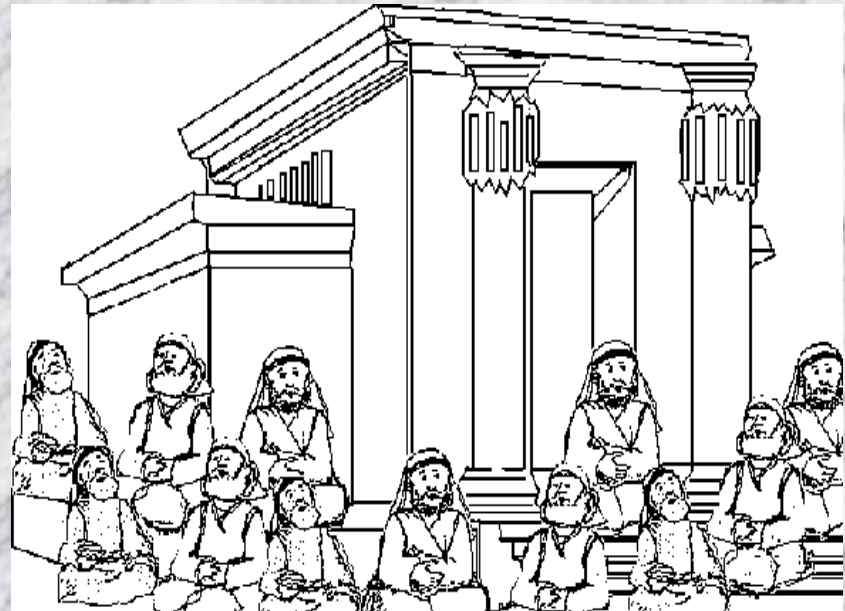
To be celebrated on the “first day after the first Sabbath after counting 7 weeks (49 days) after First Fruits.” The FULL Harvest would now begin.

In other words – **Always on a Sunday** about 50 days after First Fruits!

It was **on this day** that Jesus gave the Holy Spirit to the believers in Acts 2 and the Church was born and the Gospel went to the ends of the earth!

ACTS 1:3

ACTS 2:1



# **PASSOVER**

**EXODUS 12 : 1 – 14**

**LEVITICUS 23 : 4, 5**



**THIS FEAST CELEBRATES THE EXODUS  
FROM EGYPT**

**PASSOVER IS CELEBRATED EACH YEAR BY  
THE JEWISH PEOPLE**

**THEY SEE NO RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN  
PASSOVER AND JESUS THE MESSIAH**



# **THE PLAGUE OF THE FIRSTBORN**

**As God begins to deliver Israel from Egypt, He sends Moses to pharaoh with the demand,**

**"Let My People Go!" Pharaoh refuses.**

**God sends plagues of increasing severity upon Egypt, culminating with God's decree that each firstborn son in Egypt would be slain (Exodus 11:5).**

**To protect from this plague the Israelites who lived in Egypt, God instructs Moses that each household should select a yearling male lamb and slaughter it.**



**“AND THEY SHALL TAKE OF THE BLOOD, AND STRIKE IT ON THE TWO SIDE POSTS AND ON THE UPPER DOOR POST OF THE HOUSES, WHEREIN THEY SHALL EAT IT.” (EXODUS 12:7).**

**" AND THE BLOOD SHALL BE TO YOU FOR A TOKEN UPON THE HOUSES WHERE YE ARE: AND WHEN I SEE THE BLOOD, I WILL PASS OVER YOU, AND THE PLAGUE SHALL NOT BE UPON YOU TO DESTROY YOU, WHEN I SMITE THE LAND OF EGYPT.” (EXODUS 12:13).**



**THE LAMB IS SEEN AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR THE  
FIRSTBORN MALES  
IN THE HOUSEHOLD.**

# **THE MESSIAH**

**“ANNOINTED ONE”**

## **THE JEWISH MESSIANIC EXPECTATION**

**HE IS TO GATHER THE JEWISH PEOPLE BACK  
TO THE LAND OF ISRAEL**

**HE IS TO USHER IN WORLDWIDE PEACE**

**HE IS TO DEFEAT ISRAEL'S ENEMIES**

# ISAIAH

## SERVANT PASSAGES:

**“THE CALL OF THE SERVANT”  
(ISAIAH 42)**

**“THE COMMISSION OF THE SERVANT”  
(ISAIAH 49)**

**“THE ATONEMENT OF THE SERVANT”  
(ISAIAH 52 : 13-53:12)**

# THE LAMB IS A SERVANT

ISAIAH 53 SAYS THAT THE SERVANT WILL BE REJECTED BY HIS OWN PEOPLE.

THE SERVANT HAS TO MAKE UNIVERSAL ATONEMENT. JOHN THE BAPTIST CRIES OUT, "*BEHOLD, THE LAMB OF GOD WHO TAKES AWAY THE SIN OF THE WORLD*" [JOHN 1:29].

THE SERVANT WILL BE AN ATONEMENT FOR NOT ONLY ISRAEL BUT THE ENTIRE WORLD!

# THE PASSOVER LAMB IS THE JEWISH MESSIAH

**Human Race**

**Woman, Genesis 3:15**

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**Ethnic Group**

**Abraham, Genesis 12:1**

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**Tribe**

**Judah, Genesis 49:10**

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**Dynasty**

**David, 2 Samuel 7:12**

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**How**

**Virgin, Isaiah 7:14**

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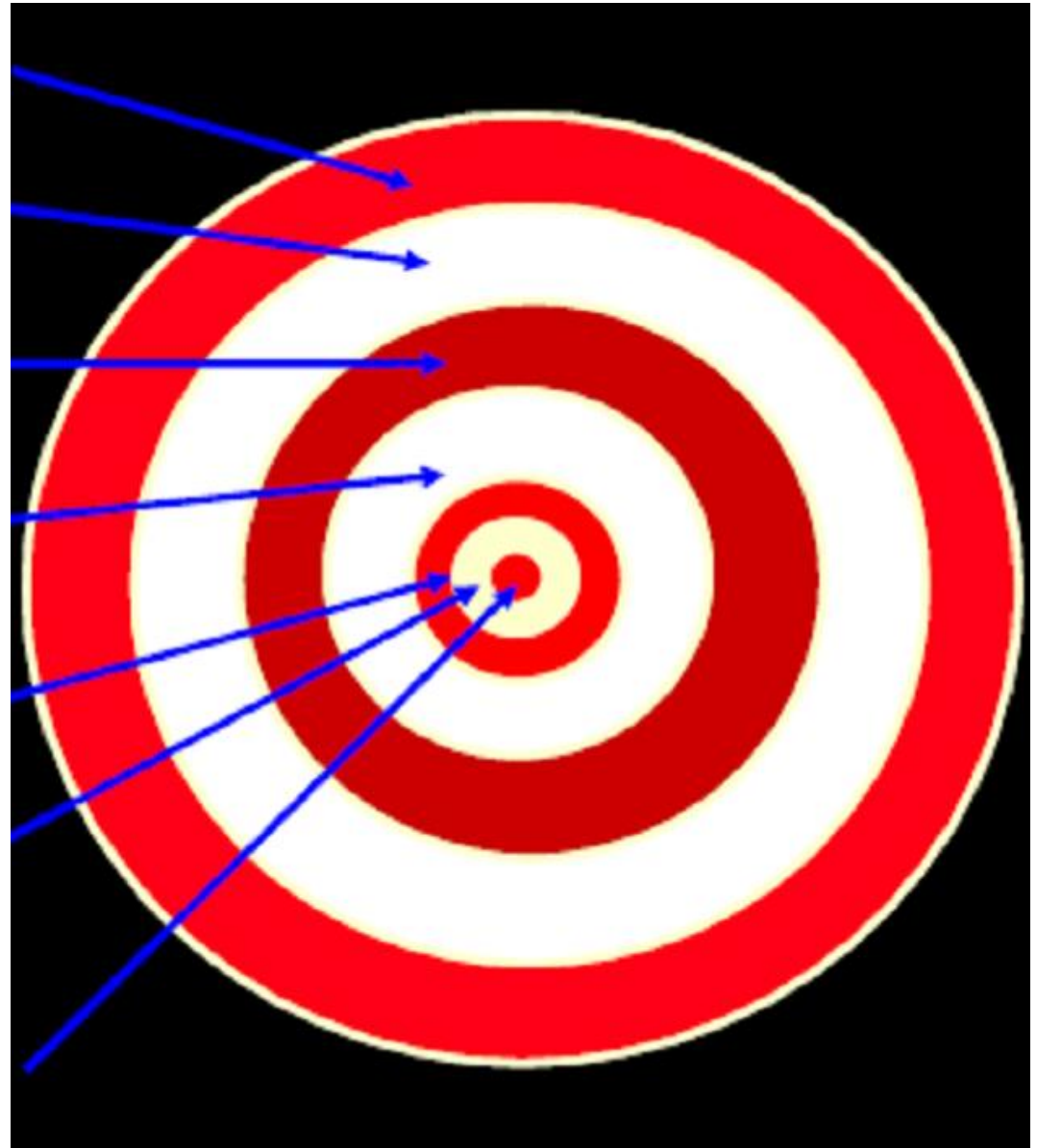
**Where**

**Bethlehem, Micah 5:2**

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**When**

**33 A.D., Dan 9:24**



# THE LAMB MUST BE SET APART

**JESUS HAD TO BE SANCTIFIED, OR CONSECRATED FOR THE PURPOSE OF ATONING FOR THE SINS OF THE WORLD. INTERESTINGLY ENOUGH, WE SEE JESUS COMMENT ON THIS ISSUE IN:**

**And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth. (JOHN 17:19)**

***“AND FOR THEIR SAKES I SANCTIFY MYSELF, THAT THEY ALSO MIGHT BE SANCTIFIED THROUGH THE TRUTH.”***



# **THE LAMB IS A SERVANT - KING**

***St Paul understood that the Passover lamb had to be not only the King of Israel, but the King of the entire world.***

**ROMANS 10:12:**

**For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him.**

# THE LAMB IS WITHOUT SIN

**1 Corinthians 5:7- The Lamb was to be without BLEMISH denoting the purity of the Lord Jesus - a Lamb without SPOT (1 Pet.1:19).**

**Pilate, the Roman ruler who examined Jesus, said to the angry crowds, “having examined Him in your presence, I have found no fault in this Man concerning those things of which you accuse Him; no, neither did Herod...” (Luke 23:14-15).**

**Pilates wife sent a message to her husband, “Have nothing to do with that just Man...” (Matt 27:19).**

**Judas, who had betrayed Jesus said to the Roman guards, “I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.” (Matt 27:4).**

## **PASSOVER IS A PICTURE OF OUR REDEMPTION**

- **DO YOU REALIZE YOU HAVE BEEN BROUGHT OUT OF THE SLAVERY OF SIN?**
- **ARE YOU GOING BACK INTO THE SLAVERY OF SIN?**
  - **REMEMBER, YOU ARE IDENTIFIED IN JESUS' DEATH AND RESURRECTION EVERY MOMENT OF THE DAY (Romans 6: 4-7).**



**GLORY BE TO GOD. FOREVER.  
AMEN.**