



Ideas to “Keep” the Passover

PURPOSE: The purpose of this document is not to provide a checklist, but rather a helpful guide so you can be intentional during this appointed time. It is loaded with Scripture and ideas for activities, so choose what works best for you and your family to help you remember. As always, be led by the Holy Spirit in all your worship activities.

Passover Principles and Key Points

1. You CANNOT “KEEP” the festivals according to the law in Exodus, Leviticus, and Deut.

We cannot follow the letter of the law, and most of what we do to “keep the Passover” are man-made traditions. Therefore, do **not** try to figure out all the prescriptive steps and instructions to “do it right”.

Key Point to Remember: “Keeping” the Passover is not about what you do, the steps you follow, or the traditions you keep... Rather “keeping” the Passover is more about remembering what G-d has done for you and setting aside time to worship Him for it.

2. Keep the main thing the main thing - it's all about Yeshua.

Yeshua perfectly fulfilled the spring festivals in His first coming, so spend time focusing on what He did to redeem you and worship Him for it.

3. The physical acts of obedience always have a spiritual purpose.

For example, G-d commanded the sons of Israel to be circumcised in their flesh, but there was a deeper purpose and meaning. *Deut. 10:16* “And you shall circumcise the foreskin of your heart, and harden your neck no more.” G-d cares about the condition of our heart. Therefore, with everything you do, such as refraining from leaven for seven days, **ensure that you do it with the right heart-attitude.** If you just do the physical without tending to the deeper spiritual meaning, then it's religion, and a stench in G-d's nostrils.

Note: remember that a new Biblical day BEGINS when the sun goes down, which will be the evening on our calendar.

Nisan 10 (April 8, 2025)

Selecting and inspecting the Passover lamb

Scriptures

- *Exodus 12:1-5* (instructions to select the Passover lamb)
- *John 12:1, John 12:12-50* - Yeshua, entered Jerusalem as the chosen Lamb of G-d on the 10th day of the first month (Nisan).

- Scriptures showing that Jesus endured inspection and examination during the same period (10th – 14th days of Nisan)
 - *Mark 11:27-34* Inspection from chief priests, scribes and elders
 - *Mark 12:13-17* Inspection from Pharisees
 - *Mark 12:18-27* Inspection from Sadducees
 - *Luke 23:1-15* Inspection from Pilate and Herod
 - *Luke 23:39-41* Inspection from criminal on the cross

Suggested Activities

- **Act out a Triumphant entry:** Have a time of family worship with praise songs, wave palm branches, sing.

Nisan 12-13 (April 10-11, 2025)

Scriptures

- *Matthew 26:1-16*
- *Mark 14:1-11*
- *Luke 22:1-6*

Start of Nisan 14 / Eve of Passover (Friday evening, April 11, 2025)

Scriptures

The “**Last Supper**” and the events that followed that night.

- *Matthew 26:17-75*
- *Mark 14:12-72*
- *Luke 22:7-65*
- *John 13:1-18:27*

Suggested Activities

- **Prayer, Confession, and Reconciliation:** Read 1 Cor. 11:20-34. Take some time to examine yourselves. Confess sin before G-d (Ps. 51) and to one another (James 5:15-16) so that you may be healed, restored and reconciled before you eat this Last Supper meal.
- **Eat a Last Supper meal:** Eat the bread and drink the cup of wine / grape juice in remembrance of Him. The purpose is to be reminded of what Yeshua did for us through the giving of His body and the shedding of His blood.

- **Foot Washing Ceremony:** The act of washing each other's feet is not about the act itself but it's about taking the position of humility and making a commitment to sacrificially love and serve the other person.
- **Pray for Others:** Read John 17. Just as Jesus prayed for his disciples and those who would become followers, so we too can pray for fellow believers, and for more people to become followers of Jesus.

Additional Scriptures to Read

- Exodus 12:1-28
- 1 John 4:7-11
- John 6:47-58
- Romans 5:1-10
- Philippians 2:1-11

Passover Day – Nisan 14 (April 12, 2025)

Note: Passover is known as “Preparation Day” (Luke 23:54). This is the day to prepare for the seven-day Feast of Unleavened bread.

Scriptures

- Exodus 12:1-28
- Leviticus 23:1-8
- Matthew 27:1-56
- Mark 15:1-41
- Luke 22:66-23:49
- John 18:28-19:37
- Hebrews 9:11-10:19
- Jeremiah 31:31-34
- Psalm 22
- 1 Peter 1:17-25
- Isaiah 53

Suggested Activities

- **Fast and pray before the Passover Seder:** it was customary to fast on Passover day leading up to the Seder. As you go through all your preparation activities for the Festival, may you also prepare your heart through prayer, repentance, reading the Word, and worship.
- **Clean out the leaven from your house:** Read **1 Corinthians 5:6-8**. Hide piles of yeast around the house. If you have children, have them search for it, sweep it up, then throw it out. Throw out additional food items with leaven.

- Put "blood" on the door frame of your house (crape paper, or red scarf)
- Prepare for your in-home Passover Seder meal.
 - Prepare roasted lamb, bitter herbs (horseradish, parsley, etc.), and unleavened (matzah) bread. **Exodus 12:8**
 - Prepare the plagues for your Seder.
 - Make unleavened bread together.
 - Get dressed up – **Exodus 12:11**

Start of Nisan 15 / Eve of Unleavened Bread (Saturday evening, April 12, 2025)

Scriptures

- Exodus 12:29-51
- Matthew 27:57-66
- Mark 15:42-47
- Luke 23:50-56
- John 19:38-42

Activities

- Go through a Passover Seder meal in your home ([*Free Passover booklet*](#) available on Lovelsrael.org)

Feast of Unleavened Bread: Nisan 15 - 21

Nisan 15: Sabbath rest

Nisan 21: Sabbath rest (Exodus 12:16)

Scriptures

- Read Exodus 12:29-15:22 and Luke 23:54-56 (Burial of Yeshua)

Suggested Activities

- Family worship: sing, pray, read Scripture together.
- Take a walk (journey) with your backpacks – “walking out of Egypt to the Red Sea”
- Make Matzah together.
- Act out the Passover story.
- Make a chart for counting the Omer
- Each day, have a time of intimacy with G-d through Scripture reading, prayer and worship.

Scriptures:

- Exodus 13:1-15:27
- Leviticus 23:6-8

- Deuteronomy 16:3-8
- Matthew 28:1-20
- Mark 16:1-20
- Luke 24:13-49
- Hallel: Psalms 113-118
- Song of Solomon (traditional reading during Passover)
- Hebrew 9:11-10:22
- Acts 12:1-25
- Romans 3:20-31
- Galatians 4:1-7
- Galatians 5:1-26
- 1 Corinthians 5
- 1 Cor 11:23-34
- 2 Tim 2:19-22
- 1 Tim 6:10-11
- Phil 4:8

Feast of First Fruits (Sunday, April 20, 2025)

(First Fruits occurs on the day after the **weekly** Sabbath (*Leviticus 23:15-16*). Since the first weekly Sabbath of Unleavened Bread occurs on Nisan 21/ April 19th this year, First Fruits falls on April 20).

Scriptures

- Leviticus 23:9-16
- Matthew 28:1-16
- Mark 16:1-13
- Luke 24:1-49
- John 20:1-25
- 1 Corinthians 15
- Romans 8:9-17
- Galatians 2:20
- 1 Thess 4:13-18
- Ephesians 1:1-2:22
- Col. 3:1-4
- Romans 6:1-23
- Revelation 20:1-22:21

Suggested Activities

- Begin counting the Omer (*Leviticus 23:15-16*)
- Act out the resurrection of Messiah.
- Celebrate the resurrection of Messiah through singing, prayer, and Scripture reading!