

MESSIAH in the PASSOVER

On the 14th day of the Jewish month Nisan, which usually falls between March and April, The Passover celebration is observed by World Jewry according to The Scriptures for seven days.

This commemoration has been kept for nearly 3,400 years by religious and non-religious Jewish people.

What a beautiful testimony to God's Word. In Exodus 12:24 we read... "And ye shall observe this thing (Passover) for an ordinance to thee and to thy sons FOREVER."

And so, The Feast of Passover has been celebrated since the days of Moses, through the days of Jesus of Nazareth, and up to the present day. The Jewish people have observed and kept The Passover throughout the world, during times of peace and safety, and during times of great peril and strife.

It has not always been easy or convenient for Jewish people to observe the Feast of Passover throughout these many centuries in the various countries that they have lived in, especially when we consider the historical fact that oftentimes the penalty of death has been imposed upon them who were found celebrating Passover. We often forget that in past ages, and in other places, religious freedom as we know it has not existed, this is a relatively new phenomenon.



The first Jews that arrived on the shores of America looking for religious freedom were of Sephardic (Spanish) descent, and they arrived around the year 1674. As a memorial of this great event, the Shearith Israel Synagogue was established in New York City, and is the oldest Synagogue in North America. Shearith Israel stands today as a reminder that our country opened its arms to the Jewish people and allowed them the freedom to observe this ancient Festival without having to fear for their lives.

Thank The LORD that through all these many years the Passover Celebration has been commemorated on our shores as a beacon of hope and liberty for an oppressed people. I personally believe that this is one major reason why The LORD has blessed our country so very much. (See: Genesis 12:3).

Now, what does Messiah (Christ) have to do with this very ancient feast which is still being celebrated today?

It seems as if the two terms are contradictory, that is, Christ and Passover. Although in fact we know that they are complimentary one to the other.

The theme of The Lord's Passover is deliverance from bondage, which The LORD GOD provided through the shedding of the blood of a lamb specifically chosen to be slain on the 14th day of Nisan and its blood applied upon the lintel, and upon the two side posts of each house.

The destroyer was sent by The LORD upon the Land of Egypt to slay the firstborn; upon seeing the blood, He would then PASS-OVER that house, thus sparing the firstborn. Did you know that Y'shua (Jesus) was crucified at the time of Passover? He as The Lamb of GOD... "was cut off out of the land of the living" (Isaiah 53:8).

Y'shua (Jesus), Our Passover Lamb shed His Blood to redeem us from the bondage of sin unto the beauty of salvation.

During Passover, as the Seder (Service or Order) is celebrated, there are two ingredients that dominate the ceremony; the MATZAH (Unleavened Bread), and the WINE (fruit of the vine). We partake of each of these items during the observance (Seder) of Pesach (Passover).

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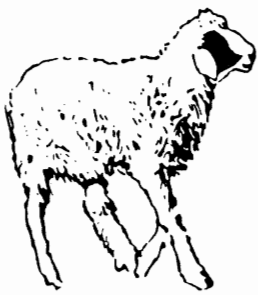
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Today, as El Shulchan (The LORD's Table) is observed, we are reminded that it originated as The Passover was being celebrated and observed by Jesus and His disciples, with the bread and the wine (the fruit of the vine) which are the integral parts of the Service in which we are reminded of The Broken Body and the shed Blood of Our Messiah Yeshua (Jesus).

Yes, Messiah (Christ) in The Passover is the fulfillment of all that The Almighty GOD required for the Atonement of the sin of the world.

The Sinless Lamb of God, The LORD Jesus Christ has become our PASSOVER from death unto life, through His death, burial, and RESURRECTION, according to The Word of God.



For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us. 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.
I Corinthians 5:7-8