Passover / Pesach

Meaning: Redemption/Sacrifice/Death of The Messiah

Passover is NOT a day but in fact a meal. According to Exodus 12 the Passover Meal takes place on the 14th day of the 1st month which is Nisan or Aviv. It is to be eaten in the evening on the 14th day transitioning into the 15th day to bring in the 1st day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread. In preparation for this meal Exodus 12 also states that on the 10th day of Aviv every house was to take a lamb no older than one year without blemish and keep it away from the rest of the herd until the 14th day. On the 14th day all the heads of households were to sacrifice their lambs and take some of the blood and spread it across the lintel and the door posts of the house in which the meal was to take place. They were commanded to roast the lamb over an open fire along with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. The entire lamb was cooked over the fire: the head, the legs and its entrails. Not one piece of the lamb was to be left until morning. If anything was left it was to be burned up completely. They were also commanded to eat the meal in haste with their sandals on, their belt tied and staff in hand ready for departure at first light. This was the night that the last plague on Egypt was also to take place. יהוה told Moses that during the night He would pass through the land and strike dead the first born of every house: man and beast. While passing through Egypt if He saw the blood on the doors He would Pass-Over that house as it was a sign of His children. He told Moses that this was to be a memorial for all their generations and to be a statute to obey forever. If there was any sojourners, foreigners or aliens among them that wanted to leave Egypt as well, Moses was given instructions on how to receive them into the children of Israel and be counted as a natives so that they can partake of The Passover meal. The head of that house was to circumcise the males of those families or groups. The very next day at first light all the people of Israel left Egypt and began their journey through the wilderness on the way to The Promised Land.

Today as we are the people of יהוה through faith in Yeshua we memorialize The Passover according to 1 Corinthians 5 by removing the leaven from our homes for He says that the leaven represents the sin in our lives. We are to remove it and have a symbolic Passover meal with our families and congregations. By eating lamb, bitter herbs, unleavened bread (represents the beaten body of Yeshua) and drinking the wine (represents the blood that Yeshua shed for the our sins), we are taking him in rededicating and examining ourselves committing us to the service of putting God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit first in our lives and obeying His Commands. This represents the cleansing of sin in our lives through Yeshua’s who was our passover lamb for all mankind. We now have access to the Father through this blood uniting us all together without there being any separation between Jew or Gentile.

Feast of Unleavened Bread / Chag Hamotzi

Meaning: Sanctification/Burial of Messiah/Decay of Sin Removed

The Feast of Unleavened bread begins immediately following the Passover Meal on the evening of the 14th as it transitions into the 15th. יהוה told Moses that they were to continue celebrating with a seven day long feast immediately following Passover. This takes place from the end of the 14th day until the end of the 21st day. That’s 7 full 24 hour days. On the first and last day of this feast they were to assemble and worship together יהוה our Elohim as they did on the weekly Sabbath without working or any purchases being made. These are called High Holy Days. On the days in-between they were to live as they normally would but all meals were to be without leaven. Today we keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread to memorialize יהוה bringing Israel out of hand of bondage to live free as His children in The Promised Land.


Feast of First Fruits / Yom HaBikkurim

Meaning: Represents the Messiah as our first fruits of the harvest

The Feast of First Fruits take place on the first day of the week (Sunday) following the weekly sabbath during the Feast of Unleavened Bread. On this day Israel was to bring in their first tithe of the year with their first fruits of all their soil/gardens, trees and sheering of the sheep from the winter Harvest to represent that life will continue. Today we celebrate and memorialize that Yeshua our Messiah arose and offered Himself as the first fruits offering to The Father. Since there’s no temple or priesthood in place for us to tithe as required we can tithe on this day to take care for the widows, the orphans, less fortunate and the strangers among us before we take care of ourselves.

Meaning: Hebrew - Shavuot = Weeks / Greek - Pentecost = 50

This is the last of The Spring Feasts and is part of The First Fruits Feast of the Grain Harvest. During this feast Israel would celebrate the first-gathering of the wheat harvest. This ceremony was the waving of the first sheaf of grain to be accepted by יהוה. Instructions for this ceremony are detailed in Leviticus 23:15-22. No one was to eat any of the grain of the harvest until the first sheaf of the harvest was brought to the priest, who in turn waved it before יהוה.

Also the first 2 loaves of each house that was used by this first wheat harvest was brought to the temple as an offering to יהוה along with the animal, drink and fragrance offerings.

Shavuot takes place 50 days after the Weekly Sabbath that’s in The Feast of Unleavened Bread. From that Sabbath you count 7 more Sabbaths or weeks and then the next day which is Sunday is Shavuot. This means we will have 2 Sabbaths in a row, The Weekly Sabbath and then Shavuot which a High Sabbath. This Sabbath is treated just as the weekly sabbath with rest, no work, no buying or selling and to be a Holy Convocation. During this 7 weeks/50 days Israel would harvest all their grain. This is considered to be the Grain Harvest Festival Time

Grain Harvest Facts:

Spring Harvest - Barley - Very strong and potent grain and was used to flavor drinks, soups, stews. Animal feed. Medical/Health food: Barley drinks (Barley water and fermented drinks) were made to help with blood sugar, blood pressure, cholesterol, maintain and improve Digestive health. This is why it’s good for people to have a beer once in a while.

Summer Harvest - Wheat - High in Protein and used in most foods like biscuits, bread, cookies, pastas, cereals

For 50 days after First Fruits יהוה lead Israel through the wilderness with a cloud pillar by day and pillar of fire by night until they arrived at Mt. Sanai. This is when יהוה gave His Laws/Commands to Moses to pass onto Israel for them to live and be governed by as they journeyed AND for when they arrived to dwell in The Promised Land.

Mt. Sanai - Exodus 20 - 33

Not all of the people at Mt. Sanai were Jews. There was a mixed multitude of Hebrews, Gentiles and even some Egyptians that chose to leave Egypt and go with them after going through the plagues fearing and believing in יהוה as the one true Elohim. Once Israel made it to Sanai יהוה told Moses to bring the people to the foot of the mountain before Him so they could listen as He spoke to them and make a covenant with them. Before they could be seen before יהוה, He commanded Moses to for 3 days Israel must stay pure, clean themselves and all their garments and on the 3rd day He would come down and speak to them at the edge of the Mountain. יהוה surrounded the mountain with dark clouds and caused thunder and lighting to begin as He spoke. This was all announced by a loud Shofar/Trumpet blast from the mountain.
יהוה began to give The Laws and the people grew very scared of His voice and didn’t want to listen any further and begged Moses to speak with יהוה and make the covenant for them. So יהוה brought Moses within the cloud and they spoke privately as it took 40 days and nights on the mountain with יהוה as He gave Moses the instructions on living life, how to govern themselves, construct the temple, Temple maintenance and who was to work within it and what they should wear.

This whole time יהוה was inscribing the Torah on the front and back of 2 stone tablets.

Before descending for the last time יהוה told Moses that the people had grown tired of waiting, abandoned their faith and made a golden calf to represent Him. He told Moses He would destroy them because of His anger. Moses then pleaded with יהוה for mercy on them and He changed His mind. When Moses saw the events taking place himself, He became angry and smashed the tablets. He also smashed the golden calf until it was dust and poured it in the drinking water and they were plagued with sickness. Moses told all those that would follow יהוה to come near him at the foot of the mountain. As they did Moses instructed the Levites who would become the priesthood to take their swords and kill all those who denied יהוה. No matter who they were they were to kill them all with 3000 people dying that day because of their unbelief and disobedience to יהוה. Moses then ascended back up the mountain to make an offering to יהוה for the sins of the people and to make another copy of the tablets. יְהֹוָה made the first set of tablets, but when Moses smashed them out of anger יהוה made Moses inscribe the second set. For the rest of the journey יהוה sent an angel to lead them to the new land because He was still angry with them and said if He was with them He’d kill them all. So the angel and the plague of sickness was with Israel as punishment until they arrived at the edge The Promised Land, but couldn’t enter until last of the generations of those there that day at Sanai were dead. This lasted 40 years.

**TODAY**

For the same reason that a New Life was to come through the obedience in the Torah which was 50 days after their freedom from Egyptian slavery, we have the same example with the Life, Death, Burial and Resurrection of Yeshua which took place during Passover, Unleavened Bread and First Fruits Harvest.

Paul Calls this the Old Man and the New Man.

In Rom 6:4-6 Paul says we were buried with Yeshua in death and raised to walk in the newness of life with the old man being crucified in sin so that we would serve it no longer.

In Col. 3:10 We are a new man renewed in the knowledge of the image of the Messiah

In 2 Cor. 5:17 if anyone be in the Messiah he is a new creation with old things passed away and all things becoming new.

Basically with the types and shadows we see here in these feasts our lives were purged of their sins in being brought from death to life.

With Passover and Unleavened bread we remove old sins and our old nature and are renewed as a new creation with new leaven, under a new life in the faith of the Messiah and His Holy Spirit.

50 days after Yeshua our Passover Lamb was Sacrificed for the forgiveness of our sins, for the renewing of the Covenant once broken by Israel, We now have New Life through The evidence of Holy Spirit by our Faith in Yeshua.

We have been freed again to live the life that was originally set apart for us from the beginning through the covenant.
In Acts 2 The giving of The Holy Spirit was confirmed by the miracle of Tongues with a multitude of many different nations present at the sermon that day. They all spoke in different tongues and when The Holy Spirit fell on them they all could hear and speak to one another in their own native tongue. Peter assured everyone that it was not due to drunkenness but by the Power of יהוה that Yeshua promised to them.

Peter spoke a sermon that day with everyone able to hear and understand the Gospel of Salvation of Yeshua with 3,000 people committing their self in baptism and following in faith of The Messiah.

This event was prophesied in Jeremiah 31:31-33, Ezekiel 36:26-27 and confirmed in Hebrews 10:15-16

So @ Mount Sanai 50 days after the Lambs were sacrificed at Passover 3,000 mixed multitude lost their lives due to sin in death. Then, exactly 1,200 years later 50 days after Yeshua was sacrificed as our Passover Lamb 3,000 mixed multitude gained life in their faith in the Messiah.

Fall Time

Feast of Trumpets / Yom Teruah
(Future)

This is not the new year

This day was observed as a Sabbath rest along with required offerings and shoutings or blowing of Shofar/Trumpet.

In scripture the sound of a Shofar/Trumpet would establish something or be followed by an action.

We know that when a new King was announced it was established by the sound of a Shofar/Trumpet.

The Judgement of יְהוָה was announced with a Shofar/Trumpet.

The presence of יְהוָה was announced by dark clouds, thunder, lightning and the sound of a shofar/Trumpet.

The birth of our Messiah was announced with loud cry of a multitude angels and His return will be announced by darkness, thunder, lightning and a sound of a Shofar/Trumpet.

The walls of Jericho came down after shouting and blows of Shofars/Trumpets.

Day of Atonement /  

Yom Kippur

On the tenth day of this seventh month is the Day of Atonement.

Scripture says that יהוה people are to hold this day a high Holy Day and to deny themselves or to afflict their souls, and present an offering made to יהוה by fire.

Only once a year on Yom Kippur, the High Priest and nobody else may enter the Holy of Holies to offer his sacrifice for himself and for Israel as a whole.

This High Day and sacrifices for the priests and ALL of Israel is a foreshadowing of the sacrifice that would be made for all mankind by the Messiah.

So as the same on this day where sacrifices were made for the atonement of sins, we celebrate that we don’t have to make these sacrifices anymore but that there was an atonement coming through a birth of one that would cover all sins. Yeshua was this atonement and we can go to the Father anytime and anywhere to seek atonement for our sins for we are no longer separated from יהוה by a temple and a curtain but He now lives within us as His temple, constantly convicting us of our sins through Holy Spirit as daily carry our cross afflicting our souls.

Leviticus 16; 17:11; 23:26-32, Hebrews 9:12, 22-26; 13:12, 1 Peter 2:24, 1 John 2:2, Revelation 5:6-11
Feast of Tabernacles or Sukkot

The Feast of Tabernacles or Sukkot is celebrated five days after Yom Kippur as an 8 day celebration that reminds of us the hardships of Israel’s 40 years in the wilderness. The tabernacle in which יהוה dwelt in with Israel while in the wilderness and for the time when our Messiah will dwell in the temple during His reign with us here on earth.

In Deuteronomy 16:13-15, יהוה tells the Israelites: “You are to keep the festival of Sukkot for seven days and Rejoice at your festival - you, your sons and daughters, your male and female slaves, the Levites, and the foreigners, orphans and widows living among you.

Seven days you are to keep the festival for your God in the place יהוה will choose, because יהוה your God will bless you in all your crops and in all your work, so you are to be full of joy!

"Sukkot or Sukkah(Singular)” means “Booth or dwelling”, and refers to a temporary dwelling that we are to live in to commemorate the time in the wilderness. This can be in any form of a structure, just as long as it’s temporary. It’s symbolic and represents many things: The Temporary dwelling, the urgency, the difficulty, The Inconvenience of doing these things in a time of wondering and being lost. This is prophetic to us today for a future time as we are wondering and lost sheep in the wilderness that will one day be back with the full flock again with our Shepherd. Do NOT listen to those who say it has to be in a tent, or lean to or something that looks similar to what they would have stayed in back then. That’s tradition and is not given in that manner anywhere in scripture. Temporary dwelling is a just that: A temporary dwelling.

Leviticus 23:33-44 says

33 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh, saying, 34 Speak to the children of Yisra’ĕl, saying, 'On the fifteenth day of this seventh new moon is the Festival of Sukkot/Booths for seven days to יהוה.

35 'On the first day is a set-apart gathering, you do no servile work. 36 'For seven days you bring an offering made by fire to יהוה. On the eighth day there shall be a set-apart gathering for you, and you shall bring an offering made by fire to יהוה. It is a closing festival, you do no servile work. 37 'These are the appointed times of יהוה which you proclaim as set-apart gatherings, to bring an offering made by fire to יהוה, an ascending offering and a grain offering, a slaughtering and drink offerings, as commanded for every day 38 besides the Sabbaths of יהוה, and besides your gifts, and besides all your vows, and besides all your voluntary offerings which you give to יהוה.

39 'On the first day is a rest, and on the eighth day a rest. 40 'And you shall take for yourselves on the first day the fruit of good trees, branches of palm trees, twigs of leafy trees, and willows of the stream, and shall rejoice before יהוה your Elohim for seven days. 41 'And you shall celebrate it as a festival to יהוה for seven days in the year – a law forever in your generations. Celebrate it in the seventh new moon. 42 'Dwell in booths for seven days; all who are native born in Yisra’ĕl dwell in booths, 43 so that your generations know that I made the children of Yisra’ĕl dwell in booths when I brought them out of the land of Mitsrayim/Egypt. I am יהוה your Elohim.’” 44 Thus did Mosheh speak of the appointed times of יהוה to the children of Yisra’ĕl.
In Nehemiah 8 we read that Israel had forgotten about the times of Elohim during their time of captivity, but begged The Priest Ezra to reinstate them after finally getting to hear the commands after years of not getting to participate in the yearly Torah readings at 1st of the 7th month.

So how do we participate in and prepare for Sukkot?

**Tithing and giving**

1 Corinthians 16:1-2, 2 Corinthians 9:7, (Weekly Offerings for community support. Paul told all the churches to start setting aside at the first of the week so the offerings will be ready by the Sabbath when he arrives); Deuteronomy 14:22-27 (Feast tithe. Giving of the crops/live stock for the feasts. If you have no crop/livestock then use your gold and silver to buy what needed and celebrate);

Deuteronomy 14:28-29 (3rd year tithe - for the poor, the aliens/sojourners/foreigners, levites, widows and orphans)

**Sukkot day by day**

| Day 1 | Holy Convocation with NO Work, Offering by Fire, Meat Offering, Sacrifice, Drink Offering, (13 bulls, 2 rams, 1 goat for sin, 14 lambs, flour & oil) |
| Day 2 | Offering by Fire, Meat Offering, Sacrifice, Drink Offering, (12 bulls ,2 rams, 1 goat for sin, 14 lambs, flour & oil) |
| Day 3 | Offering by Fire, Meat Offering, Sacrifice, Drink Offering, (11 bulls, 2 rams, 1 goat for sin, 14 lambs, flour & oil) |
| Day 4 | Offering by Fire, Meat Offering, Sacrifice, Drink Offering, (10 bulls, 2 rams, 1 goat for sin, 14 lambs, flour & oil) |
| Day 5 | Offering by Fire, Meat Offering, Sacrifice, Drink Offering, (9 bulls, 2 rams, 1 goat for sin, 14 lambs, flour & oil) |
| Day 6 | Offering by Fire, Meat Offering, Sacrifice, Drink Offering, (8 bulls, 2 rams, 1 goat for sin, 14 lambs, flour & oil) |
| Day 7 | Offering by Fire, Meat Offering, Sacrifice, Drink Offering, (7 bulls, 2 rams, 1 goat for sin, 14 lambs, flour & oil) |
| Day 8 | Holy Convocation with No Work, Offering by Fire, Meat Offering, Sacrifice, Drink Offering, (1 bull, 1 lamb, 1 goat for sin, 7 lambs, flour & oil) |

Well, for today as in any of the Feasts or Sabbaths of the year we can most definitely do a Holy Convocation, but we do NOT have a temple or priesthood in place for the offerings and we can’t build our Sukkah’s according to the commands with the certain trees and leaves. We can though take crops, fruits and such in whatever way we can get them and celebrate correctly. Don’t forget!! It was also this way for a small time for Israel too as we have scripture encouraging them during these times to not forget them and that they would one day be doing them correctly again. Let’s be reminded that even though we are spread around the earth that no doubt we will one day be celebrating these days with our Messiah as The Father once Commanded them to be done.

**Deuteronomy 12:8-12**

8 Do not do as we are doing here today – each one doing whatever is right in his own eyes. 9 "Because you have not yet entered the rest and the inheritance which יהוה your Elohim is giving you. 10 "But you shall pass over the Yarden/Jordan, and shall dwell in the land which יהוה your Elohim is giving you to inherit, and He shall give you rest from all your enemies round about, and you shall dwell in safety. 11 "And it shall be, that unto the place which יהוה your Elohim chooses to make His Name dwell there, there you are to bring all that I command you: your ascending offerings, and your slaughters, and your tithes, and the contributions of your hand, and all your choice offerings which you will offer to יהוה.

12 "And you shall rejoice before יהוה your Elohim, you and your sons and your daughters, and your male servants and your female servants, and the Lĕwite who is within your gates, since he has no portion nor inheritance with you.

**Deuteronomy 30:1-10**

1 "And it shall be, when all these words come upon you, the blessing and the curse which I have set before you, and you shall bring them back to your heart among all the nations where יהוה your Elohim drives you, 2 and shall turn back to יהוה your Elohim and obey His voice, according to all that I command you today, with all your heart and with all your being, you and your children, 3 then יהוה your Elohim shall turn back your captivity, and shall have compassion on you, and He shall turn back and gather you from all the peoples where יהוה your Elohim has scattered you. 4 "If any of you are driven out to the farthest parts under the heavens, from there יהוה your Elohim does gather you, and from there He does take you. 5 "And יהוה your Elohim shall bring you to the land which your fathers possessed, and you shall possess it. And He shall do good to you, and increase you more than your fathers. 6 "And יהוה your Elohim shall circumcise your heart and the heart of your seed, to love יהוה your Elohim with all your heart and with all your being, so that you might live, 7 and יהוה your Elohim shall put all these curses on your enemies and on those who hate you, who persecuted you. 8 "And you shall turn back and obey the voice of יהוה and do all His commands which I command you today. 9 "And יהוה your Elohim shall make you have excess in all the work of your hand, in the fruit of your body, and in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your ground for good. For יהוה turns back to rejoice over you for good as He rejoiced over your fathers, 10 if you obey the voice of יהוה your Elohim, to guard His commands and His laws which are written in this Book of the Torah, if you turn back to יהוה your Elohim with all your heart and with all your being.
He lets Israel know that that time would eventually come to them and if they’d just keep following Him that He would bring them back to the land for their Obedience. If you’re wondering exactly what people He is referring to then go back to Deuteronomy 29 and you’ll see that He was speaking to all those in His presence that day and all the generations to come after them.

THAT WOULD BE US!!

Remember these here are the generations following the people that were at Mt. Sanai. They were a mixed multitude of people including foreigners and Egyptians that decided to follow Yehovah. They were circumcised into the Faith and considered natives according to Exodus 12.

DON’T FORGET!!

Our Messiah was born during this time on the 1st of Sukkot and circumcised on the 8th day which is prophetic to us as we have the physical evidence of this in the make up of our human body. The blood clots only after the 8th day of the baby leaving the womb and that is when baby boys were circumcised. The medical field has altered this in today’s times and uses utensils and other things to force the blood clot but the natural way is as The Father designed. This is probably why we should still do circumcision today as it is a physical representation/sign of this commitment of our lives to The Father and The Messiah.