

YAIY NEWS



Passover and DUB Questions

I HEAR THAT ONE GROUP KEEPS A PASSOVER MEAL TOGETHER JUST BEFORE TAKING THE EMBLEMS OF PASSOVER. IS THIS SCRIPTURAL?

ANSWER:

They seem to be confused over Scriptural aspects of the Passover and man-made rituals that developed from them. In the original Passover, Israelites were gathered in their homes and required to slay a lamb. The blood of this lamb was put around the door frame of the house to protect the family from the coming death angel.

In Exodus 12, we learn that Israel was to roast the lamb and eat its charred carcass with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. No beverage was mentioned.

Does all of this sound like a feast? Hardly. It was a solemn memorial, eaten in fear (12:11 —where “haste” is the Hebrew *chaphaz*) Widespread death of the firstborn was about to occur. Therefore, it was a solemn, apprehensive time, just opposite of a joyful feast or fellowship meal.

Perhaps this group’s practice is a simulacrum of the Jews’ traditional meal called Seder, meaning “the order of the ritual,” on the 14th prior to their Passover on the 15th. The Seder grew out of the Biblical Passover, the true Passover time (Ex. 12:6). While the main Passover was kept at the Temple, the Seder was kept as a family prior to it.

The Seder meal had added rituals. Its four cups of wine are Talmudic legacy. After the Temple was destroyed, many of its Passover rituals, except for the paschal lamb, were transferred to the home service.

In the New Testament, Yahshua instructs the disciples to prepare the Passover lamb and unleavened bread for the memorial service in the large upper room (Luke 22:7). This is the same observance Israel kept in Egypt when they killed, roasted, and ate a lamb and the unleavened bread that went with it.

As they were eating the lamb and bread, Yahshua stood up and gave them new symbols to be used to represent Him: the cup with the fruit of the vine for His blood and the unleavened bread to represent His body.

They were NOT eating a meal prior to the formal Passover service. They were observing Passover itself by eating the sacrificial lamb (Luke 22:15). It was all one observance and one activity.

Paul chastises the Greek-influenced Corinthians for having a fellowship meal at Passover. Paul says, “When you come together therefore into one place, this is not to eat the Master’s Supper. For in eating every one takes be-

This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year.

—Exodus 12:2 TNIV

Messiah, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed.

—1 Corinthians 5:8 TNIV

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fore others his own supper: and one is hungry and another is drunken. What? Have you not houses to eat and drink in? Or despise you the Assembly of Yahweh, and shame them that have not? What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you in this? I praise you not," 1 Cor. 11:20-22.

The Companion Bible says this was not a social meal. This custom was Greek and called for each to bring his own food, so the rich ate well while the poor did not. It also led to the exclusion of some. Paul condemns this, saying they are destroying the spirit of the Passover by this prior meal (vv. 23-31).

The Bible is clear: the Passover is a solemn occasion both in commemoration of the passing over of the death angel and as the memorial of our Savior's death. It is not a time for fellowship meals—not before, during or after.

HOW DO YOU EXPLAIN LEVITICUS 23:27-32 IF WE BEGIN AT THE BEGINNING OF THE 14TH? IT READS THE SAME WAY BUT DOES NOT REFER TO THE BEGINNING OF THAT DAY. IT REFERS TO THE ENDING OF THAT DAY.

ANSWER:

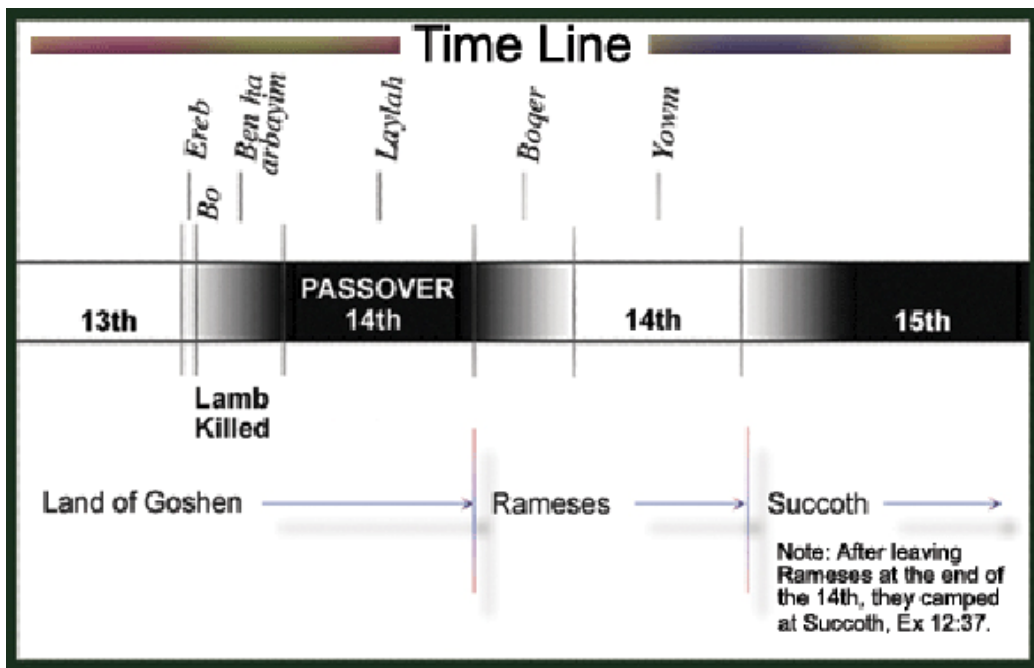
Verse 32 does show that the 10th day started at the evening (end of) the 9th. See how this works for the First Day of Unleavened Bread, Ex 12:18.

IF THE PASSOVER STARTS AT THE BEGINNING OF 14TH WHAT NIGHT WERE THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL BROUGHT OUT OF EGYPT?

ANSWER:

They were actually told to leave by Pharaoh the evening of the Passover, Ex 12:31-33. However, traveling from Goshen to Rameses and on to Succoth it would have been through the end of the 14th, and going into the 15th, by the time they left Egypt.

DID THEY STAY IN EGYPT WHEN THEY WERE SUPPOSE TO BE BROUGHT OUT BY NIGHT? DEUTERONOMY 16:1



ANSWER:

They were told to leave at night, but the traveling procession of nearly 2,000,000 men, women, children, and not to mention the elderly and all the livestock would have taken them through the daylight hours of the 14th into the evening of the 15th by the time they had left.

WHY DO YOU NOT INCLUDE THE CHILDREN IN THE KEEPING OF PASSOVER AS DID ANCIENT ISRAEL? THE ENTIRE FAMILY PARTICIPATED.

Passover and DUB Questions...,cont.

ANSWER:

Ancient Israel was born into the Israelite nation, and all males were circumcised on the 8th day. The babies had no choice in the matter, but became Israelites upon birth. This was under the Levitical priesthood of animal sacrifices being carried out in the Temple. Sabbaths and holy days were observed as a way of life.

Since Yahshua's resurrection He has become the High Priest of the order of the Melchisedek priesthood (Hebrews 5:9-10). Yahshua is now the eternal High Priest of a motley, dedicated group, volunteering from all walks of life. When Yahshua partook of the last Passover with His disciples, it was with those He had chosen.

So it is today; Yahweh calls us out of the world, and we voluntarily answer the call and are chosen by Yahshua to be a part of His body of believers. We become His through baptism in His name. We are espoused to Yahshua and the wedding will take place when He returns, Revelation 19:7.

It is commanded that one repent (Acts 2:38), then be baptized. What are babies expected to repent of? A child cannot be expected to make decisions like this until they reach the age of responsibility (See our Mini-study on "Age of Accountability").

Only those immersed into the name of Yahshua, having made a commitment to follow Him and are sealed in His name (Rev. 14:1), are permitted to partake of the emblems, lest they bring damnation unto themselves, 1 Corinthians 11: 28-29. Unbaptized, both old and young, can observe, but not partake of the emblems.

PLEASE EXPLAIN EXODUS 12:16 — SHOULD WE COOK?

ANSWER:

The long standing tradition here has been that any major cooking (that is, long list of ingredients, with hours of cooking time and preparation) be done the day prior to any Sabbath, whether weekly or annual. This general principle, and command, is something that was explained to the Israelites in the wilderness, Ex. 35:2-3; Lev. 23:7.

The allowance of cooking for the high Sabbaths we see given for the Days of Unleavened Bread, at the beginning of the Exodus, was specific for them, it appears, as they didn't have time to prepare food, Ex. 12:33-34. It's also significant that the same allowance or provision is NOT stated in Leviticus 23 nor Numbers 28.

Previously, each household had been commanded to prepare a lamb or goat. Would Yahweh expect them to prepare/cook/boil more food, with such limited time, prior to leaving? This also gives evidence for the Exodus timeline we hold to be true. (See our In-Depth study on "Passover: A Memorial For All Time")

Early Abib Barley Crop?

There have been a few inquiries about a report circulating stating that abib (early ears of barley) has been confirmed in early March 2011 in Israel. Others who have seen this report, and the pictures, say it is not barley, but rather an early form of wheat.

After reviewing other images of wheat and barley, and seeing the images which were circulated, we have concluded (even if a rare type of barley, which looks like wheat was observed) it is too early for a proper roasting of the grains, Lev. 2:14. Our understanding is, by harvest time (i.e., within two weeks), the grains should be in a late dough (at the end) stage ready for harvesting.

We did attempt to make contact in the second week of March with those that distributed the early report after we received a recorded message through their toll free line. It is with regret that to date there has been no response to our written request for further elaboration on their report.

After seeing the evidence, we have concluded the abib report proclaimed in early March of this year (2011) was in error. With this understanding, the dates YAIY has posted for the Biblical New Year and subsequent Holy Days remain valid pending confirmation of the new moon on April 4th.

-YAIY Elders



Black and White Copies

We've encountered some heavy costs with color toner and drums with the printer, so we were forced to recently run a few things, such as, hardcopies of the Bible Correspondence Course and newsletters on black and white only.

At the up and coming Board of Director's meeting this month we'll be looking at some further ways to try and cut costs. We're grateful to be still up and running, as we all know, a number of businesses and churches have gone under in this extremely poor economy the last few years.



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Christian (Sunday) Sabbath?

"Centuries of the Christian era passed away before Sunday was observed by the Christian church as a sabbath. History does not furnish us with a single proof or indication that it was at any time so observed previous to the sabbatical edict of Constantine in A.D. 321"

— **Examination of Six Texts**, William Dornville

"It is quite clear that however devotedly we may spend Sunday...the Sabbath was founded on a specific divine command. We can plead no such command for the observance of Sunday"

— **The Ten Commandments**, R.W. Dale

"In the interval between the days of apostles and the conversion of Constantine [4th. cent.] the Christian commonwealth changed its aspect...Rites and ceremonies of which neither Paul nor Peter ever heard crept into use then claimed the rank of divine institutions."

— **The Ancient Church**, William D. Killen

In the Western Church the seventh day continued to be observed quite generally till the fifth century."

— **Schaff-Herzog Encyclopedia of Religious Knowledge**

Did You Know?

1. Abraham was not a Jew nor a Israelite, but was a Hebrew.
2. The Feasts of Yahweh were kept in the O.T. were kept in the N.T. and will be kept in the coming Kingdom.
3. Mel Gibson's "Passion of the Christ" related the actual name of the Messiah.
4. Jews can be compared to the tribes of Israel as Texas can be compared to the United States.
5. The Greek word for wine (*oinos*) is never used in combination with the NT Passover Cup. "Fruit of the vine" is the wording for "grape juice."
6. All Jews are Israelites, but not all Israelites are Jews.
7. Those in the New Testament (1st Century) had only the Old Testament, as the letters of the New Testament hadn't been fully compiled yet.

Prayer List

Elder Dick Vaow, Hap Tew, Michelle Love and Family, Jewell Holt, Dolores Parker, Elder Don Mansager and Family/Friends, Maxine Conrad, Patricia Prince, Terrel Frasure, Donald Appling, Lois McDonald, David and Barbara Creel, Vincent Gay, David Jones Jr. and Family, Larry Skinner, Charlie Pelton, Tami Lanphere, Robert Dorchester, Dries Van Zyl, Daphne Griffith and Family, Donald Car-ringer, Clare Kane, Elizabeth Bailey, R.C. Fernald Family/Friends, Ricardo Delgado, Gerald Bennet and Family, Al Jones and Family, David Wilson, Heidi Ann Eve Isdell, William Borgne, Stella Rogers, Sean Rogers, Elder Yahkara Sunith, Robert and Patricia Potter, Mark Conrad, Maria Francis, Benjamin Francis, Manuel Longoria and Family, Bobby Travis and Family, Gary and Lanai DuBois, Donnie and Roland Miller, Al Pagano, Brian Huck, Florencia Vergara, Paul Massy, Anthony Golden, Isaac Mung and family, Dale and Linda McGuffy, Jessie Hoffman, Rachel Rodgers, Serena & Sonya Siangco, John Cole, Cindy Gustke and Family/Friends, Dennis Kimonge, Helen and Tim Rose, David Miller, Glen Jones, Lisa Welday, Christian Welday, Katrina Jenkins and Family/Friends, brethren around the world, world leaders, Jerusalem and all the land of Israel.