

# THE PASSOVER MEMORIAL SERVICE

## **Preface:**

This is simply to be a guideline explaining the structure of one of the most solemn services Almighty Yahweh has set down in the Sacred Scriptures, of all His annual seasonal Feasts.

Passover is the ONLY annual night service recorded in Scripture. Information of the first Passover can be found in the Book of Exodus chapters 12 & 13. “A night to be much remembered.”

In the New Testament we received the New Ordinance of the Passover. Messiah instructed His disciples the Night He was betrayed, introducing Himself and confirming the Promise, in His Blood, of the New Covenant. These New Symbols, replace the Passover lamb, with Yahshua’s Precious Life. Yahshua the Messiah becoming the Ultimate Passover Sacrifice, putting aside the earthly priesthood, and all its sacrificial obligations for us in Him. He became our One and Only High Priest.

In careful biblical study, we will find many prophecies which point toward Yahshua the Messiah, as becoming the “LAMB of Yahweh Who takes away the sins of the world.” Time and space is not available to go through them all, but we are willing to help anyone on this subject.

## **Introduction to the Service:**

The Passover Service is to be observed the evening of the 14<sup>th</sup> day of the first month “Abib” (month of green/early ears) of Yahweh’s Sacred Calendar.

The biblical day starts in the evening (sunset). Passover is to be observed the night of the 14<sup>th</sup> day, not the night after the 14<sup>th</sup> day, because that would then be the evening of the 15<sup>th</sup> Day, which is a Holy Day, separate from the Passover being the 1<sup>st</sup> Day of the seven Days of Unleavened Bread.

(Note: It is also very significant to understand Yahshua died the very day, and time (afternoon of the 14<sup>th</sup> Abib) Abraham was told to prepare a special Sacrifice, in which Yahweh inaugurated His First Covenant, with a Promise to Abraham, and his Seed.

For Yahweh confirmed this Promise that evening of the 15<sup>th</sup> day. Read, Genesis 15:7–21. That same night, years later, Israel marched out of Egypt. And on that Day, 40 years later, Israel entered the Promised Land.

As much as we are to observe and partake of the Passover on the night of the 14<sup>th</sup>, confessing in heartfelt thanksgiving that Yahshua the

Messiah is our personal Saviour. So we are to remember, and observe the Day of the 15<sup>th</sup> where Yahshua bestowed His Blood of the New Covenant to all His Assembly. Not just a Promise of land, and freedom, but the Promise of Eternal Life.)

The starting time of the evening Passover service must be arranged by each local assembly, or congregation, and is not to be taken as a social gathering. IT IS A SOLEMN ASSEMBLY. On arrival members are to quietly get seated, open their Bibles, read, and meditate on sections of Scripture pertaining to the evening's service, until the service is started by an opening prayer. As in all Services, there is to be one speaker, reader, or prayer leader at a time, unless there is a hymn to be sung by the assembly.

Remember, Yahweh is not the author of confusion.

**Body of the service:**

1<sup>st</sup> Readings :    Isaiah Chapters 52 & 53  
                          (a prophecy of the sufferings of Messiah)  
                          John 11:55-57. 12:1, 9-19.  
                          (Messiah's arrival near Jerusalem )

2<sup>nd</sup> Readings        Luke 22:7-16 ( Preparation for the Passover )  
                          Luke 22:24-30 ( Messiah rebukes jealousy )

3<sup>rd</sup> Reading         John 13: 1-20. (The Foot washing: An Act of Serving  
one another.)

After this is explained the congregation leave the hall or room and separate, male & female, into assigned rooms and engage in the service of washing each others feet. When all is completed, the assembly return to their seats.

4<sup>th</sup> Readings        1st Corinthians chapter 11  
                          ( This sets the heart of the Passover service )

Parallel Accounts are found in  
Matthew 26:26-29. Mark 14:22-25. Luke 22:17-20.

A prayer for the blessing of the unleavened bread, a symbol of His broken Body, for our healing, then it is to be broken, and distributed to the baptized members only.

After a short pause, a prayer for the blessing of the fruit of the vine, a symbol of His Blood, for the forgiveness of all our sins, which also is to be distributed to the baptized members in attendance only.

5<sup>th</sup> Readings        John chapter 14  
                          ( Messiah's Farewell Discourse to His disciples )  
John chapters 15 & 16  
                          ( Messiah's words on the way to Gethsemane)

6<sup>th</sup> Reading         John chapter 17                    ( Messiah's Prayer )

7<sup>th</sup> Readings         Mark 14:26. Matthew 26:30–39. Luke 22:39–46.

### **In Conclusion:**

All members should be urged on returning home after the service, to read the complete narrative Messiah went through that day up to His death on the stake. You will also note that on Passover night He requested His disciples to WATCH AND PRAY, yet they fell asleep! Why did He ask them to do that on this particular NIGHT? Is it not strange that a few isolated Jewish sects still observe this night as "THE NIGHT OF WATCHING?" An appropriate hymn should be sung by the assembly. With a final departing prayer lead by a selected member.

An important consideration we all should have in mind, is that after the partaking of the Symbols of our Savior's Body, which is unleavened, our own physical bodies should not eat anything leavened from then on, permitting us to enter the seven days of Unleavened bread. (Our bodies cleared of leavening as our physical homes should be) Some may say this is too physical. But we ARE PHYSICAL, yet we must learn Spiritual lessons.

For from the Passover night (Exodus 12:8) we are instructed not to take in, but to put out all leaven from our houses. It is a preparation day to clean, cast out, and be ready to enter those days of unleavened bread. Let us not be accused of dishonoring our Savior's Body, for taking this lightly.

Please note the texts above are only guidelines for the service, where many parallel texts could be used.

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