

The Feasts of Israel

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1. Leviticus 23 is God's calendar to meet with His people - pointing to the theme and purpose of His redemption process.
2. Why would someone "keep the feast" celebrating Passover - specifically considering Paul's words in 1 Corinthians 5:7-8?
3. Is it merely to reflect and speak about the events of the past that took place in Egypt?
4. No - it is because "Messiah our Passover" has come.
5. We celebrate and proclaim the full redemption from sin which was typified by the redemption from Egypt.
6. So - the festival year begins with what is called the "Spring feasts" - starting with Passover. (Leviticus 23:5)
7. Passover always falls on a full moon - the first full moon of Spring.
8. On this day - because of the blood of the Lamb - the Hebrews were delivered from bondage. (Exodus 12)
9. As seen clearly in both testaments - the blood of the lamb delivers from slavery - the Jew from Egypt, and the believer from sin.
10. It then was not coincidental that Jesus Christ was sacrificed during Passover. (Matthew 26:27)
11. The believer celebrates Passover by participating in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.
12. Believers do not keep the feast in remembrance of the exodus from Egypt - it was a shadow of the greater redemption that was to come.
13. Do Jews still celebrate "Passover" today? They do.
14. It is called a Passover "seder."
15. A seder literally means "order" - referring to the ancient service and meal held usually on the first night of Passover.
 - There is a lighting of candles
 - The seder is divided into 4 sections
 - Drink 4 times from the cup to remember the blessings of redemption (Exodus 6:6-7)
 - 4 Cups: Sanctification, Plagues, Redemption, and Praise
16. In non-Messianic Jewish homes - Israel's past deliverance is emphasized without any present relevance.
17. In a Messianic Jewish home - emphasis is placed on the truth that God accomplished their past redemption in order to give hope for the future.

18. Specifically as it pertains to the Messiah's deliverance and redemption. (Luke 22:7-13)
19. For believers today - Passover not only reminds us of the Exodus - but also how redemption in the Lamb affects our lives now and even into eternity. (John 1:29 and Revelation 5:12)
20. The centerpiece of the redemptive program of God is found in the Passover redemption.
21. The blood applied to the doorposts of the Hebrews made for a sign of redemption that speaks of an even greater redemption.
22. During the Passover meal Jesus said; "do this in remembrance of Me." (Luke 22)