

TORAH, GOD'S INSTRUCTIONS
LEVITICUS 23 – GOD'S HOLY DAYS – PASSOVER
PART 1

Say - Welcome to Sabbath School class. Let's bow our head and ask God for understanding as we continue our study of the book of Leviticus. This lesson will focus on the Passover – Part 1.

Leviticus 23

Say - ⁵In the fourteenth day of the first month at even is the LORD's Passover (not Easter) Leviticus 23:5. Passover is the time of coming before God.

Say – The word “Passover” means to “spare or to pass over”. Let’s look at some verses.

³Now the Egyptians are men, and not God; and their horses flesh, and not spirit (They do not have God’s spirit; we are told “...in God I have put my trust, I will not fear what flesh can do unto me” Psalm 56:4 also Psalm 146:3-5, Zechariah 4:6.). When the LORD shall stretch out his hand, both he that helpeth (Egypt) shall fall, and he that is holpen (gives support) shall fall down, and they all shall fail together.

⁴For thus hath the LORD spoken unto me, Like as the lion and the young lion roaring (hovering) on his prey, when a multitude of shepherds is called forth against him, he will not be afraid of their voice, nor abase (Jehovah will show His great might and His care for His people, read Deuteronomy 32:11-14, Psalm 91:4.) himself for the noise of them: so shall the LORD of hosts come down to fight for mount Zion (Jerusalem), and for the hill thereof.

⁵As birds flying, so will the LORD of hosts defend Jerusalem; defending also he will deliver it; and passing over he will preserve it (and spare His people showing His great affection)” Isaiah 31:3-5.

Say – God spoke to Moses and Aaron giving them instructions or the Ordinance for the Passover and they were to tell the children of Israel. The Bible tells us “the children of Israel” ²¹This people

have I formed for myself; they shall shew forth my praise” Isaiah 43:21.

¹And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt saying,

²This month (Abib) shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you (Not from creation any longer. God’s Law tells us “Observe the month of Abib, and keep the **passover** unto the LORD thy God: for in the month of Abib the LORD thy God brought thee forth out of Egypt by night” Deuteronomy 16:1.).

Say – This began the new year in the springtime when the land was made fresh again ¹¹For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; ¹²The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle (dove) is heard in our land; ¹³The fig tree putteth forth her green figs, and the vines with the tender grape give a good smell...Song of Solomon 2:11-13.

³Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of their fathers, a lamb for an house (Why the 10th day? God wanted His people to know these things for future understanding when Christ would become our Passover. These instructions for the Passover were directed for the real Lamb of God, Jesus Christ, our Passover Lamb, I Corinthians 5:7. The lamb was picked on the 10th day and kept until the 14th day. God was giving them instructions for the event of Passover, not Easter.):

⁴And if the household be too little for the lamb, let him and his neighbour next unto his house take it according to the number of the souls (individuals); every man according to his eating shall make your count for the lamb (could be a kid or a lamb, see vs. 5).

⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year (had to be innocent just as Christ, our Passover, was free from sin): ye shall take it out from the sheep, or from the goats (The Bible tells us “¹⁴How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? Hebrews 9:14):

⁶And ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening (Twilight, used as a time the paschal lamb was slain and the evening sacrifice was offered meaning between the two evenings. They were to show their appreciation for God's deliverance out of Egypt the land of bondage to sin as slaves and protecting them from the plagues and we are to show our appreciation for calling us out of the world of sin. The Law of God tells us "But at the place which the LORD thy God shall choose to place his name in, there thou shalt sacrifice the **passover** at even, at the going down of the sun, at the season (appointed time) that thou camest forth out of Egypt" Deuteronomy 16:6.).

⁷And they shall take of the blood, and strike (put) it on the two side posts (doorpost where the hinges are) and on the upper door post of the houses (the upper part of the doorway or lintel), wherein they shall eat it (The Bible tells us "²⁸And the children of Israel went away, and did as the LORD had commanded Moses and Aaron, so did they" Exodus 12:28. The Bible tells us the children of Israel were not to put the blood on the threshold which is at the bottom of the doorway "²⁹Of how much sorer (worse) punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden (trampled or to treat with rudeness or insult) under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified (made holy), an unholy thing (unclean or valueless), and hath done (insulted) despite unto the Spirit of grace?" Hebrews 10:29.)

⁸And they shall eat the flesh in that night (what night, verse 6), roast with fire, and unleavened bread; and with bitter herbs they shall eat it.

⁹Eat not of it raw, nor sodden (boiled) at all with water, but roast with fire; his head with his legs, and with the purtenance thereof (entire body).

¹⁰And ye shall let nothing of it remain until the morning; and that which remaineth of it until the morning ye shall burn with fire (God wanted them to depend on Him for their food and spiritual nourishment and guidance.).

¹¹And thus shall ye eat it; with your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat it in haste: it is the

LORD's Passover (God's people were to eat it in haste and ready to go out the door.).

¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment (all the animal gods they worshipped): I am the LORD.

¹³And the blood shall be to you for a token (sign) upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood (The "blood" is symbolic of things to come, wine.), I will pass over you (represented the atoning blood of Christ), and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt (Moses ²⁷By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him (Christ) who is invisible. ²⁸Through faith he kept the Passover (not Easter which is the feast of Asherah, the Canaanite goddess of idol worship), and the sprinkling of blood, lest he that destroyed the firstborn should touch them (Jesus Christ is our Passover; there is no Easter in Christianity.).

Say – The Bible tells us “⁷But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin” John 1:7. ⁵And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, Revelation 1:5 when we are “called of God” and repent of sin and accept His sacrifice.

¹⁴And this day shall be unto you for a memorial (“²⁹Ye shall have a song, as in the night when a holy solemnity is kept (an appointed time or fixed time or season); and gladness of heart, as when one goeth with a pipe (flute) to come into the mountain of the LORD, to the mighty One of Israel” Isaiah 30:29.); and ye shall keep it a feast (Appointed time or fixed time or season. God's Law tells us “Let the children of Israel also keep the **passover** at his appointed season” Numbers 9:2.) to the LORD throughout your generations; ye shall keep it a feast (Appointed time or fixed time or season. The word “feast” means a banquet.) by an ordinance for ever (no change, God means forever). Exodus 12:1-14.

Say – Now we will go to Exodus 12:21-51 where Moses told the elders of Israel it was time to “take the Passover lamb and kill it.

²¹Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel, and said unto them, Draw out and take you a lamb according to your families, and kill the Passover (lamb).

²²And ye shall take a bunch of hyssop (“Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean (free from sin): wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow” Psalm 51:7), and dip it in the blood that is in the bason, and strike the lintel and the two side posts with the blood that is in the bason (for purification); and none of you shall go out at the door of his house until the morning.

²³For the LORD will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when he seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, the LORD will pass over the door, and will not suffer the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite you (It was the LORD who “passed over” not an angel.).

²⁴And ye shall observe this thing for an ordinance to thee and to thy sons for ever (It is still the same today only under the New Testament Covenant which Christ taught the disciples.).

²⁵And it shall come to pass, when ye be come to the land which the LORD will give you, according as he hath promised, that ye shall keep this service.

²⁶And it shall come to pass, when your children shall say unto you, What mean ye by this service?

²⁷That ye shall say, It is the sacrifice of the LORD's passover, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt, when he smote the Egyptians, and delivered our houses. And the people bowed the head and worshipped.

²⁸And the children of Israel went away, and did as the LORD had commanded Moses and Aaron, so did they.

²⁹And it came to pass, that at midnight (on the 15th) the LORD smote all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sat on his throne unto the firstborn of the captive that was in the dungeon; and all the firstborn of cattle (Total devastation, emotionally and physiologically.).

³⁰And Pharaoh rose up in the night, he, and all his servants, and all the Egyptians; and there was a great cry in Egypt; for there was not a house where there was not one dead.

³¹And he called for Moses and Aaron by night (midnight already past), and said, Rise up, and get you forth from among my people, both ye and the children of Israel; and go, serve the LORD, as ye have said.

³²Also take your flocks and your herds, as ye have said, and be gone; and bless me also.

³³And the Egyptians were urgent upon the people, that they might send them out of the land in haste; for they said, We be all dead men.

³⁴And the people took their dough before it was leavened, their kneadingtroughs being bound up in their clothes upon their shoulders.

³⁵And the children of Israel did according to the word of Moses; and they borrowed of the Egyptians jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment:

³⁶And the LORD gave the people favour in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they lent unto them such things as they required. And they spoiled (plundered) the Egyptians.

³⁷And the children of Israel journeyed from Rameses to Succoth (“Succoth” means booth or tabernacle.), about six hundred thousand on foot that were men, beside children (2 million to 6 million people).

³⁸And a mixed multitude went up also with them; and flocks, and herds, even very much cattle (“Mixed multitude” means some Egyptians, strangers and aliens and Israelites.).

³⁹And they baked unleavened cakes of the dough which they brought forth out of Egypt, for it was not leavened; because they were thrust out of Egypt, and could not tarry, neither had they prepared for themselves any victual.

⁴⁰Now the sojourning of the children of Israel, who dwelt in Egypt, was four hundred and thirty years (There are two reckonings of the sojourning: one starting from the “promise” to Abraham Exodus 12:40 and the other starting from the recognition of his “seed” meaning Isaac Genesis 21:12. Actually the

Israelites were 215 years in slavery to sin. See appendix 50 of Bullenger's.).

⁴¹And it came to pass at the end of the four hundred and thirty years, even the selfsame day it came to pass, that all the hosts of the LORD went out from the land of Egypt.

⁴²It is a night to be much observed unto the LORD for bringing them out from the land of Egypt: this is that night of the LORD to be observed of all the children of Israel in their generations. (A day to preserve in the mind and heart of God's people and still is a "day to be much observed" for the day God called the Israelites out of sin and us out of the world of sin.

["Read It Is a Night To be Much Observed"](#))

⁴³And the LORD said unto Moses and Aaron, This is the ordinance of the Passover (not Easter): There shall no stranger eat thereof (A "Stranger" is someone not called of God, not grafted in, not circumcised.):

⁴⁴But every man's servant that is bought for money, when thou hast circumcised him, then shall he eat thereof.

⁴⁵A foreigner (sojourner) and an hired servant shall not eat thereof.

⁴⁶In one house shall it be eaten; thou shalt not carry forth ought of the flesh abroad out of the house; neither shall ye break a bone thereof (No bones broken on Christ.).

⁴⁷All the congregation of Israel shall keep it. (The Bible tells us "And they kept the **passover** on the fourteenth day of the first month at even in the wilderness of Sinai: according to all that the LORD commanded Moses, so did the children of Israel" Numbers 9:5).

⁴⁸And when a stranger shall sojourn with thee, and will keep the passover to the LORD, let all his males be circumcised, and then let him come near and keep it; and he shall be as one that is born in the land: for no uncircumcised person shall eat thereof. (God's law tells us "¹⁴And if a stranger shall sojourn among you, and will keep the passover unto the LORD; according to the ordinance of the passover, and according to the manner thereof, so shall he do: ye shall have one ordinance, both for the stranger, and for him that was born in the land" Numbers 9:14).

⁴⁹One law shall be to him that is homeborn, and unto the stranger that sojourneth among you.

⁵⁰Thus did all the children of Israel; as the LORD commanded Moses and Aaron, so did they.

⁵¹And it came to pass the selfsame day, that the LORD did bring the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt by their armies. Exodus 12:21-51.

Say – “And they departed from Rameses in the first month, on the fifteenth day of the first month; on the morrow after the **passover** the children of Israel went out with an high hand in the sight of all the Egyptians” Numbers 33:3.

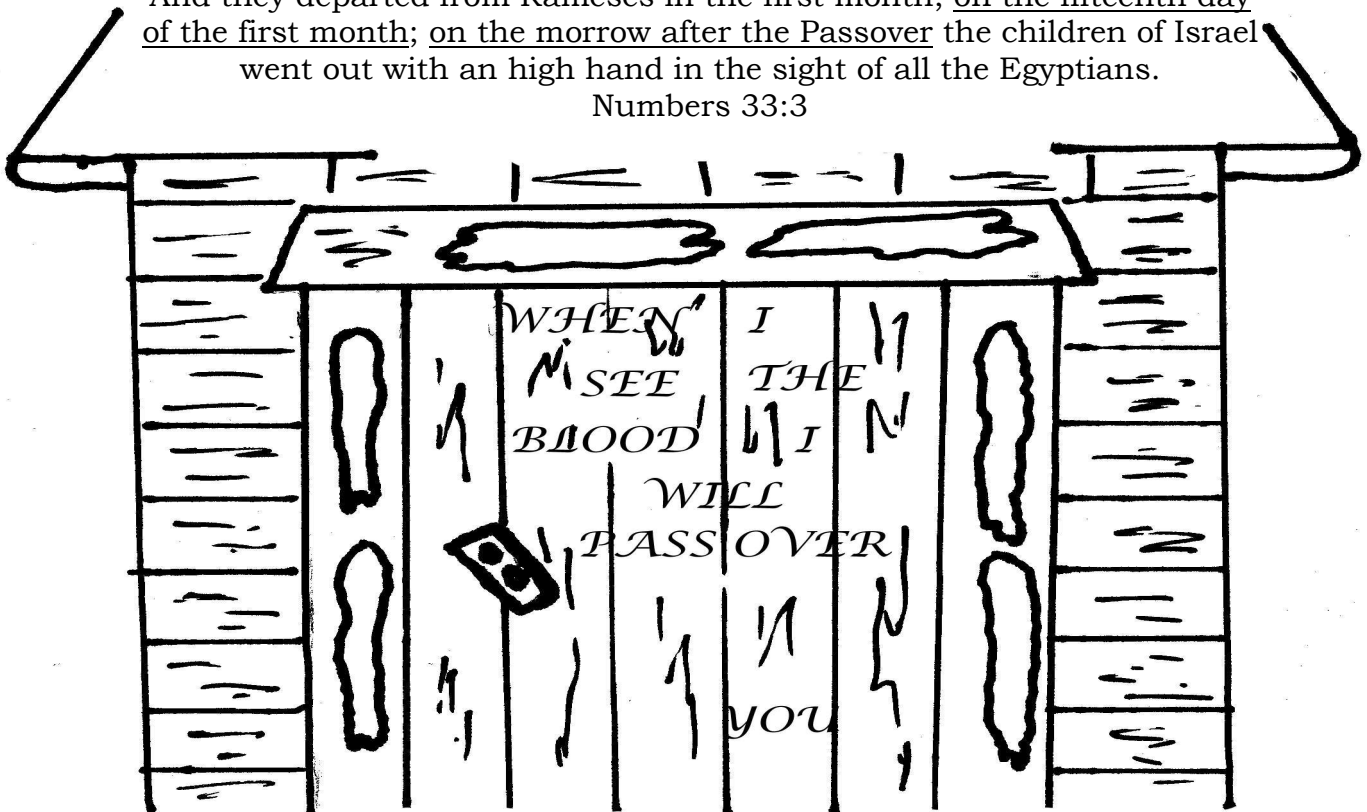
Say – All of the above foreshadowed a future event; did Jesus, our Passover, die on the 14th? We will see the answer is **YES!** “In the **fourteenth day** of the first month at **even is the LORD's Passover**” Leviticus 23:5.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON FOR YOUTH AND TOTS BELOW

MEMORY VERSE

And they departed from Rameses in the first month, on the fifteenth day of the first month; on the morrow after the Passover the children of Israel went out with an high hand in the sight of all the Egyptians.

Numbers 33:3



THE ORDINANCE OF THE PASSOVER - PART 1

"IN THE FOURTEENTH DAY OF THE FIRST MONTH AT EVEN IS THE LORD'S PASSOVER (NOT EASTER)" LEVITICUS 23:5

"OBSERVE THE MONTH OF ABIB AND KEEP THE PASSOVER UNTO THE LORD THY GOD; FOR IN THE MONTH OF ABIB THE LORD THY GOD BROUGHT THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL FORTH OUT OF EGYPT BY NIGHT." DEUTERONOMY 16:1

THIS BEGAN THE NEW YEAR IN THE SPRINGTIME WHEN THE LAND WAS MADE FRESH AGAIN.

NO LONGER WOULD THE NEW YEAR BE FROM CREATION AND FOR THE FUTURE THE WINTER WAS PAST AND IT MADE IT MUCH EASIER TO TRAVEL FOR PEOPLE AT THIS TIME OF YEAR.

"FOR LO, THE WINTER IS PAST, THE RAIN IS OVER AND GONE; THE FLOWERS APPEAR ON THE EARTH; THE TIME OF THE SINGING OF THE BIRDS IS COME;

AND THE VOICE OF THE TURTLE (DOVE) IS HEARD IN OUR LAND; THE FIG TREE PUTTETH FORTH HER GREEN FIGS AND THE VINES WITH THE TENDER GRAPE GIVE A GOOD SMELL...

SONG OF SOLOMON 2:11-12

IN THE TENTH DAY TAKE A LAMB, A LAMB WITHOUT BLEMISH, JUST AS JESUS CHRIST, OUR PASSOVER, WAS WITHOUT BLEMISH OR FREE FROM SIN;

YOU SHALL KEEP IT UP UNTIL THE FOURTEENTH DAY OF THE SAME MONTH AND THE CONGREGATION OF ISRAEL SHALL KILL IT IN THE EVENING OF THE 14TH.

WHEN YOU KILL THE PASSOVER LAMB, TAKE THE BLOOD AND STRIKE OR PUT IT ON THE TWO SIDEPPOSTS AND ON THE UPPER DOOR POST OF THE HOUSES;

"THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL WENT AWAY AND DID AS THE LORD COMMANDED MOSES AND AARON" EXODUS 12:28

THE BLOOD SHALL BE TO YOU FOR A TOKEN OR SIGN UPON THE
HOUSES WHERE YOU ARE: AND WHEN I SEE THE BLOOD I WILL
PASS OVER YOU,
THE BLOOD REPRESENTED THE ATONING BLOOD OF CHRIST AND THE
PLAGUE SHALL NOT BE UPON YOU TO DESTROY YOU WHEN I
SMITE THE LAND OF EGYPT.

"YOU SHALL EAT THE FLESH IN THAT NIGHT WITH YOUR LOINS
GIRDED, YOUR SHOES ON YOUR FEET AND YOUR STAFF IN
HAND";
"YE SHALL EAT IT IN HASTE FOR IT IS THE LORD'S PASSOVER." THE
CHILDREN OF ISRAEL WERE TO BE READY TO GO OUT THE
DOOR.

"AND THIS DAY SHALL BE UNTO YOU FOR A MEMORIAL" WHICH
MEANS FOREVER, THERE IS NO CHANGE;
"THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL KEPT THE PASSOVER AT GOD'S
"APPOINTED SEASON". NUMBERS 9:2

ALL OF THE ABOVE POINTED TO A FUTURE TIME WHEN JESUS
CHRIST, OUR PASSOVER, WOULD BE PUT ON THE TREE OR ALTER AND
WOULD GIVE HIS LIFE FOR US SO THAT WE COULD HAVE ETERNAL
LIFE WITH HIM IN THE FAMILY OF GOD.

SAY - THE BIBLE TELLS US "BUT IF WE WALK IN THE LIGHT/TRUTH,
AS HE IS IN THE LIGHT, WE HAVE FELLOWSHIP ONE WITH
ANOTHER, **AND THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST HIS SON
CLEANSETH US FROM ALL SIN**" JOHN 1:7.

SAY - AND FROM JESUS CHRIST, WHO IS THE FAITHFUL WITNESS,
AND THE FIRST BEGOTTEN OF THE DEAD, AND THE PRINCE OF
THE KINGS OF THE EARTH. **UNTO HIM THAT LOVED US, AND
WASHED US FROM OUR SINS IN HIS OWN BLOOD,**
REVELATION 1:5, WHEN WE ARE "CALLED OF GOD" AND REPENT
OF SIN AND ACCEPT HIS SACRIFICE.