

TORAH, GOD'S INSTRUCTIONS
LEVITICUS 23 – GOD'S HOLY DAYS – PASSOVER
PART 2

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 2.

Say – All of the above in Part 1 of the Passover lesson 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.

Say – **Disciples prepare for the Passover** – Matthew 26:17-75; Mark 14:12-16; Luke 22:7-13 – This day was a Tuesday or the day before the Preparation Day of the High Day of the First Day of Unleavened Bread, and annual Sabbath, not the weekly Sabbath Day.

Matthew 26

¹And it came to pass, when Jesus had finished all these sayings, he said unto his disciples,

²Ye know that after two days is the feast of the passover, and the Son of man (Jesus) is betrayed to be crucified (By the will of His Father according to His plan.).

³Then assembled together the chief priests, and the scribes, and the elders of the people, unto the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas,

⁴And consulted that they might take Jesus by subtilty (trickery), and kill him.

⁵But they said, Not on the feast day, lest there be an uproar among the people (About 2 million people in Jerusalem but Passover was the time Christ was to die.).

⁶Now when Jesus was in Bethany, in the house of Simon the leper (Simon was healed by this time.),

⁷There came unto him a woman having an alabaster box of very precious ointment (spikenard which was very precious), and poured it on his (Jesus) head, as he sat at meat.

⁸But when his disciples saw it, they had indignation, saying, To what purpose is this waste?

⁹For this ointment might have been sold for much, and given to the poor (There are many people in religious groups who would say such a thing and call themselves Christian.).

¹⁰When Jesus understood it, he said unto them, Why trouble ye the woman? for she hath wrought a good work upon me (What the people thought was evil, Jesus said was good; if we are obedient to God His people will discern good from evil.).

¹¹For ye have the poor always with you; but me ye have not always.

¹²For in that she hath poured this ointment on my body, she did it for my burial (Not that she knew exactly why she had done the anointing for His burial or when He was going to die but Jesus knew when.).

¹³Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached in the whole world (to every nation), there shall also this, that this woman hath done, be told for a memorial of her (and in contrast their reaction will also be told).

¹⁴Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went unto the chief priests, ¹⁵And said unto them, What will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you? And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver ¹⁶And from that time he sought opportunity to betray him (Judas was deceived and misled and Satan crept in. Why thirty pieces of silver? This was the price of a bonds slave, Zechariah 11:11-12).

¹⁷Now the first day of the feast of unleavened bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying unto him, Where wilt thou that we prepare for thee to eat the passover? (The terminology in vs. 17 confuses people if they have no background. Remember the Passover is before the Days of Unleavened Bread. Start at the beginning in Exodus 12 and also vs. 20 below. The New Testament Passover was the evening before the crucifixion or the evening before the Old Testament Passover, approximately 24 hours. Jesus had to be killed at the same time the High Priest began killing the lambs for the Passover on the Preparation Day before the High Day of

the annual Sabbath of the First Day of Unleavened Bread which was a Thursday, see John 19:31.)

¹⁸And he (Jesus) said, Go into the city to such a man, and say unto him, The Master saith, My time is at hand; I will keep the passover at thy house with my disciples.

¹⁹And the disciples did as Jesus had appointed them; and they made ready the passover.

²⁰Now when the even was come, he sat down with the twelve.

²¹And as they did eat, he said, Verily I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me (The disciples did not know who would betray Him at this point.).

²²And they were exceeding sorrowful, and began every one of them to say unto him, Lord, is it I?

²³And he answered and said, He that dippeth his hand with me in the dish, the same shall betray me.

²⁴The Son of man goeth as it is written of him (This was all planned by God the Father.): but woe unto that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! it had been good for that man if he had not been born. (Who wrote about the “Son of man”; it was the prophets.

Here is what Isaiah wrote and all inspired by God

¹³Behold, my servant shall deal prudently, he shall be exalted and extolled, and be very high (Meaning “raised up”; had to be done this way. John said ¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up” John 3:14).

¹⁴As many were astonished (astonished) at thee; his visage was so marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men:(God had to do it this way to deliver the people.)

¹⁵So shall he sprinkle many nations; the kings shall shut their mouths at him: for that which had not been told them shall they see; and that which they had not heard shall they consider (In the future, the Bible tells us “...The **kingdoms** (governments) of this **world** are become the **kingdoms** (governments) of our Lord,

and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever” Revelation 11:15..) Isaiah 52:13-15.

¹Who hath believed our report (Isaiah said we tell you the word of God but who believes it)? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed (Only to the ones called of God.)?

²For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground (“¹And there shall come forth a rod (branch) out of the stem of Jesse (King David’s father), and a Branch (Jesus, the Messiah) shall grow out of his roots: ²And the spirit of the LORD (Jehovah) shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD” Isaiah 11:1-2); he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him (But Jesus had great love for all people even His enemies; He was not partial to anyone and His beauty was deep within Him.).

³He is despised and rejected of men (people do not want to listen to His truth but someday they all will); a man of sorrows (pain for His people), and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him (God’s people hid in disgust); he was despised (as a vile person), and we (The 12 tribes of Israel and it is still happening today.) esteemed him not.

⁴Surely he hath borne our griefs (carried our sickness), and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions (sins of rebellion), he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed (Even though we rejected Him from the sin sickness that was in us; He healed us when God called His people to Him and gave His people the Truth of God as He opened the spiritually blind eyes.).

⁶All we like sheep have gone astray (wandered away from Him); we have turned every one to his own way (the way of the

world); and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all (God orchestrated the crucifixion and we all had a part in it.).

⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.

⁸He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: (Why?) for the transgression of my people was he stricken.

⁹And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death (made His grave with the unrighteous and the wealthy); because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul (self) an offering for sin, he shall see his seed (offspring or remnant), he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. (This is why God was “pleased to bruise him” for the salvation it would bring to God’s creation.)

¹¹He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities (and Christ surely did).

¹²Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul (self) unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors (Why did He do it; to cleanse and purify His people.) Isaiah 53:1-12.

Daniel wrote the following and all inspired by God: ²⁶And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself (Christ died for all creation.): and the people of the prince (Roman armies of Titus) that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood (army), and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.

²⁷And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week (Preach of the coming Kingdom of God.): and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate (Satan will come as a peacemaker and the distribution of idols.), even until the consummation (will destroy all idols, and nations will be made desolate and set up His government, Jeremiah 46:28, Ezekiel 36:3, Revelation 11:15) and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate (Will be repeated at the end time, Matthew 24, abomination of desolation.). Daniel 9:26-27

David also prophesied about the death of Jesus in Psalms 22; I hope you will read and study what David had to say.

Say – Now back to Matthew 26.

²⁵Then Judas, which betrayed him, answered and said, Master, is it I? (We all do it when we are not treating someone kindly; we must repent constantly.) He said unto him, Thou hast said.

²⁶And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body (Just like at Mt. Sinai, this is My Law. One doctrine, one law; “this is my body” means the teachings of Jesus Christ; my body are the commandments or the Laws of God or righteousness. Eat my law and hunger and thirst after my teachings.)

²⁷And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it;

²⁸For this is my blood of the new testament (The new will or covenant guarantees eternal life by the atoning sacrifice of Christ; the Bible tells us ¹⁸Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; ¹⁹But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: I Peter 1:18-20), which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

²⁹But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom

(When Christ comes back and marries His bride at the “Marriage Supper of the Lamb”).

³⁰And when they had sung an hymn (Psalm 113, 118), they went out into the mount of Olives.

³¹Then saith Jesus unto them, All ye shall be offended (stumble) because of me this night: for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered abroad (The disciples did not know what Christ was talking about. Christ was referring to “⁷Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, and against the man that is my fellow, saith the LORD of hosts: smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered (The 12 tribes of Israel are all over the world and God knows where they are.): and I will turn mine hand upon the little ones (the remnant) Zechariah 13:7).

³²But after I am risen again, I will go before you into Galilee.

³³Peter answered and said unto him, Though all men shall be offended because of thee, yet will I never be offended (It is the same attitude today, not me, but we don’t know until we get in a situation so God’s people need to pray to be humble.).

³⁴Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, That this night, before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice.

³⁵Peter said unto him, Though I should die with thee, yet will I not deny thee. Likewise also said all the disciples.

³⁶Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane, (at the foot of the Mt. of Olives) and saith unto the disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder.

³⁷And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy (Jesus was distressed, needed comfort and affection.).

³⁸Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me.

³⁹And he went a little farther, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not

as I will, but as thou wilt (Jesus knew what was ahead of Him and He had to go through it.).

⁴⁰And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour? (It was more important for them to sleep instead of doing what Jesus had asked of them.)

⁴¹Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

⁴²He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done.

⁴³And he came and found them asleep again: for their eyes were heavy (God's people are to fight the flesh constantly for if Christ comes to our door and finds we are asleep spiritually; He will walk away.).

⁴⁴And he left them, and went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words.

⁴⁵Then cometh he to his disciples, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest: behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.

⁴⁶Rise, let us be going: behold, he is at hand that doth betray me.

⁴⁷And while he yet spake, lo, Judas, one of the twelve, came, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, from the chief priests and elders of the people. (The ones responsible for what was going to happen.)

⁴⁸Now he that betrayed him gave them a sign, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is he: hold him fast. (Notice how Christ did not look any different than the other disciples.)

⁴⁹And forthwith he came to Jesus, and said, Hail, master; and kissed him.

⁵⁰And Jesus said unto him, Friend (in sarcasm), wherefore art thou come? Then came they, and laid hands on Jesus and took him.

⁵¹And, behold, one of them which were with Jesus stretched out his hand, and drew his sword, and struck a servant of the high priest's, and smote off his ear.

⁵²Then said Jesus unto him, Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword (Jesus said if you think that is the way you're going to settle things you will perish physically and spiritually for Jesus had said "turn the other cheek" Matthew 5:39.).

⁵³Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?

⁵⁴But how then shall the scriptures be fulfilled, that thus it must be? (Don't stand in the way; I will go through with the Passover.)

⁵⁵In that same hour said Jesus to the multitudes, Are ye come out as against a thief with swords and staves for to take me? I sat daily with you teaching in the temple, and ye laid no hold on me.

⁵⁶But all this was done, that the scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled. Then all the disciples forsook him, and fled. (God had planned everything in advance. The "scriptures" were the ones they had recorded.)

⁵⁷And they that had laid hold on Jesus led him away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled. (The council gathered at night which was illegal.)

⁵⁸But Peter followed him afar off unto the high priest's palace, and went in, and sat with the servants, to see the end.

⁵⁹Now the chief priests, and elders, and all the council (all that showed up), sought false witness against Jesus, to put him to death;

⁶⁰But found none: yea, though many false witnesses came, yet found they none. At the last came two false witnesses, (Probably been bribed by Judas. The Bible tells us "¹²If a ruler hearken (listens) to lies, all his servants are wicked" Proverbs 29:12. "¹¹False witnesses did rise up; they laid to my charge things that I knew not" Psalm 35:11).

⁶¹And said, This fellow said, I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to build it in three days. (Which Christ did say but the Devil was

using truth and twisting it and he still does it today, John 2:19 but Christ spoke of the temple of his body, John 2:21.)

⁶²And the high priest arose, and said unto him, Answerest thou nothing? what is it which these witness against thee (The Bible tells us “¹²Deliver me not over unto the will of mine enemies: for false witnesses are risen up against me, and such as breathe out cruelty” Psalm 27:12)?

⁶³But Jesus held his peace (⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth” Isaiah 53:7. Christ was silent because His hour had come.), And the high priest answered and said unto him, I adjure (put you under oath) thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God.

⁶⁴Jesus saith unto him, Thou hast said: nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven (Another prophecy fulfilled, “¹³I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. ¹⁴And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed” Daniel 7:13-14).

⁶⁵Then the high priest rent his clothes, saying, He hath spoken blasphemy; what further need have we of witnesses? behold, now ye have heard his blasphemy (God allowed their minds to be closed.).

⁶⁶What think ye? They answered and said, He is guilty of death.

⁶⁷Then did they spit in his face (Another prophecy fulfilled “⁶I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting” Isaiah 50:6, Mark 15:19)., and buffeted him; and others smote him with the palms of their hands,

⁶⁸Saying, Prophecy unto us, thou Christ, Who is he that smote thee? (Very foolish, an unclean spirit entered into them for there were many demonic spirits around Jesus. All of this had to happen to bring salvation.)

⁶⁹Now Peter sat without in the palace: and a damsel came unto him, saying, Thou also wast with Jesus of Galilee (When we are not in control of our fears, our fears will be in control of us. Peter was afraid of the two girls.).

⁷⁰But he denied before them all, saying, I know not what thou sayest.

⁷¹And when he was gone out into the porch, another maid saw him, and said unto them that were there, This fellow was also with Jesus of Nazareth.

⁷²And again he denied with an oath, I do not know the man (Why is Peter acting this way; he was one of the chief disciples.).

⁷³And after a while came unto him they that stood by, and said to Peter, Surely thou also art one of them; for thy speech bewrayeth thee (You are a Galilean.).

⁷⁴Then began he to curse and to swear, saying, I know not the man. And immediately the cock crew. (Now he is cursing and not only denying Jesus.)

⁷⁵And Peter remembered the word of Jesus, which said unto him, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. And he went out, and wept bitterly (When all people realize what we have done to our God we will weep too.).

MEMORY VERSE

Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; ¹⁹But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

I Peter 1:18-19

BELOW IS THE SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON FOR YOUTH AND TOTS

HERE IS WHAT THE PROPHET ISAIAH SAID ABOUT JESUS CHRIST
OUR PASSOVER - PART 2

"FOR HE SHALL GROW UP BEFORE HIM AS A TENDER PLANT, AND AS A
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branch out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch (Jesus the Messiah)
shall grow out of his roots: And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon
him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and
might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD" Isaiah 11:1-2)
HE HATH NO FORM NOR COMELINESS; AND WHEN WE SHALL SEE
HIM, THERE IS NO BEAUTY THAT WE SHOULD DESIRE HIM.

HE IS DESPISED AND REJECTED OF MEN (and still is, someday all will
listen to Him); A MAN OF SORROWS, AND ACQUAINTED WITH
GRIEF:
AND WE HID AS IT WERE OUR FACES FROM HIM; HE WAS DESPISED
(as a vile person), AND WE ESTEEMED HIM NOT (it is still happening
today)

SURELY HE HATH BORNE OUR GRIEFS, AND CARRIED OUR SORROWS;
YET WE ESTEEM HIM STRICKEN, SMITTEN OF GOD, AND
AFFLICTED.
BUT HE WAS WOUNDED FOR OUR TRANSGRESSION (our sins) AND
WAS BRUISED FOR OUR INIQUITIES:...AND WITH HIS STRIPES
WE ARE HEALED.

WE ALL LIKE SHEEP HAVE GONE ASTRAY (wandered away from Him); WE
HAVE TURNED EVERY ONE TO HIS OWN WAY (the way of the
world);
HE WAS OPPRESSED, AND HE WAS AFFLICTED, YET HE OPENED NOT
HIS MOUTH: HE WAS BROUGHT AS A LAMB TO THE SLAUGHTER,
AND AS A SHEEP BEFORE HER SHEARERS IS DUMB, SO HE
OPENED NOT HIS MOUTH.

YET IT PLEASES THE LORD TO BRUISE HIM... FOR THE PLEASURE OF
THE LORD SHALL PROSPER IN HIS HAND. (This is why god was "pleased
to bruise Him" for the salvation it would bring to God's creation and to
cleanse and purify His people.)