

# Pesach: The Bride, the Bread, or the Bunnies?

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**And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt.  
- Exodus 12:13**

For centuries in our Messiah's homeland of Israel and also for us, spring means the celebration of one of the most important Biblical feasts, Pesach (or Passover). Contrary to popular belief, Pesach is not just a "Jewish" feast. It is a **feast of Yahuwah** and it is a Biblical mandate for you if you are one of His people. Our Saviour Yahushua celebrated Pesach and then, in Love, lay down His Life on Calvary. As His Bride we must follow His example and understand the incredible blessings that come with joining Him in this most prophetic celebration.

However, so many Christians are caught up with bunnies and eggs that they have lost sight of this important time in the Calendar of our Creator! Please, beloved, understand that NOWHERE in the Bible (either Testament) are we commanded to have Easter egg hunts or sunrise Easter services. Easter is the name of a pagan goddess and neither she nor colored eggs have anything to do with our Master Yahushua's resurrection. These things are drawn from pagan sources, and as we have pointed out before, we are not to "**learn the way the heathen**" (Jer. 10:2) – i.e. pagan ways! Such things defile the Body of Mossiach, even if they are done with the best of intentions. Rather, it is vastly more righteous to follow the ancient, or "old paths" as set forth by the Almighty:

*Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the **old paths**, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein. – Jer. 6:16*

Most believers have no *rest for their souls* because they are not following the old paths, the good way. What is sad is that so many Bible-believing people say that they want the "old time religion" and yet they follow inventions instigated by the Roman church, while casting aside Biblical feasts given by the Most High over 3,300 years ago that are actually *IN the Scriptures*. They say, "Oh, those laws and feasts are done away with!" even though Yahushua said He did NOT come to do away with the Torah (**Matt. 5:17-19**).

It is important for followers of Yahushua (Jesus) to keep His feasts. Wristbands ask, "What would Jesus do?" Well, He kept the feasts – and we know that He kept Pesach.

Yes, by His suffering and death on Calvary – at exactly the same time the Passover lambs were being killed on temple mount – He fulfilled Pesach. But nowhere does the Bible say that this means we do not have to do it anymore.

To the contrary, Paul writes:

**7** Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:

**8** Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

– **1 Cor. 5:7-8**

As most of you may know, leaven (yeast) is a symbol of sin in the Bible, especially during the time of Passover. So, you may ask, how do we “keep the feast” and be faithful to the commandments of Yahuwah?

**The Creator’s Calendar** is lunar in nature and every new month is set by the first *visible* crescent of the Moon as seen in Jerusalem. Because of this, the feasts are on different days each year. This year, Pesach begins on the evening of April 14.

A key point of the Bible text is that you **remove** all leaven from your home and do not eat anything with leaven in it for the Days of Unleavened Bread, which are the eight days after Pesach (April 15-22). This is a Biblical command and is symbolic of Believers keeping sin and wickedness out of our lives. Today and down through the centuries, devout followers of Torah (like the Messiah and His followers) prepare for this symbolic cleansing of the home a few days before Pesach by cleaning out cupboards, bread drawers and kitchen corners to make certain there is no leaven in their homes.



The actual ceremony of Pesach, called a Seder, in all its Messianic symbolism, will be available soon on our website. The Seder is a ritual meal that commemorates, or embraces, the moment of Israel’s liberation from Egypt and the house of bondage. Visit [www.withoneacord.org](http://www.withoneacord.org) this week to download the Messianic form of the Haggadah (the ritual retelling of the Passover event).

Actually, the word *commemorate* doesn’t express the spiritual depths and TRUE POWER of Pesach. Unlike modern perceptions that portray time as linear, Biblical times and seasons were and still are embraced as **cyclical** by all those who observe the feasts.

To someone who understands the power of the feasts of Yahuwah, they are more than just commemorations. The Biblical word used for feast most often is MO-ED (Strong's #4150). This means an appointed time or place of meeting. Another word which is often used in the same sentence (as in **Lev.23:2**) is "holy convocations." The word for that in Hebrew is MIQ-RA (#4774). This means something called out or also a rehearsal. Thus, because of the cyclical nature of time in the Bible, every year we RETURN – in faith – to the appointed time of Pesach and embrace the Master's great gift.

**Please note also how frequently, and jealously, Yahuwah calls these feasts "MY feasts" or "feasts of Yahuwah." These are NOT Jewish rituals only. They are HIS appointed times to meet with His people. Are you one of His people?**

The idea of rehearsal is important. A rehearsal is something that is repeated as a preparation for the main event – like a play or concert. There is an element of cyclicity here. But remember, Yahuwah is an Eternal Being. He is beyond time and space.

When we meet with Him during His feasts, we are given a rare opportunity to more deeply understand our Salvation through His Word and profound obedience. We are connected *through Messiah* to the Israelite people – who are, in this case, about to be released from bondage in Egypt. Please understand, when we are faithful to Him and do our best to keep Pesach *He will bless us in an extraordinary way - spiritually* allowing us to be partakers of His liberation, poured out onto Moses and the Israelites during this special evening!

How does this happen?

Let me preface the answer by saying that like many things in the Bible, **this is NOT a salvation issue.** We are saved by trusting in the Blood of the Lamb, shed on the cross of Calvary. I am not saying that if you do not keep Passover, you are going to hell. However, if you do not keep this feast, you are missing out on many blessings and spiritual tools that Yahushua has given us to walk in greater victory in our lives.

Every year, when we keep this divine appointment with the Most High, it gives Him an opportunity to "pop open the hood" and give us a spiritual tune up. Though we – as saved people – are spiritual beings, we live in physical bodies. **Because of this, doing things with our physical bodies – if the Most High commands them – can have powerful impact on our souls and spirits.** Most believers fail to comprehend this.

Why is this? Because our souls, spirits and bodies are tightly woven together in the act of creation (**Gen. 2:7**). Only in the Greco-Roman philosophical view are the body and soul and spirit separate. That view is not scriptural.

When we do set-apart (holy) things it can help us achieve higher levels of sanctity. Conversely, if we do sinful things, like drinking, fornication or cursing, we defile not just

our bodies – but also our souls and spirits. To illustrate this, Paul uses an example of physically laying with a prostitute:

Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of an harlot? – 1 Cor. 6:15

So, when we work and clean the leaven out of our homes prior to Passover, it empowers us in cleaning the spiritual “leaven” (sinful issues) out of lives. Because the spiritual “time travel” of Yahuwah’s eternal, appointed times takes us back to the actual event, we can experience actual **deliverance** in our lives just by doing the prep work for Pesach and then sitting down and enjoying the actual feast.

If you choose to celebrate this Seder meal, realize that spiritually, you ARE THERE with Moses and the Israelites as they experience the power of Yahuwah’s mighty Hand (Yahushua) setting them free from bondage to Egypt.

All of us have “Egypt” in our lives. Realize that the word Egypt in Hebrew is MITZ-RAYIM (#4714) that literally means bondage. Perhaps it is a besetting sin in our lives or maybe depression, lack of joy or even an illness. Some folks may even have literal bondage to an addiction like smoking, porn or drugs.

When we sit down and seriously keep the feast of Pesach with “sincerity and truth” (**1 Cor. 5:8**) you are inviting YAH’s mighty Hand (our Master Yahushua) to move into your life in a new and deeper fashion and give you liberty from your particular “Egypt.”

When you rehearse the plagues, do the meal and take up the cups of salvation (**Ps. 116:13**), you are opening up a holy doorway for the Master to come in and wipe out any spiritual enemies which might be in your life by His Mighty Hand! Please realize that the term “**cup of salvation**” in Hebrew is “KOS HA YESHUA.” Yes, you saw that right. The cup of salvation IS the cup of Yahushua our Messiah. When you drink the cups of the Pesach meal, you are drinking HIM! This is the entire basis of communion, and our Master demonstrated it with His disciples before His sacrifice on Calvary.

You are setting apart a time – an evening – of your life to sit down at a set-apart table with the Almighty Sovereign of the universe and break bread with Him. You are eating and drinking with Him, even as the elders of Israel did over three millennia ago (**Ex. 24:11**)! You are eating and drinking powerful spiritual freedom into your life with every drink of the “cup of YESHUA.”

As you may know there are many powerful Messianic elements in the Pesach feast – foreshadowings of good “things to come” in our Master’s sacrifice (**Col. 2:17, Heb. 10:1** etc.). A simple example is the Matzo – unleavened bread.



This bread is without leaven – just like the Body of Messiah, Who was without sin. Though the Jews who bake the Matzo for the most part do not realize it, in preparing it, they are making a **powerful** physical sign of Yahushua’s sacrifice.

As it has come down to us over the centuries, the Matzo bread has vivid stripes on it; because by His stripes we are healed (**Is. 53:5, 1 Pet. 2:24**). Also it is pierced with holes – just as Yahushua was

**pierced** in His precious hands and feet and side (**Zech. 12:10, John 19:34**). Honestly, every year when I look at the Matzo, I weep at the powerful meaning behind it.

That is because, due to the eternal nature of the things of Yahuwah, including His appointed set-apart times, we are THERE with Moses but we are also THERE with our Master, Yahushua, Who broke the bread and gave it to His disciples as a sign that His body would be broken on the cross.

Yahushua gave them the cup of salvation to drink, as a sign that His blood would be poured out for OUR salvation. Take this seriously, my brothers and sisters. This is **more** than a “communion service,” as holy as that may be. This is an opportunity to eat and drink liberty and holiness at the same table as our Master and – in so doing – receive deep and profound inner healing and liberty in your own life. It is a sacred moment in which the shackles of Egypt (bondage) can be shattered and your liberty proclaimed!

It is time to leave Egypt (or Rome) and come back to the appointed feasts of Yahushua – the ones He set forth three millennia ago. He has made this appointment with you, as His child! As I write this, the Holy Spirit has shown me a brief but powerful vision of Yahushua, weeping, standing there at the door, waiting for nine-tenths of His Body to show up for this appointment - but they are not there.

**20** Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. **21** To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. – Rev. 3:20-21

Even though most Believers use this passage as a soul-winning verse, if you read the context, it is actually *directed at the CHURCH!*

Yahushua is standing outside the doors of countless churches knocking and He is being left waiting. In the context of the Pesach meal, it is important to note the last part of verse 20. He says **“I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.”** Note that – future tense! He says He will do it IF they open the door and let Him in, but the Laodicean church is too busy with *commercial Christianity* to open the door and keep the feasts. They would rather have Easter egg hunts. But Yahushua is actually speaking of having a fellowship meal with us! The Pesach meal!



It is interesting to note that for thousands of years, a special part of the Seder meal is to have the youngest child go and open the door to see if Eliyahu (Elijah) is there, waiting outside. Of course they are waiting for Elijah because he is the forerunner of Messiah. They have missed the boat on that because the vast majority of Jews have not accepted **Yahushua** as their Messiah. But many Jews have!

In Revelation 3, Yahushua is talking about **supping** – eating and drinking with His children. He wants you to experience the fellowship of the Pesach meal with Him! He has made the appointment in His Word. The invitation has been offered. As part of His Bride, do not stand Him up for bunnies, colored eggs and ham!

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