

HISTORY OF THE MESSIANIC PASSOVER

While all four Gospels record the fulfillment of the Messianic Passover, Mark gives us the eight-day festival:

(Mark 14:1a) “Now the Passover and Unleavened Bread were two days away.”

This eight-day Messianic festival had four important Messianic holidays: Passover, Unleavened Bread; First-fruits, and Pentecost. These four Messianic holidays are inter-connected.

(John 19:17-18) Jesus Christ came into the world to fulfill these Messianic Holidays from the hill called Golgotha.

(Matt.5:17) “Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish but to fulfill.”
(Rom.10:4; Luke 24:44)

This lesson will study four aspects of the History of the Messianic Passover.

1. The Last Supper was officially the last Passover in Messianic history.

Jesus told His disciples this during the Last Supper.

(Luke 22:19-20) “**And when He had taken some bread** and giving thanks, He broke it and gave it to them, saying, ‘**This is My body which is given for you** do this in remembrance of Me. And in the same way He took **the cup** after they had eaten, saying, ‘**This cup which is poured out for you is the new covenant in My blood.**’” (Jer.31:31-34)

At the Last Passover, Jesus was declaring the exchange of Shadow Christology for the Eucharist (Lord’s Supper) of historical Christology (1 Cor.11:23-32).

2. We will examine Jesus fulfilling the four messianic holidays associated with His First Advent: Passover; Unleavened Bread; First-fruits; and Pentecost.

- **Crucifixion** (1 Cor.5:7) (1 day)
 - **Passover** (Nisan 14) (Lev.23:5)
- **Burial** (15, 16, 17) (7 days)
 - **Unleavened Bread** (Nisan 15-21) (Lev.23:6-8)
 - The first (15th) and last days (21st) of Unleavened Bread were Holy Convocations (Lev.23:7-8) or High Sabbaths (John 19:31).
- **Resurrection** (first day or Sunday) (Acts 2) The Advent of The Holy Spirit
- **First-fruits** (Nisan 18) (Lev.23:9-14)
- Counting **50 days** from First fruits (Sunday), the day after the weekly Sabbath of Unleavened Bread to the festival of **Pentecost** (Lev.23:15-22), we have the beginning of the Church Age, functioning under a New Covenant.

3. **The first three Passovers in Jewish history involved Israel leaving Egypt, stopping in the Desert of Sinai and entering Promise Land.**

Each of these three historical Passovers established rules and regulations for the Jewish Passover.

- **The First Jewish Passover** occurred in Egypt at twilight (Ex.12:6) [Between 3:00 AM and 5:00 AM]
 - just prior to Israel leaving Egypt (Ex.11-12).
 - It was called the Lord's Passover (Ex.12:11-13, 40-42).

Eight regulations were established with the First Passover (Egypt):

- The slaying of lamb (Ex.12:6)
- The placing of the lamb's blood on doorpost (Ex.12:12-14)
- The Last Supper was initiated (Ex.12:8)
- The first and last days of Unleavened Bread were Holy or High Sabbaths (Ex.12:16)
- The festival of Unleavened Bread would celebrate freedom (Ex.12:17)
- Passover would last eight days (Ex.12:18)
- The death angel (Ex.12:29-30; Heb.11:28)
- No bones of the lamb would be broken (Ex.12:46; John 19:33-36).

- **The Second Passover** took place in the Desert of Sinai (Num.9:1-14)
 - During their second year in the desert they established their own calendar decreeing at first month to be Nisan (Our April).

Two regulations were established with the Second Passover (The Wilderness Exercise)

- An unburied body would restrain them from presenting the offering of the LORD (Ex.9:6-13)
- Aliens sojourning among them could observe the Passover (Ex.9:14)

- **The Third Passover** took place in the Promise Land (Josh.5:6-12; Ex.12:24-28)

Four additional regulations were established with the Third Passover (Promised Land)

- The Exodus generation died the Sin Unto Death in the desert! (5:5-6; 1 John 5:16)
- The Second generation would be circumcised (Josh.5:7-9)
- On the 15th of Nisan, manna ceased to be provided in the Promise Land (Josh.5:10-12)
- The fulfillment of the land section of Abraham Covenant (Josh.5:6-8; Gen.12:7).

4. **The first Passover in the Land (Joshua/ salvation) will prepare for the Last Passover in the land (Jesus/ Salvation} (Matt.27:50-51).**

The Last Supper (In Egypt) became the Lord's Supper, and The Lord's Supper became the Eucharist of the Church (Luke 22:19-20).

- **The Church Eucharist also has five regulations (1 Cor.11:23-32).**
 - **Command to take the BREAD with thanks** - "This is My body, which is for you; **do (poieo/ p.a.impv.2pl) this in remembrance of Me** (4 doctrines of body of Christ)." (11:24)
 - **Command to take the CUP with thanks** - "This is the new covenant in My blood, **do (poieo/ p.a.impv.2pl) this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me** (9 doctrines of blood of Christ)." (11:25)
 - **Participation** is proclaiming the Lord's death until He comes (11:26).
 - **Participant** must examine himself regarding personal sins and confess them to Lord before eating or drinking (11:27-29; 1 John 1:9).
 - **Participants** who participate with personal sin will be discipline by Lord as a believer (11:30-32).