

HURST GREEN EVANGELICAL CHURCH
BIBLE STUDY
THE PASSOVER
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The original Passover

Read Exodus 12:1-13

What has happened immediately before this?

What will happen immediately after this?

What does the Passover meal consist of and how is it eaten?

Read Exodus 12:43-49

The Passover in the bible.

The Passover is mentioned 77 times in the bible but the actual ceremony is celebrated every year but specifically mentioned seven times

- (1) On the evening of the Exodus from Egypt (Ex 12:28).
- (2) The second year after the Exodus (Num 9:1-5).
- (3) When they entered the land of Canaan (Ex 13:5; Josh 5:10).
- (4) When Solomon was building the House of God (2 Chr 8:13).
- (5) When Hezekiah brought revival (2 Chr 30:15).
- (6) When Josiah brought revival (2 Ki 23:21; 2 Chr 35:1-19).
- (7) While Dedicating the Second Temple (Ezra 6:19-22)

And also the last supper!

What Passover became!

With man involved a simple memorial to a great event became a complex family event with rituals and elements that had to be got right. This is contained in the Haggadah. We could do the same with communion and other festivals.

Why do you think that man likes to build complex rituals?

Clearing of the yeast (Ex 12:9)

The foods

Roasted lamb bone – the sacrificed lamb

Egg – the circle of life

Bitter Herbs – slavery

Haroset (apple sauce) – The mortar in Egypt

Karpas (Parsley) – Spring time

Also on the seder plate:

Matzah – the unleavened bread

Salt Water – Tears

Four cups of wine – Sanctification, Deliverance, Redemption and Praise.

A full meal (compare that with your answer about the first Passover)

The Haggadah has been expanded over the years and versions fit almost every religious, age-specific, sexual and political ideas. Many elements are there to remind the participants of the history and theology of the Passover hence the initial long history lesson and even Elijah gets a mention.

Do we do enough to remember the history of what God has done for us?

What else could we do?

Christ in the Passover

The Passover Lamb had to be slain (Ex 12:6)...Jesus Christ and him crucified (1 Cor 2:2)

For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.

The Passover Lamb was without blemish (Ex 12:5)...Christ was the lamb without blemish or spot (1 Pet 1:18-19)

For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.

The Passover Lamb gave its shed blood (Ex 12:7)... Jesus said No one takes my life but I lay it down of myself (Jn 10:18)

No-one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father."

The Passover Lamb's bones were not to be broken (Ex 12:46)...A bone in him shall not be broken (Jn 19:36)

These things happened so that the scripture would be fulfilled: "Not one of his bones will be broken,"

Without the Passover Lamb the firstborn would die (Ex 12:29)...The wages of sin is death (Rom 6:23)

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The ones redeemed by the Passover Lamb were sanctified to the LORD (Ex 13:2)...You are not your own but were bought with a price (1 Cor 6:19-20)

Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honour God with your body.

Communion has derived from the Passover. What do you see as the essential elements of communion and why?