

PASSOVER... the LAST SUPPER

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This KJV-lite NOTE is not only about: **PASSOVER**, the night of **the LAST SUPPER** when Jesus was betrayed... but so much more as we dig into this very important subject. On this issue, we need to stop, and reset. What does the scripture say? Paul wrote: Let no one judge you... in what you eat or drink, or in respect of a holyday... or of the new moon... or of the sabbath days -- plural... which are **a shadow of things to come**... but the body is of Christ -- **Colossians 2**.



These things are only the shadow of what was to come; the reality is found in Christ -- Godspeed. And this discussion is to remember: **Christ = the Messiah**.

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to the children of Israel... the feasts of the Lord which you shall proclaim are holy gatherings; these are **My feasts**. 7 specific workdays belonging to the Lord; read about them in **Leviticus 23**.

Yet another year has passed and we in the West have arrived at what is called: **The Passion of Christ**, uh? Easter week; Resurrection Sunday; such an important time sadly still reeking from the stale roman traditions rooted even in the protestant and evangelical communities, as nobody knows what to call it.

Having listened to lots of great bible teaching... on the local Los Angeles church channel: KKL A that, back in the 1970s belonged to Faith Center, Glendale... until Dr. Gene Scott came to pastor that dying congregation, and after months being there he discovered they were drowning in a massive debt. So Dr. Scott set about cleaning up mess, and irked the FCC when he said: any 10 local pastors in Los Angeles were more honest than all those in government and the church community was able to resolve its problems -- though most fearful church leaders headed for the hills. So the feds didn't like Dr. Scott's response, and pulled the broadcast license and his live programming from the air.

But I digress. It is good to hear the excellent teaching on radio KKL A. I'm sure Dr. Scott would be pleased to know at least 10 pastors who are heard weekly... and their unique delivery walking their congregations through the Bible. But Sadly, **no one** connected **the 3 feast days** of the Lord listed in **Leviticus**... with **the Passion Week** of the roman calendar that follows after the hocus pocus church.

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The FIRST DAYS: Now, if we can choose when to remember: [1] **our Lord Jesus** who suffered for our sins, **once for all time**, and [2] **our Lord** who was buried in a tomb 3 days and 3 nights, like Jonah in the big fish, and [3] **our Lord** who was raised according to the promise of the Father; then can we call it what He called those **3 days** with **the One who is faithful**, who told Moses: speak to the children? I bet children like to know when God speaks He can be trusted.

SHADOWS – SUBSTANCE:

[1] **Day of Passover** – Christ the Passover lamb – John's announcement: behold the Lamb of God – **John 1**

[2] **Day of Unleavened Bread** – Christ the Bread who descended from heaven -- **John 6**. When He was buried

[3] **Day of Firstfruits** – Christ the Firstfruits of the dead, **1 Corinthians 15:20**. When He rose from the dead

And then, since it doesn't stop there, and not being married to some stale tradition... just throw in:

[4] **Day of Pentecost**, after His ascension... when Jesus faithfully sent His Spirit 50 days later...

and our kids will get the idea that on **real Days...** **Days that belong to the Lord...** **our God is faithful.**

Our kids see enough of the religious world... which makes lots of noise about miserable, pretentious fasting days; and good Friday days... which seems to balance with their nonsense valentines and green drinking days... and painted egg hunt days... thoroughly explained in some strange language and ritual by fathers who are not fathers... and politicians who definitely are not leaders of the church.

Kids in the church who see so much confusion... grow up and make little or NO connection to the gracious God of the Old Testament who told us: those are His days; specific Days... **appointments He will keep.**

And He did! 4 specific Days **complete in Christ, NO LONGER** on His calendar.

The Calendar of the LORD
It looks like He's been busy; He still has 3 more appointments to keep ...putting it all together

3 FESTIVALS for God's People Annual Party-times for the People Things for the people to do	7 WORKDAYS for God's MESSIAH Specific Appointments For The LORD JESUS Things the LORD did
1 The Festival of Unleavened Bread INDEPENDENCE DAY / REMEMBER THE EXODUS DON'T FORGET TO PREPARE THE LAMB; AND SACRIFICE IT	PASSOVER He gave his life
2 Springtime planting... The Festival of Firstfruits and Harvest	Unleavened Bread He was buried
START COUNTING 50 DAYS... ANTICIPATE A GOOD PLANTING Summer work in the fields TIME TO CELEBRATE AFTER THE SEASON OF WORK	FIRST FRUITS He was raised
3 The Festival of Ingathering A joyous wedding day for the faithful A terrible time of testing for the unfaithful A time of thanksgiving: He comes whose right it is to reign	PENTECOST He gave the Spirit
	TRUMPETS Things to do! come for My Bride; the Love of My Life
	AFFLICTING SOULS deal with the faithless world
	TABERNACLES Celebrate with My People... but don't forget to bring My rod of iron

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We do not even have to do much, but acknowledge what the Lord did. Most of the church in the West does not know: the Orthodox Church was first to follow a calendar closely related to the early church practices... though the Orthodox tradition does **not** align with the Hebrew celebration of the Passover.

Apparently, in the 1st and 2nd centuries some not so bright people in the church were so immersed in their traditions, they were like those in the Exodus who forgot they had been slaves... complaining about the lack of leeks and onions and garlic they recalled. Likewise, it seems some in the Orthodox community wanted to celebrate the Passover, yet came up with some calendar that now and then aligned with the Hebrew community and in other years did not. Why?

We just proclaim the Days; the Lord is the One doing the work on those days! Traditions die hard, don't they?

Our brothers and sisters in the Eastern European churches and Russian congregations celebrate Easter at a different time than the West. Good! We should celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ every day!

Notice on the chart on the next page... how pointless the liturgical calendar invented first by the Greek Orthodox who for some reason thought keeping traditions was more important than keeping what the LORD said the last night He lived among us... the night He was betrayed...

Easter is supposed to commemorate when Jesus rose from the dead; so that is actually **the 3rd Day of the Lord, the Firstfruits Day... belonging to Him!** Paul wrote: **Christ our Firstfruits!** 1 Corinthians 15.

Remember the Hebrew date of the **Passover Day** emphasizes **the 1st Day of the Lord belonging to Him!**

And does anybody really think the Roman calendar is more meaningful than the Orthodox calendar? The Hebrew is most accurate, then comes the Orthodox... followed by the goofy hocus pocus church.

Between the Roman and Orthodox calendars, compared with the Hebrew calendar, just a glance reminds me of the mess among the nations; Daniel said the last govt would be smashing and destroying until the world is broken.

The Last Days:

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Now, you might wonder: does anybody really believe the **LORD God, the Messiah of the world** will keep the remaining **3 Days**; specific Days belonging to Him... with the same frivolous, confusing drama that the church has done the last 2,000 years; not really knowing what He accomplished for us on **the first 4 Days**?

Or do you bet the LORD has His stuff together... and knows exactly what He intends to do on each of the **remaining 3 Days of the Lord**?

Years CE	Roman Easter	Orthodox Easter	Passover Date Nisan 14 - At Sunset	Pentecost Shavu'ot - At Sunset
2006	April 16	April 23	Tue. April 11	June 3
2007	April 8	April 1	Sun. April 1	May 26
2008	March 23	April 27	Fri. April 18	June 7
2009	April 12	April 19	Tue. April 7	May 30
2010	April 4	April 4	Sun. March 28	May 22
2011	April 24	April 24	Sun. April 17	June 11
2012	April 8	April 15	Thu. April 5	May 26
2013	March 31	May 5	Sun. March 24	May 18
2014	April 20	April 20	Sun. April 13	June 7
2015	April 5	April 12	Thu. April 2	May 23
2016	March 27	May 1	Thu. April 22	June 11
2017	April 16	April 16	Sun. April 9	June 3
2018	April 1	April 8	Thu. March 29	May 19
2019	April 21	April 28	Thu. April 18	June 8
2020	April 12	April 19	Tue. April 7	May 30

The night Jesus was betrayed, the prayer He prayed late that night in the garden, His illegal trials throughout the night; his death sentence in the morning; and crucifixion on the cross that afternoon...

The Day of PASSOVER was:

Between **Good Tuesday** evening and **Good Wednesday** evening at sundown;

He was taken from the cross on **Good Wednesday** late in the afternoon and was **buried in the tomb**...

The Day of UNLEAVENED BREAD – then for 6 more days:

Good Wednesday evening and Thursday at sundown (which is the day of preparation): **Night / Day 1**

Thursday evening - Friday at sundown: **Night / Day 2**

Friday evening - Saturday at sundown: **Night / Day 3**, just like He told us. Not confusing is it?

He was raised from the dead according to the promise of the Father...

The Day of FIRSTFRUITS was:

Saturday evening: HE IS RISEN! HE IS ALIVE!

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The First Days: 3 of the 4 **Days of the Lord** on His calendar: done!

And **the Day of PENTECOST** is on its way!

Remember: **There are 7 specific Days belong to the Lord;** on **His calendar**. Moses told the people to proclaim those days / His days in their communities and homes. **The first four (4) Days** were in spring; followed by a space of time, the summer time for growth; **after the growing period is the harvest time:**

The LAST DAYS three (3) remaining **Days** are clustered together: **Days** we can eagerly watch and acknowledge:

SHADOWS – SUBSTANCE:

[5] **The Day of Trumpets** – Christ comes for His Bride, the Love of His Life – **Matthew 25; Psalm 19; Hosea 2**

[6] **The Day of afflicting souls** – a bloody day – **all the prophets warn of the terrifying day coming.**

[7] **The Day of Tents** – Christ has come whose right it is to reign: Hallelujah, **Revelation 11.**

Historic Protestants and Evangelicals would do well to stop the speeding train; and reset it especially when we hear politicians in America say: don't lose faith in the government; well, the founding government was built by those with Protestant faith... who had no faith in the government of men; **not** in regimes overpopulated with deists who sound like atheists. Daniel said: the 4th world government **would be hard as iron -- smashing until the whole world is broken.**

What Daniel might not have known, he could have imagined as it infiltrates and infects every aspect of the institutions of society be it media, monetary markets, health, education, entertainment and sports systems– even Protestant seminaries, TV talk show hosts and church channels alike. John said: the last government would work wonders with a false prophet; Daniel said the last fool of a leader works wonders to destroy Daniel's people -- the people of the Book.

When you consider the chart above... we recognize squabbling in the early church who thought they could improve on things the LORD God said... like King David who came up with a brilliant idea to construct a lovely Temple of brick and for the LORD as if the temporary Tent, which the LORD designed was useless.

I'm sure David's ego was a little wounded when Nathan returned with the LORD's less than thrilled response, though God did permit its construction; and I bet David now regrets his brilliant idea... as it became the most explosive hot spot of hatred toward one another in 3,000 years. Manmade traditions die hard!

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Let's RESET PASSOVER:

EXODUS: What do we know?

Moses in Egypt said in the month of **Abib**, a Canaanite term = **Nisan**:

The Day of Preparation: first month, 10th Day... preparing the lamb -- Exodus 12:3

The Day of Passover, 14th Day

The Day of Unleavened Bread, 15th Day, an observance that lasts 7 days; **when you come into the land** the LORD will give you... as He promised; you will keep this service -- Exodus 12:25.

The LORD said: Three times of year you shall keep a feast unto Me -- Exodus 23:14

[1] **The festival of Unleavened Bread**

[2] **The festival of Firstfruits and Harvest**

[3] **The festival of Ingathering** at the end of the year when you gather in your labors out of the field.

LEVITICUS: What do we know?

This is the book of Instruction for the people. Levi was faithful; his children were specially blessed by the LORD; Levites were separated to the LORD; they were the teachers and worship leaders; but they were not of the Aaronic priesthood.

Levi's faithless great-grandsons Korah and his brothers, musicians reveling in their status... arrogant and rebellious were destroyed in the wilderness -- Numbers 16.

49 times the word: **ATONEMENT** appears in the Instruction book for the people related to many aspects of individual life. Leviticus tells us the people of God were regularly needy of reconciliation with God.

The LORD spoke to Moses saying, Speak to the children of Israel and say to them: the feasts – in Hebrew, **moed**... the specific Days of the Lord which you proclaim in your gatherings – including in homes, are **My moed**, My specific Days -- Leviticus 23 and the 7 Days of the LORD are spelled out in more detail... and can be identified within the 3 required times in the year to appear before the LORD.

[1] **The Feast of Unleavened Bread for seven days**

The Day of the Passover (which required a 4-day period of preparation) Leviticus 23:5

The Day of Unleavened Bread which lasted 7 days Leviticus 23:6, those 2 days remind of slavery to sin.

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[2] The Festival of first Harvest and Firstfruits

The Day of Firstfruits... beginning on the first of the week after Passover, during the Feast of Unleavened Bread [Leviticus 23:10](#)

The Day of Pentecost... when they returned 50 days later... after their planting started to sprout... counting from the day they brought the sheaf offering and waved in faith before the Lord, [Leviticus 23:16](#)

The LAST DAYS:

[3] **The Feast of Ingathering** at the end of the year.

The Day of Trumpets blowing the trumpet every 15 minutes all day; joyously anticipating the gathering up of the harvest [Leviticus 23:23](#).

The Day Afflicting souls -- atonement. Paul did not want the church of the Lord, **the Love of His life**... to be ignorant; **His Bride** knows God has not appointed us to His wrath, but to salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord. This day separates the Church Jesus built with those who embraced Him who gave His life substituting for them! This day Messiah comes in power and glory with His entourage; the rebellion ends when He appears.

The Day of Tents / shelters... the day of joyous thanksgiving, recalling the terrible affliction of souls, the day of great anger upon the whole earth is over.



NUMBERS: What do we know?

After the rebellion of Korah and the congregation... when the earth opened and swallowed up those stubborn people; after the children of Israel halted in the wilderness... and were to enter the land promised by the LORD... in this reminder the 7 Days of the LORD are spelled out to new leaders [Numbers 28 - 29](#):

1 Daily offerings, [Numbers 28:2](#)

2 Weekly offerings, [Numbers 28:9](#)

3 Monthly offerings, [Numbers 28:11](#)

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4 Yearly offerings, Numbers 28:

The Day of Passover verse 16

The Day of Unleavened Bread verse 17

The Day of Firstfruits verse 26 (the 50 days leading to Pentecost, both are condensed into one title here)

The LAST DAYS:

Numbers 29:

The Day of Trumpets verse 1

The Day Afflicting souls verse 7

The Day of Tents -- seven days
verse 12 (this is the joy and
thanksgiving feast of temporary
shelters)



DEUTERONOMY: What do we know?

Moses the law giver... was 80 years old when he led Israel's children out of slavery in Egypt; now, somewhere in the wilderness 40 years later, after all they saw and endured, Moses was so concerned the people would know Him who is Holy... and immensely powerful, yet full of compassion; that they would know and do what the LORD said to them.

One last time Moses gathered the people reminding them at least 42 times **to observe** and 91 times **to do all** that the LORD told them... something Adam did not do; something 12 times the disciples were asked to do the night Jesus was betrayed; thankfully, something the church at Philadelphia did! One last time Moses carefully, boldly, forcefully, lovingly said, when you enter the land... observe and keep:

Deuteronomy 16:

☐ The Day of Passover verse 1

☐ The Day of Unleavened Bread verse 3

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□ **The Day of Firstfruits & Seven weeks** verse 9... the feast of weeks, 49 days, you count when you begin to put the sickle to the corn; and cut the **firstfruits**; the first day of the week following the **Passover**.

The LAST DAYS:

□ **The Day of ingathering** verse 13... first, **a day trumpets** proclaim the growing time is over and the harvest is gathered; next, **a day afflicting souls**; then **seven days** of joy and thanksgiving at the feast of **tents or shelters**. Moses said: Observe and do all the LORD told them.

Think about the concern of **Moses**, after all, he knew the LORD God was dead serious... as Moses stood there not permitted to enter.



Don't forget: the seven feast days were about 3 party times for the people; **but are workdays for the LORD**... seven specific days the Lord shows an aspect of His faithfulness to His people. When He speaks, when He makes His appointments pay attention.

The Church Remembering PASSOVER Day. Locate the day on the Hebrew / lunar calendar: starting in the evening. Then go BACK to:

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| 1a | Tuesday evening: REMEMBER HIM... celebrate the night He took bread and a cup. |
| 1b | Wednesday noon: REMEMBER HIM... celebrate his words from the cross. |
| 2 | Wednesday evening: REMEMBER HIM... celebrate when his body was wrapped and buried. |
| 3 | Saturday evening: REMEMBER HIM... celebrate when HE was raised from the dead. |

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| 1 = Passover |
| 2 = Feast of Unleavened Bread |
| 3 = Feast of Firstfruits |

That's it! Not complicated, is it?

No cake, no presents necessary: just lots of thanks and praise to God the Father; to remember Jesus Christ our Savior who rose from the dead; to the Spirit sent from God – keep THEM in focus.

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THREE LAST DAYS: remain on His calendar.

Do you know when they are? Are you even watching for Him?

And then, get
courageous... and simply
do the same as we
anticipate **THE LAST DAYS**
on His calendar:

Day of Trumpets
Day of Afflicting Souls
Day of Tents

