

The Story of Jesus- The Greatest Passover

Why is understanding the Passover in the Jewish context important? *This is because our faith has a Judean heritage. The feasts are a reminder of God's faithfulness, His people's redemption and the commemoration of His goodness.*

Exodus 12: 12-13: *"On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn of both people and animals, and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the Lord. 13 The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt. "This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord—a lasting ordinance.*

Key Elements of the Passover Meal

Hagada is their prayer book.

1. After lighting the candles, recite:

Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the Universe, who has sanctified us with His commandments and commanded us that we kindle the Festival lights

A woman lights it to symbolize that it was through a woman that the light of the world came to us.

Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel. Isaiah 7:14

2. 4 truth questions (Ma Nishtana)- it is a guide in explaining the Passover story.

The youngest child (or any individual) asks (or sings):

Why is this night different from all the other nights;

#1 On all other nights we eat either bread or matzah; on this night, why only matzah?...

3. Retelling of the redemption story.

4. Ceremonial Cups

#1- Sanctifying the Day (Kadesh)

Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the Universe, who creates the fruit of the vine.

I tell you, I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom." Matthew 26:29

5. Seder.

Dipping Parsley in Salt Water (Karpas)/ Eating the Bitter Herbs (Maror)/ Charoseth / Zeroah
Second cup- cup of plagues

The Afikomen & Matzah Tosh

Bread of affliction- no yeast, pierced, broken

Unleavened, pierced, brown stripes- Isaiah 53:5 NKJV

3rd Cup- the cup of redemption (The new covenant in my blood.) .

The fourth cup of wine is drunk- the cup of praise

6. Closing Section

But in our case, we know that it is no longer the passover but the Lord's Supper. We know that when Jesus said his last words, "It is finished." He meant that the final sacrifice has been made. Tetelestai, paid in full.

Even so, come quickly Lord Jesus. Amen.