

# The Days of Passover week—then and now

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Day in the month of Aviv (AKA Abib or Nisan)		10	11	12	13	14	15
Probable day of the week, in the year the Messiah died:		Fri. night/ Saturday (Sabbath)	Sat. night/ Sunday	Sun. night/ Monday	Mon. night/ Tuesday	Tuesday night/ Wednesday	Wednesday night/ Thursday
Day of week this year/2020:		Fri./Sat.	Sat./Sun.	Sun./Mo.	Mon./Tu.	Tuesday/Wednesday April 7/8	Wednesday/Thursday April 8/9
<b>Event:</b>		Each family selected a lamb without blemish ( <a href="#">Exodus 12:3-5</a> ).	Yeshua cursed the fig tree and foretold His death on a cross, and He cleared the Temple, overturning the tables of the money changers ( <a href="#">Mark 11:12-17</a> , <a href="#">John 12:20-33</a> ).	Fig tree was withered ( <a href="#">Mark 11:20</a> ).  Yeshua taught parables of the kingdom of heaven ( <a href="#">Matthew 25:1-46</a> ).  Jewish leaders plotted to seize and kill Yeshua; woman anointed Him with costly perfume ( <a href="#">Mt. 26</a> ).	Remove all leaven from the house by sundown ( <a href="#">Ex. 13:3-10</a> ; <a href="#">1 Cor. 5:7</a> ).  The next (14 <sup>th</sup> ) afternoon is <i>zman shechitat korban Pesach</i> (the time of the slaughter of the Passover lambs), when believers brought their lambs to the Temple courtyard to sacrifice, and then carried them to <a href="#">the ovens in Jerusalem</a> to roast for their family's Passover meal that began just before sundown and continued throughout the night ( <a href="#">Ex. 12:8</a> ).	<b>Passover</b> started at twilight w/ evening meal ( <a href="#">Ex. 12:6-11</a> ; <a href="#">Lev. 23:5</a> ; <a href="#">John 13:1</a> ). Messiah observed/taught the Passover on this evening (a <i>teaching seder</i> ), the night before His crucifixion. Night: Gethsemane/denial by Judas & Peter. Early morning trial of Yeshua ( <a href="#">John 19:14</a> ). 9 a.m.: the lamb was bound & laid on the altar; Messiah was hanged on the tree.  3 p.m.: "It is finished." The lamb was killed for the afternoon sacrifice at the same time Yeshua died (unless, as has been suggested, the lamb was not offered at that time, because it was dark during the crucifixion, in which case He was the <i>only</i> lamb offered at that time).  The body of Messiah was placed in the tomb at the same time that the Passover lambs were being put into the ovens.  During the afternoon of that 1 <sup>st</sup> Passover day in Egypt, the father slaughtered a lamb to roast and eat that night, and applied the blood of the lamb to the door. His family stayed inside that night while the angel of death passed by.  <i>Nowadays, for us:</i> Passover is <b>Preparation Day</b> ; prepare tomorrow's meals today ( <a href="#">Mark 15:42</a> ).	Passover is eaten ( <i>seder ceremony</i> ) as twilight begins this day ( <a href="#">Deut. 16:1-8</a> ).  This is a special sabbath: 1 <sup>st</sup> day of <b>Hag ha Matzah (Feast of Unleavened Bread)</b> , 7 days. Do no regular work today ( <a href="#">Leviticus 23:6-7</a> ).  The people of Israel left Egypt on this day—the Exodus from slavery.  Messiah's 1 <sup>st</sup> night & 1 <sup>st</sup> day in tomb.  The chief priests and Pharisees met to set a watch over the tomb ( <a href="#">Mt. 27:62-66</a> ).  The first Sunday after this date is <b>Bikchurim (Firstfruits of the Barley Harvest)</b> (*see 18th, below) ( <a href="#">Lev. 23:11</a> ).  50 days from Firstfruits is <b>Shavuot (Pentecost)</b> ; always on a Sunday, and a work day); the coming 49 days are <b>Lag B'omer (Festival of Weeks/ Counting of the Omer)</b> .
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Wed. night/ Thursday	Thurs. night/ Friday						
Mon./ Tues.	Tues./ Wed.						
Mary, sister of Lazarus and Martha, anointed Messiah's feet ( <a href="#">John 12:1-11</a> ).		Messiah's triumphal entry into Jerusalem, riding on a donkey ( <a href="#">John 12:12</a> ).  He went to the Temple and looked around ( <a href="#">Mark 11:11</a> ).					

  

Day in month of Aviv:		16	17	18	19	20	21
Probable day of the week, the year Christ died:		Thursday night/ Friday	Fri. night/Saturday (Sabbath)	Saturday night/ Sunday * <b>First Fruits</b> (see 15th, above)	Sun. nite/ Monday	Mon. nite/ Tuesday	Tuesday night/ Wednesday
Day of week this year/2020:		Thursday/Friday	Friday/Sat.	Saturday/Sunday April 11/12	Sun./Mo.	Mon./Tues.	Tues./Wed. Apr.14/ 15
<b>Event:</b>		Messiah's 2 <sup>nd</sup> night & 2 <sup>nd</sup> day in tomb.  Women bought spices & prepared them (between the Sabbaths).	Messiah's 3 <sup>rd</sup> night & 3 <sup>rd</sup> day in tomb (notice that in that year, this was also the day of the regular Sabbath).	Noah's ark rested on Ararat. The Hebrew people crossed the Red Sea. The priest waved the first fruits sheaf. Mary saw Yeshua; Peter and John ran to the tomb and found empty. Messiah's resurrection was at the end of the Sabbath; He ascended to the Father as the Firstfruits. Later in the day, He met 2 disciples on the road to Emmaus.	Messiah ate and taught.  Thomas doubted.	Prepare the next day's meals today.	Special sabbath: last day of <b>Hag ha Matzah</b> ; no regular work today.  Messiah appeared, and Thomas believed.