

# PASSOVER ACCORDING TO THE WORD

**Deuteronomy 4:2** You shall not add to the word which I am commanding you, nor take away from it, that you may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you.

**Deuteronomy 12:32** “Whatever I command you, you shall be careful to do; you shall not add to nor take away from it.

**Psalms 119:160** The sum of Your word is truth, And every one of Your righteous ordinances is everlasting.

**Exodus 12:3** Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying, ‘On the tenth of this month they are each one to take a lamb for themselves, according to their fathers’ households, a lamb for each household. 4 Now if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his neighbor nearest to his house are to take one according to the number of persons in them; according to what each man should eat, you are to divide the lamb. 5 Your lamb shall be an unblemished male a year old; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. 6 You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month, then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel is to kill it at twilight. 7 Moreover, they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. 8 They shall eat the flesh that same night, roasted with fire, and they shall eat it with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. 9 Do not eat any of it raw or boiled at all with water, but rather roasted with fire, both its head and its legs along with its entrails. 10 And you shall not leave any of it over until morning, but whatever is left of it until morning, you shall burn with fire. 11 Now you shall eat it in this manner: with your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it in haste — it is the Lord’s Passover. 12 For I will go through the land of Egypt on that night, and will strike down all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments — I am the Lord. 13 The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live; and when I see the blood I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

**Exodus 12:21** Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel and said to them, “Go and take for yourselves lambs according to your families, and slay the Passover lamb. 22 You shall take a bunch of hyssop and dip it in the blood which is in the basin, and apply some of the blood that is in the basin to the lintel and the two doorposts; and none of you shall go outside the door of his house until morning.

**Exodus 12:14** ‘Now this day will be a memorial to you, and you shall celebrate it as a feast to the Lord; throughout your generations you are to celebrate it as a permanent ordinance.

- memorial - h2146. זִכָּרוֹן zikkaron; from 2142; memorial, remembrance:--memorable sayings (1), memorial (12), records (1), remembrance (4), reminder (5), sign - NASBStrongDict
- celebrate - h2287. חָגַג chagag; a prim. root; to make a pilgrimage, keep a pilgrim feast:--celebrate (9), celebrate a feast (3), dancing (1), keeping festival (1), observe (1), reeled - NASBStrongDict
- celebrate - h2287. חָגַג ḥâgag; a primitive root (compare 2283, 2328); properly, **to move in a circle**, i. e. (specifically) to march in a sacred procession, to observe a festival; by implication, **to be giddy**:—celebrate, **dance**, (keep, hold) a (solemn) feast (holiday), reel to and fro STRONG
- feast - h2282. חָג chag; from 2287; a festival gathering, feast, pilgrim feast:--feast (52), feasts (5), festival (1), festival sacrifice (1), festivals - NASBStrongDict

**Exodus 12:15** Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, but on the first day you shall remove leaven from your houses; for whoever eats *anything leavened* from the first day until the seventh day, that person shall be cut off from Israel.

- leaven - h7603. שֵׂאֵר seor; from an unused word; leaven:— leaven - **NASBStrongDict**
- leaven - she'ar (7605 ,שֵׂאֵר), “rest; remnant; residue.” Isaiah describes the “remnant” of Israel:“And it shall come to pass in that day, that the remnant of Israel, and such as are escaped of the house of Jacob, shall no more again stay upon him that smote them; but shall stay upon the Lord, the Holy One of Israel, in truth” (Isa. 10:20). Notice that a twofold theme emerges from most prophetic passages concerning the “remnant” Vine’s Complete Expository
- leavened - h2557. חֲמֵץ chamets; from 2556a; that which is leavened:— leaven (3), leavened (4), leavened bread (3), which is leavened - **NASBStrongDict**

**I Corinthians 5:6** ...Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump of dough? 7 Clean out the old leaven so that you may be a new lump, just as you are in fact unleavened. For Christ our Passover also has been sacrificed. 8 Therefore let us celebrate the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

**Exodus 12:16** On the first day you shall have a holy assembly, and another holy assembly on the seventh day; no work at all shall be done on them, except what must be eaten by every person, that alone may be prepared by you.

**Exodus 12:17** You shall also observe the Feast of Unleavened Bread, for on this very day I brought your hosts out of the land of Egypt; therefore you shall observe this day throughout your generations as a permanent ordinance. 18 In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at evening, you shall eat unleavened bread, until the twenty-first day of the month at evening. 19 Seven days there shall be no leaven found in your houses; for whoever eats what is leavened, that person shall be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether he is an alien or a native of the land. 20 You shall not eat anything leavened; in all your dwellings you shall eat unleavened bread.

**Exodus 12:24** And you shall observe this event as an ordinance for you and your children forever. 25 When you enter the land which the Lord will give you, as He has promised, you shall observe this rite.

**Exodus 12:40** Now the time that the sons of Israel lived in Egypt was four hundred and thirty years. 41 And at the end of four hundred and thirty years, to the very day, all the hosts of the Lord went out from the land of Egypt.

**Exodus 12:42** It is a night to be observed for the Lord for having brought them out from the land of Egypt; this night is for the Lord, to be observed by all the sons of Israel throughout their generations.

- Because the LORD kept vigil that night to bring them out of Egypt, on this night all the Israelites are to keep vigil to honor the LORD for the generations to come. NIV
- That night the LORD kept watch to take them out of Egypt. (All Israelites in future generations must keep watch on this night, since it is dedicated to the LORD.) GWT
- It was a night of vigil for the LORD to bring them out from the land of Egypt, and so on this night all Israel is to keep the vigil to the LORD for generations to come. NET
- That was for the LORD a night of vigil to bring them out of the land of Egypt. This same night belongs to the LORD, and is to be a vigil for all the Israelis from generation to generation. ISV
- It was a night of vigil in honor of the LORD, because He would bring them out of the land of Egypt. This same night is in honor of the LORD, a night vigil for all the Israelites throughout their generations. HCSB

**Deuteronomy 16:7** Roast it and eat it at the place the LORD your God will choose. Then in the morning return to your tents.

**Exodus 12:43** The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, “This is the ordinance of the Passover: no foreigner is to eat of it; 44 but every man’s slave purchased with money, after you have circumcised him, then he may eat of it. 45 A sojourner or a hired servant shall not eat of it. 46 It is to be eaten in a single house; you are not to bring forth any of the flesh outside of the house, nor are you to break any bone of it. 47 All the congregation of Israel are to celebrate this. 48 But if a stranger sojourns with you, and celebrates the Passover to the Lord, let all his males be circumcised, and then let him come near to celebrate it; and he shall be like a native of the land. But no uncircumcised person may eat of it. 49 The same law shall apply to the native as to the stranger who sojourns among you.”

**Deuteronomy 16:2** You shall sacrifice the Passover to the Lord your God from the flock and the herd, in the place where the Lord chooses to establish His name.

**Exodus 13:3** Moses said to the people, “Remember this day in which you went out from Egypt, from the house of slavery; for by a powerful hand the Lord brought you out from this place. And nothing leavened shall be eaten. 4 On this day in the month of Abib, you are about to go forth. 5 It shall be when the Lord brings you to the land of the Canaanite, the Hittite, the Amorite, the Hivite and the Jebusite, which He swore to your fathers to give you, a land flowing with milk and honey, that you shall observe this rite in this month. 6 For seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, and on the seventh day there shall be a feast to the Lord. 7 Unleavened bread shall be eaten throughout the seven days; and nothing leavened shall be seen among you, nor shall any leaven be seen among you in all your borders. 8 You shall tell your son on that day, saying, ‘It is because of what the Lord did for me when I came out of Egypt.’ 9 And it shall serve as a sign to you on your hand, and as a reminder on your forehead, that the law of the Lord may be in your mouth; for with a powerful hand the Lord brought you out of Egypt. 10 Therefore, you shall keep this ordinance at its appointed time from year to year.

**Numbers 9:9** Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 10 “Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, ‘If any one of you or of your generations becomes unclean because of a dead person, or is on a distant journey, he may, however, observe the Passover to the Lord. 11 In the second month on the fourteenth day at twilight, they shall observe it; they shall eat it with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. 12 They shall leave none of it until morning, nor break a bone of it; according to all the statute of the Passover they shall observe it.

**Exodus 12:26** And when your children say to you, ‘What does this rite mean to you?’ 27 You shall say, ‘It is a Passover sacrifice to the Lord who passed over the houses of the sons of Israel in Egypt when He smote the Egyptians, but spared our homes.

**Exodus 13:8** You shall tell your son on that day, saying, ‘It is because of what the Lord did *for me when I* came out of Egypt.’ 9 And it shall serve as a sign to you on your hand, and as a reminder on your forehead, that the law of the Lord may be in your mouth; for with a powerful hand the Lord brought you out of Egypt. 10 Therefore, you shall keep this ordinance at its appointed time from year to year.

**Numbers 9:11** In the second month on the fourteenth day at twilight, they shall observe it; they shall eat it with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. 12 They shall leave none of it until morning, nor break a bone of it; according to all the statute of the Passover they shall observe it.

**Exodus 12:8** They shall eat the flesh that same night, roasted with fire, and they shall eat it with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. 9 Do not eat any of it raw or boiled at all with water, but rather roasted with fire, both its head and its legs along with its entrails.

bitter herbs - h4844. מָרֹר maror from 4843; bitter thing, bitter herb:— bitter herbs (2), bitterness

- **Angelica** - For centuries, people have used Angelica (*Angelica archangelica*) to **remedy colds and ailments such as rheumatism**. Its properties make it a stimulant, stomachic, and tonic. For liquors, it's been used to flavor gin.
- **Chamomile** - Chamomile's (*Matricaria chamomilla*) **curative properties include relief of both fever and restlessness**. This mild bitter herb is used as a **sedative and antispasmodic**.
- **Dandelion** - Dandelion (*Taraxacum*) is a mild bitter herb used as a **blood cleanser** and diuretic, which is also said to **lower cholesterol and blood pressure**. It is still used in traditional cooking in the Mediterranean and parts of Asia.
- **Goldenseal** - Goldenseal (*Hydrastis Canadensis*) is a strong bitter herb used to **stimulate the appetite and eliminate infections**. In *Collections for an Essay Toward a Materia Medica of the United States* (1804), Professor Benjamin Smith Barton declared goldenseal a tonic, observing, "The root of the plant is a very powerful bitter."

- **Horehound** - Horehound (*Marrubium vulgare*) dates back to Ancient Egypt and is believed to be one of the bitter herbs mentioned in the Bible. It has been used as a **treatment for colds and respiratory ailments** (such as in cough syrup and throat lozenges).
- **Milk Thistle** - Milk Thistle (*Silybum marianum*), which is also known as "sow-thistle," is also used for **healing**. It's known as a powerful **liver detoxifier**, as well as **an antidote for Amanita-mushroom poisoning**.
- **Peppermint** - Peppermint (*Mentha piperita*) is a flavor, a fragrance, and medicine. Roman naturalist Pliny the Elder wrote of peppermint, "The very smell of it alone recovers and refreshes the spirit." Peppermint oil may allay **nausea and stomach aches**, and peppermint has been called "the world's oldest medicine."
- **Rue** - Rue (*Ruta*) is a strong bitter herb used as an **antispasmodic, a sedative, and a mild stomachic**. It is mentioned in the Bible as "peganon" and in William Shakespeare's *Richard III* -- "Here is this place/I'll set a bank of rue, sour herb of grace."
- **Wormwood** - Wormwood (*Artemisia absinthium*) is a perennial plant used as an antiseptic, **tonic, diuretic and stomachic**. The herb's strong bitter taste is still used in wines and spirits such as vermouth.
- **Yarrow** - Yarrow (*Achilles millefolium*) is a flowering plant that produces a mild bitter herb used as an astringent and **cold remedy**. The entire herb can be used.

**Exodus 23:15** You shall observe the Feast of Unleavened Bread; for seven days you are to eat unleavened bread, as I commanded you, at the appointed time in the month Abib, for in it you came out of Egypt. And none shall appear before Me empty- handed.

**Exodus 34:20** You shall redeem with a lamb the first offspring from a donkey; and if you do not redeem it, then you shall break its neck. You shall redeem all the firstborn of your sons. None shall appear before Me empty- handed.

**Deuteronomy 16:16** "Three times in a year all your males shall appear before the Lord your God in the place which He chooses, at the Feast of Unleavened Bread and at the Feast of Weeks and at the Feast of Booths, and they shall not appear before the Lord empty- handed.