

The Feast of Unleavened Bread

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The Way and the example set by Yahshua

John 10:3-4

For I have given you an example ([Spiritual Path](#)), that **you should do as I have done** ([offer our own lives as living sacrificial lambs on Passover](#)).

1 Peter 2:21

21 But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it ([you will be perfected just like Yahshua was perfected through suffering ultimately perfected on Passover](#)), this is commendable before Yahweh. ²¹ To this ([giving your own lives as living sacrificial lambs on Passover](#)) you were called, because the Messiah suffered ([on Passover](#)) for you ([and tore the veil giving you access to the Altar of Yahweh](#)), **leaving you an example** ([of what to do as he fulfilled the spiritual meaning of Passover](#)), **that you should follow in his steps** ([and bring your own body as an offering on Passover to the Altar of Yahweh](#)).

What is that example? There is a very specific “way” that we become members of the family of Yahweh. It is through “the narrow gate” of Passover and it has never changed. It has simply been transposed in The Yahshuaic Covenant just like the Alter, the Temple, The Law, the priesthood, etc.

It is the spiritual equivalent of the Torah requirements in which you make the transition from a pagan gentile to a member of the commonwealth of Israel. The requirements for a pagan gentile to become a full member of the commonwealth of Israel was that they had to be circumcised, Mikveh'd, and bring a lamb to sacrifice on the altar.

Nothing changed, you still must be circumcised, Mikveh'd, and bring an offering to Yahweh and sacrifice it on His Altar. Yahshua elevated the physical requirements to become a member of the family of Yahweh to their true meaning in The Yahshuaic Covenant and gave us the example that we are to follow each year on Passover:

Yahshua was mikveh'd on Passover:

John 13:2-11 – the Mikveh on the Chagigah in preparation for the beginning of Passover

1 And (the Chagigah) supper (on the eve of the 13th of Abib with leavened bread) being ended (and the 14th of Abib began which is Day of Preparation or Passover Day), ...

4 He (Yahshua) arose from supper, and laid aside his garments (took off his clothes and Mikveh'd himself); and (then) took a towel (to dry himself off), and girded himself (wrapped the towel around his waist). 5 After that (he cleansed himself through Mikveh, dried himself off, and wrapped a towel around his waist) he poured water into a basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet (Mikveh his disciples feet they had already been immersed), and to wipe [them] with the towel he was girded with.

Yahshua was circumcised

Yahshua demonstrate a contrite heart and reverent submission to the Will of Yahweh which is true circumcision of heart:

Luke 22:42

...41And He withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and He knelt down and began to pray, 42saying, "Father, if You are willing, remove this cup from Me; yet not My will, but Yours be done."

Yahshua brought an offering on the Altar of Yahweh

Yahshua brought an offering of a lamb on Passover. He offered his own broken body as a living sacrifice to Yahweh. This is the way, the example, that Yahshua set that we are to follow each Passover. We are all to:

1. Mikveh our bodies ritually clean with living water
2. Be circumcised of heart or “have a heart for His Laws” and do His will not our own
3. We are to offer our lives as living sacrifices on the Altar of Yahweh which our hearts

In Ephesians we see Paul use the spiritual truth of Passover, circumcision, and the Mikveh to prepare the bride to meet her husband for the “appointed time” as spotless Passover Lambs. We see below the 3 requirements again which are Mikveh, sacrifice, circumcision:

Ephesians 5

25 Husbands, love your wives, just as the Messiah loved the body and gave himself up for her (as [The Passover Lamb](#)) 26 to make her holy, ([ritually](#)) cleansing her by the washing with water through the commandments ([Mikveh](#)), 27 and to present her ([with a circumcised heart](#)) to himself as a radiant assembly, without spot or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless (as a [spotless Passover Lamb of Yahweh](#)).

Romans 12:1

1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of Yahweh’ mercy ([who offered His first born son Yahshua as a sacrifice on Passover which tore the veil giving us all access to the mercy seat](#)), to offer **your (own) bodies** ([not just Yahshua, we too must follow in his footsteps](#)) **as a living sacrifice** ([living sacrificial lamb on the Altar of Yahweh each Passover as commanded **2 Peter 3:14**](#)), holy ([set apart and prepared through Mikveh](#)) and pleasing to Yahweh ([with a circumcised heart for His Law](#))—this is your true and proper worship ([on Passover as commanded by Yahweh that each man should bring his own Passover lamb to the altar **Exodus 12:3**](#)).

Hebrews 10:16-29 (The Passover)

16 "This is the covenant ([marriage vow](#)) that I will make with them: 'After those days,' says Yahweh, 'I will put my laws on their heart, I will also write them on their mind;'" then, 17 "I will remember their sins and their iniquities no more." ([Because they will be Spiritually Perfected and purified through Mikveh](#)) 18 Now where there is remission of sin ([through Mikveh](#)), there is no more offering for sin.

Note: Our sin is forgiven in covenant with Yahshua the same way it has always been forgiven, through the ritual cleansing of living water or Mikveh. We look forward to the fulfillment of Mikveh when Yahshua returns:

Zechariah 14:4

On that day his ([Yahshua the Messiah’s](#)) feet shall stand on the Mount of Olives

Zechariah 14: 8

On that day living waters shall flow out from Jerusalem (to Mikveh the land), half of them to the eastern sea and half of them to the western sea. It shall continue in summer as in winter.

Zechariah 13:1

“In that day there shall be a fountain (of living water) opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem (to Mikveh) for sin and for uncleanness.”

19 Having therefore, brothers, (being Mikveh'd clean we have) boldness to enter into the holy place (and offer your life as a living sacrifice on the Altar of Yahweh) by the blood (Living Sacrifice) of Yahshua, 20 by the way (example) which he dedicated for us (to follow), a new and living (sacrificial) way (a living sacrifice), through the veil, that is to say, (the veil was torn in two by the offering of) his flesh (providing us bold access to the mercy seat of Yahweh);

21 and having a great (High) priest (Yahshua) over the house of; 22 let us draw near (to the mercy seat of Yahweh to offer our lives as living sacrifices) with a true (circumcised) heart in fullness of faith (that we have been granted access to the Altar of Yahweh through Yahshua's sacrifice which tore the veil to the Holy of Holies) , having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience (sanctified), and having our body washed with pure water (Spiritual Cleansing through Mikveh), 23 let us hold fast the confession of our hope (that Yahweh will accept our living sacrifice). For he who promised is faithful.

So Each Passover we are all to follow Yahshua's example:

1. Present ourselves to our King properly through Mikveh
2. Demonstrate a circumcised heart for His Law
3. Present our own bodies as living sacrificial lambs on His Altar

This is the “Narrow Gate” that leads us out of our life of sin (broken body/leavened bread) and into a new and living way (our new bodies with sin forgiven represented by unleavened bread). So once we have walked through The Passover Gate we then enter into The Kingdom of Yahweh which is a High Holy Sabbath that begins with The Feast of Unleavened Bread.

The Feast of Unleavened Bread

So on the night before we all should have re-affirmed our commitment to The Yahshuaic Covenant by eating leavened bread and drinking the blood of the covenant i.e. wine. We should have prepared ourselves on Passover The Day of Preparation by following the example set by Yahshua. Now on this High Sabbath we celebrate the Kingdom of Yahweh for 7 days. We do this as a Moedim or “rehearsal”.

It should be remembered that prior to dusk (prior to UB) "Leavened Bread" (Artos) may be eaten, however, once the "Sacrificial Lamb symbolic of each or our own bodies offered as living sacrifices without spot or blemish" is served, then "The Passover Meal" on the Feast of Unleavened Bread is eaten with "Unleavened Bread" representing our new life free from sin (leaven).

The "Passover" meal (now without leavened bread) may continue well into the night (after Dusk), but the meal must end prior to dawn and in plenty of time to burn any leftover lamb and-or discovered uneaten leaven (crumbs, etc). This act of purging “leaven” is symbolic of the purging of all “sinners” from Earth prior to the establishment The Kingdom of Yahweh on Earth. Leaven representing sin and all law-breakers:

Matthew 13:41

The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers

Moreover, whenever a fire will be needed for cooking the Passover Lamb, that fire must be kindled prior to the beginning of the High Sabbath of The Feast of Unleavened Bread. This burning (fire) must never extend into the dawn (morning twilight) of Abib 15th because it is symbolic of Yahweh’s wrath. This burning fire is symbolic of The Word of Yahweh which consumes all those who are disobedient i.e. sinners PRIOR to the Millennial Kingdom:

Jeremiah 5:14

Therefore, thus says Yahweh, the God of hosts, "Because you have spoken this word, Behold, I am making My words in your mouth fire And this people wood, and it will consume them.

This consuming wrath of Yahweh ends as we enter His Kingdom and all sinners (leaven) has been purged. Therefore the restriction on “kindling a fire” on The High Sabbath of the first day of The Feast of Unleavened Bread which is an annual rehearsals of the coming Kingdom. During the Millennial Reign or The Kingdom of Yahweh on Earth; Yahweh’s wrath is not kindled and there is no sin or law-breakers.

So The Feast of Unleavened Bread is a celebration of what happened in our lives on Passover the Day of Preparation as we became full members of the household of Yahweh called the commonwealth of Israel and celebrate the coming Kingdom of Yahweh on Earth.