

The “Jewish Calendar” cycles! The 10th of the first month is Saturday, March 28th, 2026! Get the animal on Friday, March 27th. Hold the animal outside your house. Bring the animal inside your house right as the sun is setting. The problem here is that the 10th of the month on the “Jewish Calendar” is the Sabbath. We are forbidden from leaving our place on the Sabbath - Ex 16:29. How can we get the animal on the 10th if the 10th is the Sabbath? I get the animal the day prior and then bring the animal on my property right as the sun is setting. That is the best that I can do to observe both laws simultaneously. You will slaughter the animal in the afternoon on April 1st, 2026.

Listed below are the steps I take to observe Passover. I have extracted these steps from the Torah scroll. I have provided the bible verse next to each step. I have provided my commentary underneath each step to help you accomplish each step. Download the PDF and use a pen or pencil to cross off each step as you make your way observing Passover.

**1 - No uncircumcised male may eat. The stranger and his circumcised males may eat Ex 12:48**

The males MUST be circumcised to observe Passover. If they are not a native Isralian, they may observe Passover. They MUST be circumcised and following the laws commanded by Moses.

**2 - A purchased circumcised servant may eat – Ex 12:44**

If you have a purchased servant, the males MUST be circumcised to observe Passover.

**3 - A sojourner or a hired laborer may not eat – Ex 12:45**

I interpret this verse to mean that Passover **IS NOT A PARTY**. You do not take anyone into your house to “get a feel” if Passover is “right” for them. I interpret this verse to mean the “sojourner or the hired laborer” is someone who is passing through town. They may not be circumcised or care to follow the laws commanded by Moses.

**4 - A small household may allow neighbor to join with his people – Ex 12:4**

I interpret this verse to mean that it is acceptable for a fellow circumcised Torah scroll observing individual to join with you on observing Passover.

**5 - On the 10th of the first month take an unblemished male lamb or goat within its first year – Ex 12:3 Ex 12:5**

You can choose between a lamb or a goat. The animal must be male, under a year old, and be free from defects. Keep the receipt of purchase to show to your county livestock officer. You MUST get the animal on the 10th of the month! If the Sabbath is on the 10th of the month, get the animal on the 9th and then wait outside your house. Bring the animal inside your house right before the sun sets. We are FORBIDDEN to leave our place on the Sabbath – Ex 16:29. How can we get the Passover animal if we can’t leave our place? This is how I resolve a particular STALEMATE while trying to observe two laws simultaneously.

**IMPORTANT → NOW CALL YOUR COUNTY LIVESTOCK OFFICER TO HAVE THEM CLEAR THE ANIMAL FOR SLAUGHTER!**

[Arizona Revised Statutes § 3-2011 \(2024\) - Slaughter of animals by producer or owner for own use; inspection of hides; violation; classification :: 2024 Arizona Revised Statutes :: U.S. Codes and Statutes :: U.S. Law :: Justia](#)

**6 - Examine the animal until the 14th day of the month – Ex 12:6**

The Torah scroll does not say how many times we are supposed to examine the animal. You must examine the animal the day you purchase it. Examine the animal every day. Even examine the animal on the day you slaughter it. If you find a visual defect on the animal, do your best to acquire another animal. I have yet to have an animal fail examination.

**7 - Remove all leaven bread from the house on the 13th day – Ex 12:15**

Get all leaven bread-related food out of your house, refrigerator, cupboards, pantry, etc. Bread, bagels, pizza, cookies, pastries. Check online for a full inventory of items that must be removed. You will do this on Tuesday, March 31st. Put it all in the garbage outside your house.

**8 - Slaughter the animal in the afternoon – Ex 12:6**

Slaughter the animal at 12:00 p.m. – High Noon. You CANNOT break any bones in the animal. You cannot terminate its life functions by breaking its neck. Do not use a “captive bolt pistol” because that will break its “skull bone”. The quick, humane method to slaughter the animal would be to quickly sever its jugular vein. You need to acquire its blood to place across the lintel and down the sides of the doorposts. Use rope to tie its front legs together at the ankles. Use another rope to tie its back legs together at the ankles. Tie its front legs and back legs together. Tie the animal to the top of the rotisserie grill. Remove the grate underneath its head. Place the plastic bin from item #5 inside the rotisserie grill, underneath the head of the animal. Sever the jugular vein. The vein is located underneath his ear, on the left side of his neck. Hold his head down and ensure the blood is going into the plastic container. Fill the plastic container halfway up and then swap out the container with the second plastic container. The blood will coagulate FAST! You CANNOT let the blood sit around for even a minute! It will begin to coagulate into a blob of jelly! This has happened to me.

**9 - Take its blood and place it on the two door posts and across the lintel of the house it will be eaten – Ex 12:7**

Have your hyssop bundle ready. I usually buy 2 or 3 separate hyssop plants and then zip tie them together. Take the bundle of hyssop, dip it in the blood, and apply the blood on the two door posts and across the lintel. You will see how quickly the blood will be drying inside the container. I’m telling you now, be quick about it! Perform this step right after you swap out the second plastic container. Be quick about it!

**10 - Use a bundle of hyssop to spread the blood on the two door posts and across the lintel – Ex 12:22**

You MUST use Hyssop. I purchase Hyssop from Etsy.com. You are not going to find Hyssop at your local florist store. Plant nurseries inventory Hyssop in Spring. I found this out the hard way. I spent more money having Hyssop RED LABELED to me from the east coast than I spent on the goat the first time I observed Passover. No one had Hyssop in Arizona.

**11 - Eat the flesh on that NIGHT - roasted over fire with bitter herbs and matzos  
Ex 12:8 Ex 12:18**

Use wood inside the rotisserie grill to cook the animal. I don't use charcoal. Charcoal takes longer to cook the animal. Have the lighter fluid handy. I have to spray down the wood to keep the fire going. Eat the animal after the sun has set. Eat the animal with romaine lettuce, matzos, and horseradish sauce.

**12 - Do not eat it partially roasted or cooked in water; only roasted over fire, its head, legs, and innards – Ex 12:9**

Do not cut the animal open. Use the chains to attach the animal to the rotisserie spike. Tie him super tight to the spike. The weight from his mid-section will flop as the motor rotates him around. Ensure his backbone is completely up against the spike. Any gap/distance will result in the animal flopping down as the spike rotates him around. Do not cook the animal in water. You must cook the animal completely. A small goat or lamb usually takes about 4 hours to cook. I eat its thigh meat. It shouldn't take 4 hours to grill a small piece of chicken. That is about what is happening here. I wait till noon to slaughter the animal. It will then take me about 2 hours to tie the animal up and then begin roasting him. Do your **FULL RESEARCH** to insure you have cooked him thoroughly.

**13 - In one house - eat it! Do not take the meat outside or break a bone in it – Ex 12:46**

Eat the animal inside your house. Do not break a bone in it and do not take the meat outside. I carefully cut the meat off the thighs. I put the meat on a separate plate. I am VERY CAREFUL handling the animal as to not break any bones in it. Do not be "grossed out" on eating any of the skin or hair. You can discard the skin with any burnt hair that might be attached to the skin.

**14 - Eat it in HASTE with a belt around your waist, sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand – Ex 12:11**

This is important! Ensure that you have a belt around your waist, sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. Try this: Velcro the staff to your hand so that you don't accidentally set the staff down when you grab a drink of water! Eat the meal in HASTE! Do not sit around talking and joking! THIS IS PESACH! You MUST eat the meal quickly. Take small bites! Don't choke! Have water available to wash it down. The instructions for Passover never said to have soda or wine as part of the meal. You have 364 other days to have those items as part of your meal. Consume ONLY the Passover animal, bitter herbs, and matzos.

**15 - Do not leave any meat until morning. Whatever remains not eaten, burn in fire  
Ex 12:10**

I have a fireplace. I burn the carcass in the fireplace after I am done eating the meal. Burn whatever meat is leftover in a small grill if you do not have a fireplace.

**16 - Do not leave the entrance of the house until morning – Ex 12:22**

I place a dining room chair in front of the front door, so I do not accidentally go outside. Stay inside your house until morning.

**17 - Make on 2nd month, 14th day; if contaminated by a human corpse – Num 9:10-11**

Perform the Passover meal on this day in case you have touched a human corpse.

**18 – Observe Festival – Ex 12:3 Ex 12:14 Ex 12:24 Lev 23:5 Num 9:2 Num 28:16**

Here are the verses that instruct you to observe this festival.....WE MUST DO IT.