

# How Jesus Fulfills the 7 Feasts of Israel – Introduction and Passover (11 Nov 2012)

## Introduction -

1. The Jewish calendar
  - a. 12 months (I Kings 4:7) – We’re talking about the religious calendar, not civil.
  - b. Months are for seasons – used ‘lunar years’ (Psalms 104:19)
2. Feast – ‘an appointed time’ – we’re going to look at 3 layers to each feast.
  - a. They commemorated an event - Like communion for Christians
    - i. Jesus said remember me – (Luke 22:19)
    - ii. Tom Maunch – ‘remember me’ story
  - b. The event is celebrated
    - i. Good to have annual remembrances, they even added Purim, etc.
    - ii. We have Christmas, etc. Why?
  - c. **Here’s the great news! You will be persuaded that the Event has its ultimate fulfillment; it has its substance in Jesus Christ.**
    - i. Jesus tells us just this in Matt 5:17, Matt 26:54-56 & Col 2:16-17
      1. *Turn to Col 2:16-17 & just read them the rest*
    - ii. Look at all the OT types or fore-shadows – done on purpose
      1. The real tabernacle is in Heaven IAW Hebrews 8:1-5
      2. Abraham offering Isaac while Eleazer waited
        - a. 3 days journey
        - b. Same Mount Moriah
        - c. “God will provide Himself a sacrifice”
      3. Abraham sends Eleazer to get a Gentile bride for his son Isaac
      4. Joseph, the favored son, rejected by his own, becomes famous in Gentile world, is then revealed to his brethren at 2<sup>nd</sup> coming.
        - a. Stephen was pointing out that Israel always rejected their ruler the first time but not the second (Acts 7:13, 35)
      5. Moses a type of death, burial and resurrection (40/40/40)
      6. David, type of shepherd who becomes king yet doesn’t take the throne right away.
      7. Jesus Himself spoke of Jonah as a type
      8. Search the scriptures and you’ll find lots more, Lot, Noah, Enoch.

## You will understand how Jesus fulfills the 7 Feasts of Israel starting with a look at the Passover from these three layers.

The first layer is to know what the Passover commemorated – It commemorates Israel's deliverance from Egypt by a substitute.

### 1. Exodus 12:1-14, 21-27, 42-51

- a. Vs 3 – Get the lamb on the 10<sup>th</sup> day
- b. Vs 4 – No substitute for poor/too few people, had to be a lamb
- c. Vs 6 – Killed on the 14<sup>th</sup> day
- d. Vs 7 – **The blood made a cross**
- e. Vs 8
  - i. **Roast with fire – Jesus went to hell Eph 4:8-10**
  - ii. Unleavened Bread – speaks of the perfection of Christ
  - iii. **Bitter Herbs – Jesus offered gall. Gall means bitter.**
- f. Vs 9 – The lamb was fully given, nothing held back
- g. Vs 12 – As you're eating it be ready to go into the land taken by faith
- h. Vs 14 – a memorial, a memento, remember this
- i. Vs 42 – Remember this – The scripture only ever tells us to look back for one purpose...the remember God's goodness to us, no other reason.
- j. Vs 43-45 – No stranger shall eat if they're an unbeliever (see vs 49) must have a personal relationship with God
- k. Vs 46 – Don't break any bones
  - i. Bones – Something about the bones that figures long-lasting or strength
    1. Adam – bone of my bone and flesh of my flesh
    2. Jesus after resurrection – spirit hast not flesh and bone
    3. They carried up Joseph's bones
  - ii. Flesh & blood – Ate the flesh at Passover, but not til communion both
- l. Vs 49 – This isn't nor has it ever been a message ONLY for the Jews to be saved.
  - i. Never for Israel only, but for whosoever
  - ii. Never been a system run by a people (the Jews), but a people (whosoever) run by a Savior.

### 2. Deuteronomy 16:1-2, 5-7 – This place that is later chosen is Mt. Moriah!

The second layer to understanding how Jesus fulfils the Passover is to know how the Passover substitute is celebrated

1. The Jews prepared a month ahead of time
  - a. They would paint the sepulchres white so no one would touch them.
  - b. They purified themselves like John 11:55, this is the backdrop to I Cor 11:27
2. The Sedar Meal
  - a. They substitute an egg instead of a lamb
  - b. Read step #4 and #12 about the Afikoman
3. This is what the Jews think the benefit of Passover is...
  - a. The lesson of Pesach is that you have unlimited potential. In Hebrew, Egypt is Mitzrayim – etymologically related to meitzarim or borders. The moral of the Exodus story is that we all can escape our personal Egypts. And the seek-and-destroy-andy-leavened[particle part of Passover teaches us to eradicate our puffed-up, inflated, doughy egos and be simple, flat, unleavened matzot. The holiday of Pesach contains innumerable lessons, laws and customs. For more go to [Passover.net](http://Passover.net) -**Rabbi Mendy Hecht**

The third layer to understanding how Jesus fulfils the Passover is to know how the Passover is portrayed in the New Testament about Jesus' substitutionary death

1. Read thru the highlighted parts from Exodus 12
2. Show how Jesus fulfills the Afikoman
3. John 1:29 – Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world.
4. I Cor 5:6-8 – Paul exhorts to be pure like Christ our Passover
5. I Pet 1:18-19 – Jesus is precious like a lamb
6. Read Rev 5 – This was God's plan from the beginning of creation!!

**Now you understand how Jesus fulfills the Passover from examining its three layers; its commemoration, its celebration and its NT substance in Jesus. God is showing us the need for Jesus to be our substitute.**