

# The Days of Passover week—then and now

(Todd Ellison, 1996, updated 2021)

Day in the month of Aviv (AKA Abib or Nisan)	10	11	12	13	14
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
Day of week this year/2021:	Tu. nite/Wed.	Wed./Th.	Th./Fr.	Fr./Sa.	Saturday night / Sunday March 27/28
<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="#">Jerusalem</a> to roast for their family's Passover meal that began just before sundown and continued throughout the night ( <a href="#">Exodus 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> ).  Yeshua the Messiah observed/ <i>taught</i> 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> ).
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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> ).	In the days of the Temple, the lamb for the Temple sacrifice was selected and paraded into the city of Jerusalem on this day, and was examined for four days ( <a href="#">Exodus 12:1-5</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:	15	16	17	18
Probable day of the week, the year Christ died:	Wednesday night/ Thursday	Thurs. night/ Friday	Fri. nite/Sat. (Sabbath)	Saturday night/ Sunday * <b>First Fruits</b> (see 15 <sup>th</sup> Aviv)
Day of week this year/2021:	Sun./Mon. 28/29	Mo./Tu. 29/30	Tu./We. 30/31	Wed./Thurs. March 31/Apr. 1
<b>Event:</b>	Messiah's 1 <sup>st</sup> night & 1 <sup>st</sup> day in tomb. Chief priests and Pharisees met to set a watch over tomb ( <a href="#">Mt. 27:62-66</a> ).  The first Sunday after this date is <b>Bikchurim: the Firstfruits of the Barley Harvest</b> ( <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> .	Messiah's 2 <sup>nd</sup> night & 2 <sup>nd</sup> day in tomb.  Women bought spices and prepared them (on this day between the special sabbath and the regular weekly Sabbath).	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 Mount 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.
Passover is eaten (seder ceremony) 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.				

Day in month of Aviv:	19	20	21	...	
Probable day of the week, the year Christ died:	Sunday night/ Monday	Mon. night/ Tuesday	Tuesday night/ Wednesday	...	Saturday night/ Sunday (always the 1 <sup>st</sup> Sun. after Passover)
Day of week this year:	Apr. 1/2	Apr. 2/3	Sat. nite/Sunday 3/4		Saturday night/Sunday April 3/4
<b>Event:</b>	Messiah ate and taught.  Thomas doubted.	Prepare the next day's meals today.	Special sabbath: last day of <b>Hag ha Matzah</b> ; do no regular work today. Messiah appeared, and Thomas believed.		<b>Bikchurim: the Firstfruits of the Barley Harvest</b> ( <a href="#">Lev. 23:11</a> ), AKA today as Resurrection Sunday. Note that in some years, as in 2021, this and the last day of Unleavened Bread are the same day.