

The Feast of Passover (Day 8 of 10)

Biblical Prophecy Fulfilled Timeline of Events

Overview & Prayer

The Passover Overview Our Passover Lamb

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“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. And 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 12:21-22

On the eighth day:

Tuesday Nighttime (Abib/Nisan 14th) – 4th day of the week (continued)

- In the Garden of Gethsemane.¹
- Judas betrays Jesus.
- Jesus tried before Annas.
- Peter begins his denials of Christ.
- The cock crows the first time.²
- Jesus is tried before Caiaphas.
- Peter denies the Lord the third time.
- The cock crows the second time.³
- Jesus is tried before the Sanhedrin.

Wednesday Daytime (Abib/Nisan 14th) – 4th day of the week

- Judas hangs himself.
- Jesus is tried before Pilate.
- Jesus is tried before Herod Antipas.
- Pilate sentences Jesus.
- Jesus is crucified at 9:00 am.⁴
- Darkness comes over the land at noon.
- Being the true Lamb of God, Jesus dies at 3:00 pm on Golgotha⁵ just as the Passover lambs are being slain.
- Women prepare the spices before the Sabbath (Luke 23:50-56).

Reflection Reading eighth day:

“But it is not the spiritual that is first but the natural, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven.”

1 Corinthians 15:46-47

¹ Gethsemane means, “Oil press”. The garden itself lies at the foot of the Mount of Olives directly across the Kidron Valley from the Eastern (Golden) Gate of the Temple.

² The third of the Roman night watches known as “cockcrowing” ended at 3:00 am.

³ This was generally reckoned to be around 4:30 am.

⁴ The image of Jesus hanging on the cross should evoke memories of the first Passover. God through Moses commanded the Israelites to smear the blood of the Passover lamb on the lintel and doorposts of their homes. After this the Israelites were to enter through that doorway into their homes where they would be spared by the death angel that went through the land of Egypt that night killing all the first-born. As Christ hung on the cross we can clearly see the blood caused from the crown of thorns as the blood on the lintel. The blood flowing from his outstretched nail-pierced hands would have marked the doorposts. Jesus referred to this image in John 10:9 when He said, *“I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out and find pasture.”*

⁵ The term Golgotha means the “Place of the Skull”. The place is also called Calvary from the Latin word “calvaria” which also means “bare skull”. It was so named for the shape of the hill, which resembles a skull.

Prayer on the eighth day:

Daily Exercise - Lectio Divina

Lectio Divina is a Latin term that means “divine reading.” It is a way or method of reading the Scriptures in such a manner that facilitates the reader in receiving a “specific word” from God. The practice was developed early in the church’s history with Origen first expressing its principles around 220 AD. The system consists of four parts: reading, meditation, prayer and contemplation. It may be practiced privately or in a small group setting. There are four elements to be considered in preparing for this exercise:

1. Set aside enough time to complete the exercise so that you don’t have to rush through it. Usually thirty minutes is adequate.
2. Find a quiet place free of distractions.
3. Read the Selected Passage Above of Scripture.
4. Transition from what you have been doing by calming you mind and body. This can be done by taking a few slow, deep breaths and inviting the Lord to speak to you through His word.

Reading

1. Read the passage aloud slowly a couple of times.
2. Be silent for one-to-two minutes.
3. Is there a word or phrase that is meaningful to you?
4. Repeat the word or phrase several times silently as if to memorize it.

* If in a group, share it in turn. Do not elaborate simply state what it is.

Meditation

1. Read the passage again.
2. Be silent for two to three minutes.
3. Think about how the reading applies or touches your life today.

* If in a group, share it in turn. Briefly state “I hear, I see, I feel ...”

Prayer

1. Talk with God about what he is showing you.

* If in a group, pray quietly.

Contemplation

1. Read the passage again.
2. Be silent for two to three minutes.
3. Reflect on “I believe God wants me to _____ today/this week/etc.”

* If in a group, share in turn. At this point you can elaborate somewhat on what you believe God is telling you to do.

Study on the eighth day:

Abiding in Christ – Lesson 54, Disillusioned – Lesson 55, Waiting For Him – Lesson 56

“They said to each other, ‘Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?’ And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem.

And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying,

“The Lord has risen indeed!”

Luke 24:33

