

## Israel's Calendar - Passover - Feast of Unleavened Bread

**The Passover** (Leviticus 23:5) celebrates God's grace and deliverance during the time of the Exodus. Originally, Passover was celebrated on the 14th of Nisan/Abib. In the Hebrew Scriptures, the blood of the Sacrificed lambs "covered" the people so the Angel of Death passed them over in the 10th Plague. Now, Jesus' blood cleanses His people from all their sins, forever.

**The Feast of Unleavened Bread** (Leviticus 23:4-8) began on 15th of Nisan/Abib and lasted for 7 days. It was a time of consecration for the coming days of the growing season.

**Feast of First Fruits** (Leviticus 23:10) gave thanks to the LORD for all His provision. This was celebrated first on the 3rd day after Passover, Nisan/Abib 16. This is the day Jesus was resurrected.

**The Feast of Weeks (Pentecost)** (Leviticus 23:16) celebrated the grain Harvest 50 days after the feast of First Fruits. The people would bring offerings from the first grain harvest with two *leavened loaves* of bread. This is the time with Jesus sent the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:1-4), preparing the Apostles to take the Gospel to the Nations.

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