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Ezra 7:10

For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the Torah of YeHoVaH, and to do it, and to teach statutes and judgments in Israel.

## Brief overview of the upcoming Passover Biblical holiday.

YHVH commanded the Israelites to kill the Passover lamb at twilight (Exod 12:6) and then to put its blood on their doorposts (Exod 12:7). After that, they were to roast and eat the lamb in that same evening (Exod 12:8). They were to eat the lamb that evening “with a belt on your waist, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand...in haste” (Exod 12:11). This was the same night that Elohim struck all the firstborn of Egypt, but passed over all the houses of the Israelites that had blood on the doorposts (Exod 12:12–14).

All the seven biblical holidays including the weekly Sabbath and Passover (Num 9:2, 3) are moedim meaning “appointed times,” when YHVH commanded his people to meet with him to commemorate specific events (Lev 23:2, 4). All these appointed times in a general sense are called holy convocations (Lev 23:4) when YHVH’s people gather together to do what he has commanded (Lev 23:4). Though Passover day falls into this category, it is the only biblical holiday not specifically referred to as a miqra Kodesh in the specific instructions given about it. The first and last days of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, on the other hand, are each called a miqra Kodesh when



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YHVH’s people are commanded to gather together. Furthermore, on each of the other biblical holidays except Passover, YHVH commands his people to rest from their customary or servile work (i.e., their secular jobs and work activities). There is some confusion about when Yeshua kept the Passover or the Lord’s Supper. The gospel accounts refer to it as Passover, and Yeshua himself calls it such. Therefore, in the minds of Yeshua and the apostolic writers, it was Passover. However, the Torah specifies that Passover is to be kept at the end of the fourteenth day of the first month of the biblical calendar going into the fifteenth. This would have been impossible for Yeshua to do, since he was hanging on the cross at the end of the fourteenth day as the fulfillment of the *Passover lamb*, and he

then went into the grave as the sun was setting going into the fifteenth day. Therefore, Yeshua kept an early Passover — still on the fourteenth day, but at the beginning of the day, not at the end of the day. The purpose of the Passover was to tell the younger generation the Passover story (Exod 12:26–27). This is why we celebrate it when the Torah commands. We also believe that if *Yeshua* hadn’t been hanging on the cross at the end of Passover day, he would have been celebrating the Passover at the time the Torah instructed the Israelites to do so.

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### Important Dates:

04/4 Passover

04/5 Feast of Unleavened Bread

05/23 Shavuot/Feast of Weeks/Pentecost



## The Biblical Hebrew New Year and the upcoming Spring Feasts

On March 21, 2015 the new moon of the Aviv was sighted in the land of Israel. This marks the beginning of the biblical Hebrew new year the first day of the month of the Aviv (or Nisan). Fourteen days from today (Saturday, April 4) will be Passover. This confirms that the Feast of Unleavened Bread will run from sunset on April 4 until sunset April 11, 2015. The feast of unleavened bread shall you keep. Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, as I commanded you, in the time of the month Aviv. (Exod 23:15) Shavuot will fall on sunset May 23 until sunset May 24, 2015.

And YHVH spoke unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, "This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you." (Exodus 12:1-2) Several passages in the Scriptures witness to the fact that the barley was the indicator of which month was to be the first month of the year for the Israelites, so that they could determine when the biblical feasts were to be observed.

Suffice it to say that the barley that was lifted heavenward and waved was a prophetic picture of Yeshua the Messiah's ascension to heaven after his resurrection where he was accepted by the Father as the perfect sin offering covering the sins of mankind. Fifty days later to the day is the Feast of Pentecost (Shavuot) picturing the ripening of the larger wheat harvest, which was a prophetic picture of all Israel and the peoples of the nations coming to faith in Yeshua from the first century until the present time.



*The Barley Aviv*

**By Sharon Goodwin**

***May Yehovah bless you and keep you May Yehovah make his face shine on you and show you his favor  
May Yehovah lift up his face toward you and give you peace (Numbers 6:22-26)***

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