

Trinity Foundation, Inc.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Bible Study Group

FROM: Ole Anthony

SUBJECT: **Passover** Schedule of Activities

The purpose of this memo is to present the schedule of activities for Passover. But first, I would like to discuss why we at Trinity Foundation celebrate this feast:

1. Jesus and His disciples celebrated the feast together the night before His crucifixion. They had to walk over 75 miles, with a virtual price on their heads, to be in Jerusalem for the feast.
2. Paul, the other disciples, and all believers celebrated the feast for the first 100 years of the church.
3. Jesus said, when He took the bread and the wine on that fateful night almost 2,000 years ago, "as oft as you do this, do it in remembrance of me." We take the bread and the wine at our weekly "Agape Feast" which is in fact a mini-Passover.
4. We gain insight into the meaning of the lamb, the bread and the wine--the essential symbols of our faith.
5. Our celebration of Passover is the perfect type of our exodus from the world system and is a living picture of our common salvation.
6. Joy and freedom are the fruit of understanding Passover.

The Passover was a major sacrifice, yet one distinct from all others. It was not of the Law, for it was instituted before the Law had been given or before the Covenant had been ratified by blood. In a sense, it was the cause and the foundation of all the Levitical Sacrifices and of the covenant itself.

It cannot be classed with any of the various kinds of sacrifices, but rather combined them all, yet differed from them all.

Just as the Priesthood of Christ was real, yet not after the order of Aaron, but of the order of Melchizedek, so was the sacrifice of Christ real, yet not of the order of the Levitical offerings, but after that of Passover.

Jewish tradition records many things happening on Passover:

1. Horror of Great Darkness fell on Abraham when God revealed to him the future of the seed.
2. Abraham was fed by Melchizedek.
3. Abraham ate Passover with heavenly guests and Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed, but Lot escaped.
4. Death of first-born of Egypt.
5. Walls of Jericho fell.
6. Destruction of Midian's hosts.
7. Captains of Sennacherib and King of Assyria were overtaken.
8. Handwriting appeared on wall to declare Babylon's doom.
9. Haman perished - hung on a tree.
10. Final Judgment came upon Edom.

PASSOVER READINGS

<u>Day</u>	<u>Torah</u>	<u>Prophets</u>
1.	Ex 12:21-51; Num 28:19-25	Josh 5:2-6:1; Is 42
2.	Lev 22:26 - 23:33; Num 28:19-25	2 Kings 23:1-9; 21-25
3.	Ex 13:1-16; Num 28:19-25	2 Chron 30:1-27
4.	Ex 22:25 - 23:19; Num 28:19-25	
5.	Ex 33:12 - 34:26; Num 28:19-25	Ezk 36:16-37: 14
6.	Num 9:1-14; Num 28:19-25	
7.	Ex 13:17 - 15:26; Num 28:19-25	2 Samuel 22: 1-51
8.	Duet 15:19 - 16:17; Num 28:19-25	Is 10:32 - 12:6

Song of Solomon is read on intervening Sabbath.

The ancient rabbis taught that Israel (type of the church) was betrothed on Passover, empowered and cleansed on Pentecost and married on Tabernacles.

REMEMBER: FREEDOM AND JOY ARE DOMINANT THEMES

New Testament:

Mark 14	John 13	Acts 2:9-10	John 19:36
Matthew 26	John 1:29	I Corinthians 5:7-8	I Peter 1:19
Luke 22	Revelation 5:6	I Corinthians 11:17-34	

Passover Related Scriptures in the Gospels

Matthew 19:1 - 28:15	Luke 17:11 - 24:35
Mark 10:32 - 16:13	John 11:1 - 20:25

(Also: John 2:13 - 3:21; John 6:4; Luke 2:41 - 53)

PASSOVER SCHEDULE

FRIDAY

6:00 p.m. - Cook-out at Lair House

Please make every effort to be at the cook-out by 6:00 p.m.

7:30 p.m. - Pre-Passover Celebration

1. Skits
2. Huffy Awards
3. Psalms of Ascent

SATURDAY

Sunrise: Fast of The First-Born

This is one of the wimp fasts, i.e., abstain from food, coffee, soft drinks and cigarettes. You can drink all the water you desire, but only water! The fast lasts until the Seder meal begins.

Since all are the first-born, i.e., first you, after the flesh, then Christ in you, all will fast.

9:00 a.m. – Decorate and Prepare for Seder Meal

1:00 p.m. - God Stuff In Minyans (Bible Study Groups)

1. Search for Leaven---You must search-out and destroy the three types of leaven within you:
 - a. Leaven of the Pharisees - hypocrisy
 - b. Leaven of Herod - seeing lack in any arena of your life.
 - c. Leaven of the Sadducees - not seeing the power of God.
2. Resolve differences among the brethren - first in your Bible study group, then the Seder group, then the whole Body. Make sure there is genuine forgiveness - no more truces (**Note: You had better start this process immediately.**)
3. Burn the Leaven in each minyan.

3:00 p.m. - Seder

The Seder meal will be observed separately by each of the three Seder Groups in their usual meeting places.

6:00 p.m. - Festive Meal

All the Seder groups will eat this meal together in the backyard behind the Lair house.

8:30 p.m. - Afikomen (origin of Communion)

All groups will take the Afikomen together in the backyard. Harry is responsible for the Afikomen wine.

9:00 p.m. - Sing the Hallel

SUNDAY

8:30 - 10:00 a.m. - Continental Breakfast

We are providing a continental breakfast for those who wish to eat.

10:00 a.m. - Meeting

All groups will meet together in the backyard. The verbatim Passover sermon, by Melito of Sardis in 150 AD, will be given.