

**Feasting in the Presence of YHWH
Instructions for Israel's Three Annual
Pilgrimage Festivals
(Deuteronomy 16:1-17)**

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PART I: PASSOVER

A. Introduction

1. The Role of Communal Worship in the Life of God's People
2. Other Passover Texts
Exodus 12:1-51
Leviticus 23:4-8
Numbers 28:16-25
3. Differences between Exodus and Deuteronomy
4. Structure of the Text

B. Exposition

1. The Charge to Keep the Passover (v. 1)
 - a. The Time of the Observance: the month of Abib
 - b. The Importance of the Observance
 - c. The Name of the Observance (*pesah*)
 - d. The Significance of the Observance
2. Instructions for Observing the Passover (vv. 2-7)

The Order of the Traditional Seder

- a. The Location of the Festival: At the place YHWH would choose for his name.
- b. The Nature of the Festival
 - (1) The Ritual Passover Meal
 - (a) Slaughter the Passover victim animal at sunset at the central sanctuary (v. 2a, 6).
 - (b) Cook the meat of the animal (7a).
 - (c) Eat the Passover (7b)
 - (d) Return to their tents (8b)

(2) The Ritual of Unleavened Bread

- (a) The key feature: no unleavened bread for six days after the Passover Sabbath
- (b) The significance of the unleavened bread: reminder of slavery in Egypt (3-4)
- (c) The rationale: to recall the night they left Egypt (3c, 6b)

3. The Concluding Charge to Keep the Festival of Unleavened Bread (v. 8)

C. The Historical Significance of Moses' Instructions on the Passover

1. The Passover in the Old Testament

Joshua 5:10-11

2 Chronicles 35:18

2 Chronicles 8:13

2 Chronicles 30

2 Kings 23:22

Ezra 6:19-22

2. The Passover in the New Testament