

Hello and welcome,

I pray that the Holy Spirit will anoint every word of this broadcast. Jesus open the spiritual eyes and ears and hearts of every listener to God's truth. In Jesus name. Amen.

I have been teaching on the reasons why Christians should observe the Passover and today I am explaining the Biblical and accurate way to calculate when this sacred appointed time of God occurs during the year so we will not be deceived by the traditions of men. I will also give scriptures to support a second chance to observe Passover, if you missed the first opportunity. Satan has used deception through the manipulations and changes to God's calendar to prevent us from observing the Passover on the proper day. This deception has caused the modern church to violate God's ordinances and miss out on the blessings and power of Passover. By not observing the Passover properly we have been bringing a curse upon ourselves and our family and our nation. So let's get started.

When does the Bible say Passover occurs. We will explore many scriptures. We will start with Exodus 13: 3-5.

Then Moses said to the people, "Commemorate this day, the day you came out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery, because the LORD brought you out of it with a mighty hand. Eat nothing containing yeast.

Today, in the month of Aviv, you are leaving.

When the LORD brings you into the land of he swore to your ancestors to give you, a land flowing with milk and honey—you are to observe this ceremony in this month:

The next scripture is in Leviticus 23: 1-5.

1 The LORD said to Moses,

2 Speak to the Israelites and say to them: 'These are my appointed festivals, the appointed festivals of the LORD, which you are to proclaim as sacred assemblies.

4 These are the LORD's appointed festivals, the sacred assemblies you are to proclaim at their appointed times:

5 The LORD's Passover begins at twilight on the fourteenth day of the first month

Now look at Numbers 9: 1-11. This scripture also explains the timing and reason for a second opportunity to observe the Passover.

1 The LORD spoke to Moses in the Desert of Sinai in the first month of the second year after they came out of Egypt. He said,

2 Have the Israelites celebrate the Passover at the appointed time.

3 Celebrate it at the appointed time, at twilight on the fourteenth day of this month, in accordance with all its rules and regulations.

4 So Moses told the Israelites to celebrate the Passover,

5 and they did so in the Desert of Sinai at twilight on the fourteenth day of the first month. The Israelites did everything just as the LORD commanded Moses.

6 But some of them could not celebrate the Passover on that day because they were ceremonially unclean on account of a dead body. So they came to Moses and Aaron that same day

7 and said to Moses, "We have become unclean because of a dead body, but why should we be kept from presenting the LORD's offering with the other Israelites at the appointed time?"

8 Moses answered them, "Wait until I find out what the LORD commands concerning you.

9 Then the LORD said to Moses,

10 Tell the Israelites: "When any of you or your descendants are unclean because of a dead body or are away on a journey, they are still to celebrate the LORD's Passover

11 but they are to do it on the fourteenth day of the second month at twilight.

The proper timing of the Passover is repeated in Numbers 28:16

16 On the fourteenth day of the first month the LORD's Passover is to be held

And Deuteronomy 16:1

1 Observe the month of Aviv and celebrate the Passover of the LORD your God, because in the month of Aviv he brought you out of Egypt by night.

Now you know what month and day of the month that scripture designates as the proper day to observe Passover. It is the first month of the Israelites which is called Aviv, A-V-I-V. Aviv is a Hebrew word that means "barley ripening", and the beginning of the spring season. The barley was said to be in the stage of ripening during the plague of hail prior to the first Passover. The first month of the year is called the month of Aviv in the first five books written by Moses in the Hebrew

Bible and in our Old Testament. The first month is also the beginning of the religious year and the beginning of months. It is also known as the Biblical lunar new year. Ancient Israelites had a calendar based on the cycle of the moon and not a solar calendar based on the sun. The Hebrew word for month means the new moon. So basically God was saying the first month begins on the first new moon in the spring month when barley will ripen. Many grains are planted in this region, but God specifies barley.

After the Babylonian exile the month is called Nisan. These names are used interchangeably, although Aviv often refers to the spring season, and Nisan is called the "first month of Aviv or spring. So in modern times Passover occurs on the fourteenth day of Nisan. The best way to calculate the accurate day for Passover is to know the month during the spring when the barley is most likely to be fully ripened by the middle of that month. The first visible new moon is the beginning of that month. Then you count fourteen days into that month and Passover starts at sunset of the fourteenth day. Since Israel was an agricultural society, God based the Biblical yearly calendar of feasts and appointed times on something all the people would easily understand. Also God counts a day from sunset to sunrise. According to Genesis 1:5 the evening and the morning were the first day.

So where did so much confusion and deception regarding the accurate day to observe Passover originate. Of course, the author of ALL confusion and deception is Satan. Satan knows the importance of keeping these Holy times and has sabotaged our ability to accurately account for the dates. Satan wants God's children to miss the provision, promises, blessings, and appointed times of worship. Satan has intentionally used different calendars, cultures, traditions, and calculations of these important feast days and sacred appointed times to cause us to be unable to obey God and prevents proper worship.

For example, there is the Jewish calendar, the Gregorian calendar, the Julian calendar, and numerous others. However, the original calendar of God is based on scriptures and observations in nature. Even the modern Jewish calendar is a combination of observing natural events and scientific calculations.

Of all calendars, the Biblical calendar is one of the easiest to understand and follow today in observing God's appointed feast days. It is logical and any rational person can easily comprehend its formation. It requires no complicated calculations or arbitrary rules. It is a calendar, which depends on both the moon, the sun, and the agricultural cycle. The rules come directly from the Bible and are simple to understand. God designed the Biblical calendar to be simple because He gave instruction to observe all His feast days at precise times, not holidays of our own making nor random traditions of men. It is also important to understand God's calendar so that we continue to observe the other feasts and appointed times correctly. From Passover, we can calculate the commanded time

for Pentecost, Feast of Tabernacles, and other important times of worship. God displayed His calendar in the sky.

Now let's look at a summary of how the ancient Israelites would have formed their Biblical calendar and calculated the timing of God's commanded Holy days and feast. A day would be considered to start and end at sunset. A week would start with day one and end on day seven. A new month starts with the first visible new moon. The first of the year starts in the month in which the barley will ripen by mid-month. God's way is simple. It takes man under the influence of satan to complicate things and bring confusion and error.

So how did Christianity start observing a holiday called Easter to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The earliest record of Easter being observed was in the second century. The word Easter is derived from the name of a pagan goddess of spring and fertility called Eostre. Why would Christians adopt a pagan name for one of our most sacred Christian events, the resurrection of Jesus. The next major controversy was fixing the date on which the resurrection would be observed. The Eastern and Western Christian leaders had two different views. In the East, the crucifixion was observed on the same day the Jews celebrated Passover and two days later the resurrection was observed regardless of which day of the week it occurred. However, in the West the resurrection of Jesus was celebrated on the first day of the week, a Sunday. So the first Sunday after the Passover became the day to celebrate Easter in the West. However, the Council of Nicaea, a group of Christian leaders, in 325 AD attempted to provide guidance of which we use today to determine the date Easter. They came up with these rules: a) Easter must be celebrated throughout the world on Sunday b) this Sunday must follow the fourteenth day of the paschal moon, What is the paschal full moon? The Paschal full moon is the first full moon after the spring equinox c) and that moon has to be accounted the paschal moon whose fourteenth day followed the spring equinox, d) and finally that some provision should be made to have a credible authority determine based on these above rules the date of Easter each year for the world. Church leaders, or men, continue to attempt to fix a date for Easter observance that all Christian churches can agree upon. But no formal agreement has been arrived at. Other observances such as Ash Wednesday, Lent, Good Friday, the Great Vigil, sunrise services, and other practices are not Biblical, but are also just traditions manufactured by man, not God. In addition, many customs associated with Easter have no Biblical connection to the resurrection, but are derived from folk customs and even pagan rituals. How did Christian leaders allow such a sacred event like the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus become so corrupted.

It is obvious that satan has worked for centuries to deceive the whole Christian church regarding God's appointed and sacred times and how and when they should be observed according to God's rules. Man should not just arbitrarily pick the days and times of God's appointed times of honor and worship. God is very

clear and it is a direct commandment, not a suggestion, to keep these appointed sacred times when and how God instructed. Easter and all the human rituals that surround the Easter holiday are destructive lies of Satan and a distraction from the truth of God's most holy days that we are required to observe to receive the very blessings that provide the resources to accomplish the divine assignment God has given each of us to perform.

I want to be very clear. If you attend church where they celebrate Easter or observe Lent or participate in many other rituals at this time of year, I see no problem with that. However, if you only observe Easter or only participate in other manmade traditions and do not observe the official appointed time of Passover on God's calendar, then that is a problem. You cannot substitute the holiday of Easter for Passover. Observe just Passover or observe both, but do not neglect to observe Passover because that would be in direct conflict with what God has commanded us to do. God requires the observance of Passover, but Easter is a manufactured holiday by man and named after a pagan god. Do not be deceived and miss out on the promises of God associated with Passover because those promises are vital to you accomplishing your divine assignment in the earth.

I just want to remind you that Passover begins on April 15, at sunset. If you are a Christian and you have not understood the significance of observing the Passover, I would encourage you to celebrate this appointed time of worship commanded and rewarded by God. Now is the time to begin making Passover a part of your families scheduled Holy days of worship.

I will to give more information on the Passover. I hope you will continue to listen and learn more about this important teaching.

Additional Passover Notes:

### **God's Calendar—simple and logical rules**

Start and end days at sunset (Genesis 1:5).

Start weeks at day one and end on day seven, the Sabbath (Leviticus 23:15-16).

Start months with the sighting of the new moon (Deuteronomy 16:1).

Start years in the month barley will be harvestable by the middle of that month (Leviticus 23:4-14).

These rules require you to observe God's creation – sighting a sunset or a new moon and looking at a barley crop. Psalm 33:8 says, "Let all the earth fear the Lord: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him." This is God's way to interpret the signs and the seasons and His appointed times. This was a method that earliest creation knew and understood. Man cannot change the seasons or the rising of the moon or when a sun sets or rises. God's method prevents man from changing His appointed, Holy times of worship and connecting with His creation. There is no better way to discern God's timing of events than to just observe the timekeeping sights in God's creation. Do not be deceived by man's manipulation and manmade traditions and calculations. You will miss the blessings and resources of God to help you complete your divine assignments.