

# Torah Studies – Statutes #232-233

## Statute Summary:

*Statute #232: Reverence Yahweh’s Sanctuary, or His consecrated Places*

*Statute #233: Keep Yahweh’s Sabbaths.*

**Leviticus 19:30** “Ye shall **keep** My **Sabbaths**, and **reverence** My **Sanctuary**: I Am the LORD.”

## Key Word Study:

Key Word	Strong’s Number	Hebrew Word	Meaning
KEEP	H8104	shâmar	to <i>hedge</i> about (as with thorns), that is, <i>guard</i> ; generally to <i>protect, attend to</i>
SABBATHS	H7676	shabbâth	<i>intermission</i> , that is, (specifically) the <i>Sabbath</i>
REVERENCE	H3372	yârê’	morally to <i>revere</i> ; causatively to <i>frighten</i>
SANCTUARY	H4720	miqdâsh	a <i>consecrated</i> thing or place, especially a <i>palace, sanctuary</i>

## Synthesis:

See also Leviticus 19:3 and 26:2. The first part of this Statute set involves reverence for *Yahweh’s* Holy Sanctuary, or that which is consecrated (set apart for holy use). Scripture defines what it means to “reverence” His Sanctuary, not only from the word definition, but also from the other Scriptures using this term. Here are a few details about reverence, found in the cross references:

### How to Reverence:

- **Be Aware of the holy Presence of *Yahweh*** - Leviticus 10:3 – reverence involves awareness of being “nigh” to *Yahweh*. That which is near – or in His holy Presence – is to be sanctified.
- **Be Cleansed from all Uncleaness** - Leviticus 15:31 & Ecclesiastes 5:1 – reverence for *Yahweh* involves preparation prior to coming into His Presence for worship. We prepare through repentance for and cleansing from our sins, because sin cannot be in *Yahweh’s* holy Presence.

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## How to Reverence (continued):

- **Worship Yahweh on the Days and in the Ways that He Requires** – Leviticus 16:2 – Cain insisted on worshipping *Yahweh* the way he chose, bringing first fruits instead of a lamb. Cain expected his chosen mode of worship to be accepted by *Yahweh*, but it was not. Like Abel, when we are instructed of how to worship, reverence involves obedience to *Yahweh's* Instruction.
- **Reverence involves having a holy fear of *Yahweh*** – Genesis 28:16-17 & Psalm 89:7 – Reverence involves an understanding that a Place in which we worship-encounter *Yahweh* is not common-but sacred.
- **Idols and Idolatry have no place in *Yahweh's* Sanctuary** – 2 Chronicles 33:7 – Reverence involves understanding that *Yahweh's* Name and Blessing are upon His set-apart Places of worship. Such Places are holy ground. Idols and idolatry are to have no place.
- ***Yahweh's* Sanctuary is a House of Prayer** – Matthew 21:13 & John 2:15-16 – Reverence involves understanding that *Yahweh's* Sanctuary is a Place to be used for prayer and worship. It is not to be abused nor turned into a place of merchandise.

## Additionally, worship of *Yahweh* involves keeping His holy Sabbaths. Keeping the Sabbath, according to Scripture, involves the following:

- Keep the full 24-hours of the Sabbath holy, which are from Friday evening sunset to sunset on Sabbath evening.
  - Genesis 1:5 (*a day begins at evening*); Genesis 2:1-3; Leviticus 23:32
- Clean your home, yourself and your clothes, cook ahead, and have all of your work done before the Sabbath begins.
  - Exodus 16:23; Exodus 19:14-15; Exodus 20:8-11
- During the Sabbath hours, avoid activities and conversation topics which are not sacred. Instead, focusing on delighting in *Yahweh* (Here are a few ways to delight in *Yahweh*: honor Him as Creator through enjoying nature, bring ministry/cheer/comfort/healing to someone in need, read Scripture, study *Yahweh's* Word, pray, rest from worldly activities, enjoy sacred music – these are all activities which we see *Yahshua* doing on the Sabbath).
  - Isaiah 58:13; Mark 3:1-5
- Do not engage in earning or spending money on the Sabbath, nor going anywhere which costs money – as this involves paying someone else to work on the Sabbath. Do not have anyone else work for you on the Sabbath.
  - Exodus 20:8-11; Exodus 31:14-17; Nehemiah 10:31; Nehemiah 13:19
- Gather for a time of corporate worship on the Sabbath with fellow believers.
  - Hebrews 10:25; Luke 4:16

## Torah Studies – Statutes #234-235

### Statute Summary:

*Statute #234: Because only holy people can keep the Sabbath holy, Yahweh wants His Children to make double sure of their cleansing on the Sabbath. For this reason, twice the Lambs were to be sacrificed on the Sabbath (representing Yahshua’s Sacrifice for our sins). Thus on Sabbath, the spiritual equivalent to a double Lamb sacrifice is to be claimed over each believer’s life.*

*Statute #235: Yahweh’s people are to offer double meat (flour) and drink offerings on Sabbath also (representing our acceptable living sacrifice – Romans 12:1 – which is our thanks for Yahshua’s Sacrifice). In other words, Sabbaths are days for us to render double the grateful praise!*

**Numbers 28:9-10** “And on the Sabbath day **two** lambs of the first year **without spot**, and two tenth deals of flour for a **meat offering**, mingled with **oil**, and the **drink offering** thereof: This is the burnt offering of every Sabbath, beside the continual burnt offering, and his drink offering.”

### Key Word Study:

Key Word	Strong’s Number	Hebrew Word	Meaning
TWO	H8147	sh <sup>e</sup> nayim	<i>Twofold, double, two, twice</i>
WITHOUT SPOT	H8549	tâmîym	<i>Entire, integrity, truth, without blemish, complete, full, perfect, whole, without spot...</i>
MEAT OFFERING	H4503	minchâh	<i>a donation; tribute; sacrificial offering (bloodless and voluntary): gift, oblation, present, sacrifice</i>
OIL	H8081	shemen	<i>liquid (as from the olive, often perfumed); figuratively richness: anointing</i>
DRINK OFFERING	H5262	nesek	<i>a libation... cover, drink offering... to pour out to anoint a king, cover, melt, set up</i>

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## Synthesis:

In Acts 7, we read about the last sermon of Stephen and his martyrdom. Then, in Job 19, we read of Job's living martyrdom. Both Job and Stephen had one thing in common: they were fully submitted to God, as acceptable living sacrifices. As Christians, we often speak of Christ and His Sacrifice. But we do not often speak of us in terms of also being a sacrifice. Yet Paul wrote that we are to present ourselves as such:

Romans 12:1 "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."



But what sort of sacrifice are we called to be? After all, Christ's sacrifice - and His alone - can atone for sin. What is left for us? In the Sanctuary service, every morning and evening a lamb was offered. The lamb represented Christ, Whose Blood is shed for the remission of our sins. Immediately following the offering of the lamb, there were meal and drink offerings presented. These were the oblations, which were thank offerings, presented in response to the offering of the lamb.

We are the oblation offerings. And our motivation to present ourselves to God, as such, is the great sacrifice He has made on our behalf.

The Irish people can remember well the terrible potato famine that wiped out a million people around 150 years ago. Many hundreds of thousands left Ireland for the New World, or Australia and New Zealand searching for a new life.

One of these was a penniless boy who hid as a stowaway on an immigrant ship bound for America. In the mid-Atlantic the ship hit an iceberg and began to sink, but there was enough time to get everybody into life-boats. Deep down in the bowels of the ship the boy wondered why the ship had stopped and as he emerged from his hiding place there was no-one around. He came up on deck just as the captain was about to step into the last seat of the last life-boat. In the highest tradition of the sea, the captain stepped back and put the boy in his place, and as the life-boat was pushed off, he said to the lad: 'Never forget what has been done for you'.

As the life-boat pulled away, the lad could see the captain standing on the deck, and that vision never left him. He became a successful businessman in the New World, and when people asked him about the secret of his achievement, he always told the story of the captain giving his life for him and how he was urged to never forget what had been done for him. He told them that he wanted to live his life in such a way, that it would be "worthy of such a price."

To lay down one's life for another is the supreme sacrifice yet there have been many times during wars or disasters when that sacrifice has been made. It is a sacrifice that is almost impossible to comprehend in the natural and we may have asked ourselves when reading of such heroism, 'could I do that'? Another question may also arise, 'how could I ever repay such a sacrifice'? The answer must be that

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repayment would be impossible. But we would surely have a responsibility to take full advantage of such a sacrifice, as did our stowaway on the sinking ship.

He went on to success but never forgot the price that was paid by another. How wrong it would be to forget that sacrifice or to cheapen it by failing to grasp the new opportunity or the new life it provided. A sacrifice of such a magnitude requires that the recipient live in such a way to demonstrate thankfulness for it.

Yahshua gave His Life for us on the Cross of Calvary. His Sacrifice is of a much greater magnitude than that of the ship captain who died so that the stowaway might live. Let us never forget that sacrifice and let us not cheapen it by failing to walk in the footsteps of Messiah or by falling short of the new life presented to us.

Think of it... Take a moment to think of all that Yahshua is to each of us. Hasn't Yahshua done enough to warrant our thankfulness? Isn't there enough for us to be motivated to live thankful, in light of all He is to us and for all that He has done?

Every morning and evening, in the Sanctuary, a lamb was offered. This lamb represented Christ of course. Immediately after the lamb was offered for the daily sacrifice, an oblation response was given. The oblation is the thank offering which is given as a response to the offering of the lamb. The oblation represents us. We are the sacrifice of the oblation. In the oblation offering, first a meal offering was presented and then a drink offering. On the Sabbath, this daily oblation offering was doubled.

The meal offering represents us living for the glory of God. The drink offering represents us pouring ourselves out for God so completely that we are willing to die for His cause, if He asks us to do so. When Paul was about to be martyred, he knew he was going to die. So, he told his fellow Christians that he was about to be poured out like a drink offering.

Let's look at the meal and drink offerings and see what spiritual lessons we can find, showing us how God wants us to offer ourselves, by His Grace, as acceptable living sacrifices.

### **The Meal Offering (Leviticus 2:1-16; 6:14-23)**

–The Meal Offering was made from fine flour mingled with oil, plus salt and frankincense.

### **The Drink Offering (Genesis 35:14; Exodus 29:40-41; Numbers 28:7-10)**

–The Drink Offering was poured out

Leviticus 2:1-3 "And when any will offer a meat offering unto Yahweh, his offering shall be of fine flour; and he shall pour oil upon it, and put frankincense thereon: And he shall bring it to Aaron's sons the priests: and he shall take thereout his handful of the flour thereof, and of the oil thereof, with all the frankincense thereof; and the priest shall burn the memorial of it upon the altar, [to be] an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto Yahweh: And the remnant of the meat offering shall be Aaron's and his sons': it is a thing most holy of the offerings of Yahweh made by fire."

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**The Meal Offering** (also known as the meat offering, although there was no flesh in it):

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Leviticus 2:13 “And every oblation of thy meat offering shalt thou season with salt; neither shalt thou suffer the salt of the covenant of thy God to be lacking from thy meat offering: with all thine offerings thou shalt offer salt.”

Unleavened, Fine Flour

- In 1 Corinthians 5:6-7, we read: “...Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump? Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump...”
- The lump of dough is made of fine flour. Leaven is the agent which raises the dough. Seeing the at the leaven of righteousness or sin leavens the flour, we can quickly identify the flour. The fine flour of the meal offering represents our lives, cleanses and made white in the blood of the Lamb.

Olive Oil

- Olive oil represents the Presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives. The oil also represents our anointing and calling, which each of us have, in Christ
  - 1 Samuel 16:13 “Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the spirit of Yahweh came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah.”

Frankincense

- Frankincense represents faith, without which it is impossible to please Yahweh - Hebrews 11:6. Frankincense was known in Bible times to be an appropriate gift to give to God. This demonstrated an awareness that the true worship of God always required faith.
- The word “frankincense” is from the Hebrew word lebonah with the root libbah. These words mean: “white heart.” To be an acceptable living sacrifice, we need a clean heart, as it says in Ps. 51:10.

Salt

- Salt is a symbol of a godly witness.
  - Matthew 5:13 “Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. “

**The Drink Offering** - Because the Drink Offering is 'poured out' upon the existing offering, there is a thought of 'wasting' or 'being wasted' (compare Matthew 26:8). But this is a “human” misunderstanding. For as Mary showed when she poured out the expensive perfume from the alabaster bottle, the offering of such an expensive gift lavishly bestowed in worship of the Saviour is far from wasted. It is an offering of love demonstrating our willingness to give of ourselves completely to the Saviour – in thankful response for His salvation.

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In Genesis 35:14, Jacob pours out a drink offering to signify he is giving his life back to God, consecrating himself for the house of God, 'Beth-El'.

In Exodus 29:43-45, Aaron and his sons have just been consecrated, giving their lives for the Tabernacle service, so that God may have a dwelling place. For this to be valid, there is need, morning and evening, of daily offerings, including a lamb for a Burnt Offering, a Meal Offering and a Drink Offering. Twice daily, there is renewed consecration in the Tabernacle by the priests. This is a picture for us in our faith in Yahshua Christ.

Martyrdom is the ultimate drink offering. Both Job and Stephen lived as oblation offerings. They were fully submitted to Yahweh, all the way to the point of death. In Job's case, Yahweh didn't take him all the way to death, but Job was submitted enough to God to have gone that full distance. This is what it means to be a living sacrifice.

The apostle Paul spoke of himself being "poured out as a drink offering" on the sacrifice and priestly service of the faith of the saints in Philippi (Philippians 2:17), as he contemplated the possibility of soon having his life ended on account of the gospel.

Thus, our drink offering is a life so submitted and surrendered to Yahweh that doing His will is our greatest joy. We offer ourselves completely holding nothing back, even our very lives.

The offering of the lamb was so powerful, so priceless, so impactful, that the only appropriate response to such an expensive Gift, was a fully and completely surrendered life – evermore living in thankfulness to God. This is why the oblations were offered in response to the offering of the lamb every day in the Sanctuary service.

When we can clearly SEE the Lamb and the significance of this offering and what it means in our lives , we will find the motivation for becoming the meal and drink offering in response.

So, what about you? Are you thankful for all that your Saviour has done for you? Are you willing to live as an acceptable living sacrifice. This is what it means to be a meal offering. Will you be so surrendered to God that you will submit to Him in everything - even if it costs you your life? This is what it means to be a drink offering.

Following the examples of Job and Stephen, may we each one present ourselves today as acceptable living sacrifices unto Yahweh. For truly, this is our reasonable service – and it is to be doubly so on the Sabbath.

## Torah Studies – Statutes #236-240

### Statute Summary:

*Statute #236: We are to work for the first six days of the week. All of our regular labor, business, and chores are to be done in this time.*

*Statute #237: On the Seventh Day, Sabbath, we are to rest and be refreshed.*

*Statute #238: Our animals, including farm animals are to rest and not work on the Sabbath.*

*Statute #239: Our employees and their families (who are in our household) are to rest and refrain from work on the Sabbath.*

*Statute #240: We are responsible to require everyone in our household to rest and refrain from work upon the Sabbath, including the guests who do not normally keep the Sabbath holy.*

**Exodus 23:12** “Six days thou shalt do thy **work**, and on the seventh day thou shalt **rest**: that thine ox and thine ass may **rest**, and the son of thy handmaid, and the stranger, may be **refreshed**.”

### Key Word Study:

Key Word	Strong's Number	Hebrew Word	Meaning
WORK	H4639	ma'āšeh	a transaction; activity; a product, bakemeat, business, labour, thing made, occupation
REST	H7673	shâbath	to repose, that is, desist from exertion, cease, celebrate, keep Sabbath, leave, put away (down)
REST	H5117	nûach	to rest, that is, settle down lay, let down, (be) quiet, remain, cause to rest
REFRESHED	H5314	nâphash	to breathe; passively, to be breathed upon, refreshed (as if by a current of air)

### Synthesis:

Yahweh has provided the first days of the week for work. We and our entire households are to use these days for our work. But the Seventh-day is the Sabbath – a day for which we – and all who are in house, or employ, are to rest and refrain from work.



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According to Scripture, we are to avoid traveling on Sabbath – even when the travel is due to fleeing for one’s life (Matthew 24:20; Mark 13:18). While it is true that no work is to be done on the Sabbath, there are exceptions, which must be noted.

The following are the exceptions:

- 1. Labor for the worship/service and corporate worship times may be done on the Sabbath day.**  
**Matthew 12:5** “Or have ye not read in the Law, how that on the Sabbath days the priests in the Temple profane the Sabbath, and are blameless?”
  - Priests worked in the Sanctuary, in fact there were twice the number of offerings done on the Sabbath compared to an ordinary day. This means that the priests, who served in the Sabbath-Temple worship actually had more work to do on the Sabbath, than on a normal day.
  - The bread could only be eaten by Aaron and his sons in a holy place and was set out every Sabbath day (Leviticus 24:8–9).
  - Also, although kindling a fire was not normally allowed on Sabbath, the priests were to keep the Altar of Burnt Sacrifice burning (Leviticus 6:12-13)
  - Thus, we see that the Worship-Service Work was to be done on the Sabbath – meaning the work involved directly in the worship service of Yahweh.
- 2. Emergency work may be done.**  
**Luke 14:5** “And (Yahshua) answered them, saying, Which of you shall have an ass (which some versions translate as child or son) or an ox fallen into a pit, and will not straightway pull him out on the Sabbath Day?”
- 3. The most basic of chores necessary for good animal care may be done on Sabbath (food and water, but not the groomers, etc), as needed. And ministry for the healing and deliverance of humans may also be done on the Sabbath.**  
**Luke 13:15-16** “The (Master) then answered him, and said, *Thou* hypocrite, doth not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or *his* ass from the stall, and lead *him* away to watering? And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath Day?”

## Torah Studies – Statutes #241-242

### Statute Summary:

*Statute #241: Bake, cook, and/or boil all of the food needed for Sabbath ahead of time. Friday is the special “preparation day” of the Sabbath, for this reason.*

*Statute #242: No cooking or baking is to be done on the Seventh-day Sabbath.*

**Exodus 16:23** “And he said unto them, This is that which Yahweh hath said, To morrow is the **rest** of the **holy Sabbath** unto Yahweh: **bake** that which ye will bake to day, and **seethe** that ye will seethe; and that which remaineth over lay up for you to be kept until the morning.”

### Key Word Study:

Key Word	Strong's Number	Hebrew Word	Meaning
REST	H7677	shabbâthôn	a <i>sabbatism</i> or special holiday: - rest, sabbath
HOLY	H6944	qôdesh	a <i>sacred</i> place or thing, consecrated (thing), hallowed (thing), holiness, most holy day
SABBATH	H7676	shabbâth	<i>intermission</i> , that is, (specifically) the <i>Sabbath</i> : - (+ every) Sabbath
BAKE	H644	'âphâh	to <i>cook</i> , especially to <i>bake</i> : baker, bake meats
SEETHE	H1310	bâshal	to <i>boil up</i> ; <i>be done</i> in cooking; to <i>ripen</i> : - bake, boil, bring forth, is ripe, roast, seethe, be sodden

### Synthesis:

Part of keeping the Sabbath holy is preparing for the Sabbath ahead. On the day before the Sabbath, that is from Thursday evening through Friday evening, we are to make everything ready for the Sabbath. This includes cooking what needs to be cooked so it won't have to be done on Sabbath.

Warming already cooked food on the Sabbath would not have been done in Bible times. This is because such warming required people to “kindle a fire”, which involves work. But it isn't “work” by this definition, to put an already pre-cooked casserole in the oven for warming to have hot food for Sabbath lunch. We need to seek the intent, not the literal letter of the Law – for many times, literally keeping it to the letter misses the intent altogether. The intent in the cooking prohibition is to prevent work. If food can be reheated without work, it doesn't break the Sabbath to do so.

## Torah Studies – Statutes #243-244

### Statute Summary:

*Statute #243: Yahweh commands us to keep the New Moons*

*Statutes #244: Yahweh has called us to offer specific sacrifices on the New Moons. These sacrifices each point to specific aspects of Yahshua’s Atoning Gift. The point in commanding us to keep the New Moons with such offerings is that Yahweh wants us to specifically claim the Gift of Yahshua over our homes, family and lives, recognizing His Sacrificial Work in these specific roles.*

**Numbers 28:11-15** “And in the beginnings of your **months** ye shall offer a burnt offering unto Yahweh; two young *bullocks*, and one *ram*, seven *lambs* of the first year without spot; And three tenth deals of flour for a meat offering, mingled with oil, for one bullock; and two tenth deals of flour for a meat offering, mingled with oil, for one ram; And a several tenth deal of flour mingled with oil for a meat offering unto one lamb; for a burnt offering of a **sweet savour, a sacrifice made by fire** unto Yahweh. And their drink offerings shall be half an hin of wine unto a bullock, and the third part of an hin unto a ram, and a fourth part of an hin unto a lamb: this is the **burnt offering** of every month throughout the months of the year. And one kid of the goats for a sin offering unto Yahweh **shall be offered, beside** the continual burnt offering, and his drink offering.”

### Key Word Study:

Key Word	Strong’s Number	Hebrew Word	Meaning
MONTHS	H2320	chôdesh	the <i>new</i> moon; by implication a <i>month</i> : to be new, rebuild, renew, repair
SWEET SAVOUR	H5207 / H7381	nÿychôach / rêyach	<i>restful, pleasant; delight / odor</i> (as if blown): - savour, scent, smell (make of quick understanding)
SACRIFICE ...BY FIRE	H801	'ishshâh	a <i>burnt offering</i> ; any <i>sacrifice</i> : (offering, sacrifice), (made) by fire.

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Key Word	Strong's Number	Hebrew Word	Meaning
BURNT OFFERING	H5930	ʿôlâh	as <i>ascending</i> , usually a <i>holocaust</i> (as <i>going up</i> in smoke): - ascent, burnt offering (sacrifice), go up
SHALL BE OFFERED	H6213	ʿâsâh	to <i>do</i> or <i>make</i> , have the charge of, deck, to do or make a feast, hold a feast, observe, be occupied
BESIDE	H5921	ʿal	<i>above, over, upon, or against, beside</i>

### Further Study and Cross References:

In keeping the New Moons, we no longer literally offer these animals, because they all pointed to Yahshua's Death. But we can spiritually claim the Sacrifice of Yahshua in these Roles, which is a part of refreshing our commitment to Yahweh, which are to do as a renewing at the start of each month.

- We are to keep the New Moon by claiming and acknowledging Yahshua's Blood as the most expensive Gift Heaven (bullock) had to offer. As we think of the high cost of our sins, sin become less attractive in our eyes. Also the bullock represents Yah providing Himself – the mighty Aleph of Heaven – in payment for our sins. Understanding this causes sin to lose its hold over us. The Power of God for deliverance is greater than any stronghold of sin – Power in the Blood!
- We are to keep the New Moon by claiming and acknowledging Yahshua's Role as our Leader and Protector (Ram). As we think of the Saviour's Role as our Leader, we study His Example and choose to follow Him more closely.
- We are to keep the New Moon by claiming and acknowledging Yahshua's Blood as the Innocent and Pure One (lamb). As we think of this, we are able to claim Yahshua's Atonement for our sins and be made pure and innocent through Him.
- We are to keep the New Moon by claiming and acknowledging Yahshua's Sacrifice as our Substitute. The devil is compared to a goat, this is why a scapegoat was used to symbolize him. Yahshua had to die for the devil's traits in us. As we think of this, we are able to repent for having "seeds" of darkness in our souls and be made clean of it. As with the daily and Sabbath offerings, we are to not only claim Yahshua's Sacrifice, we are also to be the living oblation, returning our gratitude for the tremendous Gift of Salvation.

Thus, keeping the New Moons involves an informed, cleansing prayer and praise-worship time.

There are other details involved in keeping New Moons, which should also be noted:

- Families gathered for a special meal and time of re-connecting at the New Moon – 1 Samuel 20:5
- New moons, like Sabbaths are special days for prayer and worship. As a result, the Temple was commanded to be open on the New Moons, as on the Sabbaths – Ezekiel 46:1

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- **2 Kings 4:17-23** “And the woman conceived, and bare a son at that season that Elisha had said unto her, according to the time of life. And when the child was grown, it fell on a day, that he went out to his father to the reapers. And he said unto his father, My head, my head. And he said to a lad, Carry him to his mother. And when he had taken him, and brought him to his mother, he sat on her knees till noon, and then died. And she went up, and laid him on the bed of the man of God, and shut the door upon him, and went out. And she called unto her husband, and said, Send me, I pray thee, one of the young men, and one of the asses, that I may run to the man of God, and come again. And he said, Wherefore wilt thou go to him to day? **It is neither new moon, nor Sabbath. And she said, It shall be well.**”

- New Moons and Sabbaths are special days for Yahweh to meet with His people – Numbers 1:1
- New Moons and Sabbaths will be kept in sinless Eternity – Isaiah 66:22-23

### Are all New Moon Days also Sabbaths? No

- The Sabbaths of Yahweh are listed in: Leviticus 23:1-44 and Deuteronomy 16:1-18
- These are listed carefully, and only *one* new moon is designated as being distinguished from the other new moons as a day of resting from labor – a Sabbath
- No indication is given that any other new moon is *chodesh*, or set-apart as a day of rest in any way.
- Further, there is no hint that the weekly Sabbath is related in any way to the moon phases.
- If Father Yahweh wanted us to know that every new moon was a Sabbath, all He had to do was say so.
- By the act of telling us that the 7th new moon *was* a Sabbath, He told us by deduction that the other new moons were *not* days of rest, and therefore He distinguished the 7th new moon for us.
- The only new moon that we are told is a day of rest from regular work is the 1st day of the 7th moon, which is the Feast of Trumpets.
  - Numbers 29:1
- Also, God’s people did work on New Moon days, according to Scripture, which would have been wrong, if New Moons were Sabbaths:
  - In **Genesis 8:13**, Noah removed the covering of the ark he spent 100 years building. It was the new moon.
  - In **Numbers 1:1**, on the 1st day of the 2nd month, a census was taken of all Israel.
  - In **Ezra 7:9** this prophet was traveling on two new moons.
- Yahweh commanded for some sacred construction projects to begin on New Moons, which He did not do for Sabbaths:
  - “And Yahweh spake unto Moses, saying, **On the first day of the first month shalt thou set up the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation.** ... Thus did Moses: according to all that Yahweh commanded him, so did he. And it came to pass in the first month in the second year, on the first day of the month, that the tabernacle was reared up.” (Exodus 40:1,2,16,17 -- read all of Exodus 40:1-33 to see how much labor was done this New Moon Day)
  - See also Haggai 1:1,2,8,12
- There is no prohibition against work being done on New Moons, but there is a suggestion that buying and selling should not be done on New Moon days:

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- **Amos 8:1-6** “...Hear this, O ye that swallow up the needy, even to make the poor of the land to fail, Saying, ‘When will the new moon be gone, that we may sell corn? And the Sabbath, that we may set forth wheat,’ making the *ephah* small, and the shekel great, and falsifying the balances by deceit? That we may buy the poor for silver, and the needy for a pair of shoes; yea, and sell the refuse of the wheat?”

Some Christians believe that keeping the New Moons is a slap in Yahweh’s Face. They say that the Bible teaches that God *hates* it when His people keep the New Moon. Many truly believe this is what the Bible teaches. But as we have seen in Isaiah, the New Moons will be kept in the New Earth. Certainly Yahweh can’t hate it when His people keep the New Moon and still have them do it in the sinless future!

So where do people get the idea that God hates New Moon keeping? This belief comes from misunderstanding Isaiah 1:8-18 and Hosea 2:1-11. In these chapters, Yahweh says that He Hates the New Moon keeping... but there is a reason given. *Yahweh* doesn’t hate it when His holy people keep His holy appointments. But, when idolatrous people mix the sacred with the profane and then “keep” His days and feel good about having gone through the motions, He finds their worship revolting. So it the profane keeping of New Moons that *Yahweh* hates – not keeping New Moons.

### **New Moon Study Conclusion:**

- New Moons are the beginning of the Biblical Month.
- New Moons are the monthly time for reconnecting with Yahweh and family.
- New Moons are special days for prayer and worship, in fact, *Yahweh* answers prayer requests especially on both New Moons and Sabbaths. It has been said that *Yah* does not let the sun go down on the New Moon or the Sabbath before He answers the prayers that ascend before His Throne on these days.
- Work may be done on New Moon days, because they are not Sabbaths.
- The only New Moon which is also a Sabbath, is the Feast of Trumpets, according to Leviticus 23:23-25.
- In the time of Amos, there was no buying and selling on New Moon days – thus there is a good suggestion here that one shouldn’t buy or sell on them now.
- New Moons are set apart days where we are called to spend prayerful consideration of Heaven’s Sacrifice and what our Salvation cost.
- New Moons are still to be kept by God’s people today, and will be kept by the saints into sinless Eternity.
- As we saw in our Study of Exodus 12:2 (Statutes 215-216), the first New Moon of the year (which is also the true New Year’s Day) is *Abib* Day 1, which is the first New Moon following *Tekufah Nisan* (Vernal Equinox).

# Torah Studies – Statutes #245-246

## Statute Summary:

*Statute #245: The Fourteenth Day of the first month (counting from the first New Moon Day of the year, Abib 1) is the Day of Passover. Thus, Passover is Abib 14.*

*Statute #246: The Passover Seder is kept on the Day of Passover, in the evening.*

**Leviticus 23:5** “In the fourteenth *day* of the first **month** at **even** is the LORD'S **Passover**.”

## Key Word Study:

Key Word	Strong's Number	Hebrew Word	Meaning
MONTH	H2320	chôdesh	the <i>new</i> moon; by implication a <i>month</i> : to be new, rebuild, renew, repair
EVEN	H6153	ereb	dusk (from the root word meaning “at sundown”)
PASSOVER	H6453	pesach	a pretermission, that is, exemption (from the root meaning “to pass over” or “hop”)

## Why We Need the Passover Exemption:

A very interesting term appears in Leviticus 23 in reference to the Sabbaths and holy Days of *Yahweh*. These holy days are proclaimed to be “holy convocations.” The fact that they are all “holy convocations” is made clear at the beginning of this chapter:

*Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, Concerning the Feasts of Yahweh, which ye shall proclaim to be **holy convocations**, even these are My Feasts (Leviticus 23:2).*

There is a great deal of meaning in the word “convocations.” In the Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance, we find that the original Hebrew word, from which “convocations” is translated, is *miqra* (mik-raw) (#4744). *Miqra* means: “a public meeting, an assembly, and a rehearsal.” Hence, we find that the holy days are not just times to come apart from our daily labor, meeting together with like-minded brethren. These days are also given as rehearsals!

In the verb form, to rehearse something is to “repeat the words of another, or of a written work” (Noah Webster’s 1828 Dictionary). However, in the noun form, a rehearsal is a practice session prior to the actual event. Used in a sentence, it might appear this way: “We will hold five rehearsals of the play prior to the performance.”

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A rehearsal (in the noun form) without a performance has no purpose. Its whole function is to prepare the participants for a coming event. So it is with the holy Days, listed in Leviticus 23. As such, the holy days must point to and prepare us for a final event. By keeping the holy days, the participants are prepared for the final event, which the rehearsal foreshadowed.

The Feast of Passover is about being “passed over” or skipped, exempted from the Judgments of Yahweh. In the same way that the Children of Israel were Passed over, or exempted from the plagues of Egypt through the protective covering of the lamb’s blood, so we will be exempted from the final plagues through being covered in Yahshua’s Blood:

The antitypical connection between the Egyptian plagues and judgments of the seven trumpets is unmistakably drawn through their similarities, as shown in the following table:

Egyptian Plagues	Trumpet Plagues
Water turned to blood - Exodus 7:14-21	Water turned to blood - Revelation 8:10-11
Hail falls with fire - Exodus 9:13-35	Hail falls with fire - Revelation 8:7
Boils afflict the Egyptians – Exodus 9:10-11	Grievous sores afflict the wicked - Revelation 8:7
The sun is darkened - Exodus 10:21-29	The sun is darkened - Revelation 8:12-13
Massive devastation results	Massive devastation results

To free the Israelites from slavery in ancient Egypt, *Elohim* brought ten terrible plagues upon the Egyptians. In the ninth chapter of Exodus, the reason for these plagues is given. *Elohim* tells Pharaoh that He will be sending the plagues to prove that there is no other deity. *Yahweh*, alone is God!

*“I will at this time send all My plagues upon thy heart (Pharaoh), and upon thy servants, and upon thy people; **that thou mayest know that there is none like Me in all the earth...** And in very deed for this cause have I raised thee up, for to show in thee My power” (Exodus 9:14-16).*



Each of the plagues against the Egyptians was a direct hit upon the false gods of Egypt. As we examine them one-by-one we will find that indeed *Elohim* was demonstrating the powerlessness of this false religious system, while unarguably showing that He is the one true Deity.

For those in Israel who loved and worshipped *Yahweh*, Heaven made a distinction – Passing over them – exempting them from these plagues. *Yahweh’s* purpose in the Plagues is to topple idolatry and expose the false belief systems for what they really are. The Plagues also serve to powerfully convey the Message that *Yahweh* alone is God. Thus, *Yahweh* is preaching in the Plagues, both in ancient Egypt, and in the End of the world. Only those who do not love and worship *Yahweh* need fear the Plagues.



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For those who already love Yahweh and worship Him have the Promise of being “passed over” – exempted from the Plagues.

## Water to Blood – Sobek and Khnum are revealed to be False Gods



In ancient Egypt, **Sobek**, a crocodile-headed “deity,” was hailed as the god of the Nile. Egyptians believed that the “lifegiving,” The Nile River had been made by his sweat. Then, they taught that from the mud of the Nile’s banks, **Khnum**, the potter god, had formed his children. In ancient Egypt, these two false deities were viewed as the gods of creation.

When the first plague fell upon Egypt, the water of the Nile River and all the water in Egypt was turned to blood. (See Exodus 7:14-21.) No longer were the Egyptian gods, **Sobek** and **Khnum**, seen as powerful. Their lack of ability to create and sustain life was blatantly apparent.

**Final Plagues:** Water is worshipped by modern pagans as being the “source of life”. Evolution teaches that life on earth began with a “plop in the mud... in the waters”... Since the claim is that life began in water, water is wrongly being viewed as having Creator-god-like powers. Like the Egyptians of old, Evolution-believing people have made water a god. To prove this “god” false, *Yahweh* will plague the water:

- **Second plague:** When this bowl is poured out, the sea will become blood and cause all life in it to die (Revelation 16:3). The death of saltwater marine life will destroy a major food source for millions of people.
- **Third plague:** After the third angel pours out its bowl, the rivers and springs of water will become blood (Revelation 16:4). This plague will destroy freshwater fish—even further impacting the food supply for millions of people.

## Plague of Frogs – Heqt is revealed to be a False God



The second plague brought an infestation of frogs. (See Exodus 8:1-6.) This plague revealed the powerlessness of the Egyptian frog-headed god, **Heqt**. **Heqt** was the false god which the Egyptians looked to for a “blessed” life on earth and resurrection into the after-life. Now, not only had their creator tumbled, but also **Heqt**, the one who insured immortality in the after-life, was proven false. Creation and the gift of immortality were shown to be powers that *Yahweh* alone possessed.

**Final Plagues:** In the final plagues, mentioned in Revelation and in Leviticus 26, wicked people will be afflicted with “the burning ague”, which is also open painful sores. This plague shows that blessing in life now and hereafter is only from *Yahweh*.

**John 11:25** “*Yahshua* said unto her, I Am the Resurrection, and the Life: he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live.”

- **First plague:** The contents of the first bowl will cause painful sores upon those “who had the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image” (Revelation 16:2). It appears these painful, open sores will be caused by some sort of skin disease or infection.

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### Plagues of Insects – Khepri is revealed to be a False God

The next two plagues involved insects. In the third plague came the misery of blood-sucking lice (see Exodus 8:16-19). On the heels of the lice came biting flies (see Exodus 8:20-32). The falseness of worshipping **Khepri** was revealed to Egypt through the ineptitude of this insect god. Previously thought to possess the power of regeneration and hope, **Khepri** was notably silent as his “subservient” insect world over-ran Egypt.



Like the final plagues, in Egypt Yahweh performed an “exemption” – a Pass – over – for His people, bringing the plagues upon the idolators only:

**Exodus 8:21-23** “...If thou wilt not let My people go, behold, I will send swarms of flies upon thee, and upon thy servants, and upon thy people, and into thy houses: and the houses of the Egyptians shall be full of swarms of flies, and also the ground whereon they are. **And I will sever in that day the land of Goshen, in which My people dwell, that no swarms of flies shall be there;** to the end thou mayest know that I Am Yahweh in the midst of the earth. And **I will put a division between My people and thy people:** tomorrow shall this sign be.”

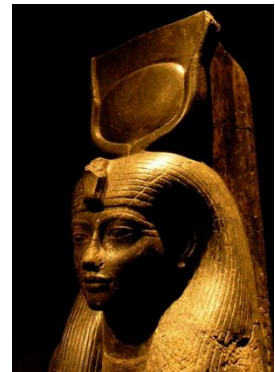
**Final Plagues:** In the final plagues, mentioned in Leviticus 26, Yahweh will send “wild beasts” upon the idolators. This includes creatures large and small. Insects are included in this scourge of the beasts, in the Last Days, which strip the land of food and plague animals and people alike.

**Leviticus 26:22-24** “I will also send wild beasts among you, which shall rob you of your children, and destroy your cattle, and make you few in number; and your high ways shall be desolate. And if ye will not be reformed by Me by these things, but will walk contrary unto me; Then will I also walk contrary unto you, and will punish you yet seven times for your sins.”

### Plagues of Murrain on Cattle – Apis and Hathor are revealed to be False Gods



One of *Yahweh's* symbols is the Bull, shown in the constellation **Re'eym** (now called Taurus). The Bull was associated with the Hebrew letter **aleph**, which signified the firstness, supremacy, and strength of *Yahweh* as the First and Source of all Life. The pagan system had replaced *Yahweh* as **Aleph**, repurposing the bull symbol to blasphemously portray their false god to be “first” and “supreme”. The ancient Egyptians looked to two bovine deities for strength and fertility. **Apis**, the bull-headed god who supposedly bestowed these gifts, and **Hathor**, the cow-headed goddess of joy and love, were the subject of attack in the next plague. The Egyptians actually believed that the spirit of **Apis** was present in the body of a live bull.



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Throughout the year, Pharaoh kept this bull. Then, at the end of the year, the bull was killed and the Pharaoh ate its flesh, believing that he would thereby possess the god-like powers of **Apis**. *Elohim* sent a murrain (or disease) upon the cattle of Egypt. (See Exodus 9:1-7.) The cattle, including Pharaoh's god-bull died. **Apis** and **Hathor** were thrown down, as again the *Elohim* of heaven unarguably demonstrated His authority and power over these false gods.

**Final Plagues:** People have gotten strength from food. Many—especially in the occult—today view food as a means to ingesting god-powers... This is evident in the Global elite's sacrificing of children and other such horrific practices. Others in the New Age believe that in eating a vegan diet that they will be divinely pure and possess the intelligence and "christness" necessary to transcend humanity, unlocking "god-ness" in themselves, through their diets. But in the Last Days a plague on the food supply will remove the strength of it.

**Leviticus 26:15-20** – "And if ye shall despise My Statutes... so that ye will not do all My Commandments... I will punish you seven times... I will break the pride of your power... and your strength will be spent in vain, **for you land shall not yield her increase, neither shall the trees of the land yield their fruits... and destroy your cattle, and make you fewer in number...**"

**Leviticus 26:26** "And when I have broken the staff of your bread, ten women shall bake your bread in one oven, and they shall deliver you your bread again by weight: and ye shall eat, and not be satisfied."

### Plague of the Boils – Thoth is revealed to be a False God



Even with these chief gods destroyed, *Elohim* wasn't finished. The false religion of Egypt had to be completely toppled. To accomplish this, the next plague was directed against **Thoth**. This interchangeably-sexed moon god was believed to be the deity of wisdom, magic, and medicine. The Egyptians either depicted him as an ibis, or as a baboon. In his feminine form, he was called **Isis**, or **Selene**.



Supposedly the benefactor who bestowed health and healing to the people of Egypt, **Thoth** was rendered weak by the next plague. *Elohim* sent terrible boils upon the Egyptians. No matter how much they cried to their false god for aid, their boils remained until *Yahweh* took them away through the word of Moses. (See Exodus 9:8-12.)

**Final Plagues:** In the final plagues, mentioned in Revelation and in Leviticus 26, *Yahweh* will expose the modern false gods of "science" and "medicine". People have turned to science and medicine, investing them with god-like ability to heal. Today, highly educated and respected leaders of the world poke fun at the idea of God, and instead worship nature and science.

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*“I believe in the cosmos. All of us are linked to the cosmos. So nature is my god. To me, nature is sacred. Trees are my temples and forests are my cathedrals.” Mikail Gorbachev*

*When Larry King asked Stephen Hawking if he believed in God, he replied: “Yes, if by God is meant the embodiment of the laws of the universe.” Larry King Live, December 25, 1999*

- **Fifth plague:** This punishment will bring darkness, pains and sores (verses 10-11). In this plague of unhealable pain and sores, *Yahweh* will show that healing and life-itself are from Him alone.
- **Deuteronomy 32:39** “See now that I, even I, Am He, and there is no god with Me: **I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal: neither is there any that can deliver out of My Hand.**”

### Plague of the Hail – Horus and Nut are revealed to be False Gods

The most expansive Egyptian deities were the brunt of the next plague. Elohim sent a storm with hail. Terrible devastation was wreaked upon the land. (See Exodus 9:13-35.) Horus, the falcon sky-god, who soared above and protected the land of the Pharaohs, was supposedly away during the volley of hail. Not only did *Yahweh* exalt power over Horus, He also showed Nut, the sky goddess, to be an ineffective protector and giver of heavenly gifts.

**Final Plagues:** In modern times, wicked mankind has exerted his power and “control” over the weather. Weather used to be something which people attributed only to God. But now, man can create or dissipate storms, and drive them with nearly as much precision as driving a remote-control car. In this way, man has made himself a god. But in the final Plagues, *Yahweh* will plague the earth with supernatural storms – hail and fire, with blood... Mankind’s “god-powers” over the weather will be revealed to be false and idolatrous.

**Seventh plague:** This final plague will consist of “noises and thunderings and lightnings” and “such a mighty and great earthquake as had not occurred since men were on the earth” (verse 18). Babylon, a powerful false religion, will fall (verse 19, compare Revelation 18:2) and there will be devastating hail, with hailstones weighing up to a “talent”—approximately 100 pounds (verse 21).

**Leviticus 26:19** “And I will break the pride of your power; and I will make your heaven as iron, and your earth as brass.”

### Plague of the Locusts – Osiris is revealed to be a False God



Not to be left out, *Osiris*, the Egyptian god was known as the god of the underworld (controller of hell). *Elohim* sent locusts to devour the crops. (See Exodus 10:1-20.) This would have been a total devastation of the Egyptian food-supply, breaking the life-blood of the people and their nation’s economy, which was very dependent on the crops. Each locust can eat its own weight in a single day. History has recorded locust swarms of up to four hundred square miles, with a single square mile conceivably containing anywhere from one-hundred to two-hundred-million locusts. Clearly, *Osiris* was out-of-control, as chaos and destruction was unleashed on Egypt and this false god could do nothing about it.

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Interestingly, **Osiris** was always depicted with a winged serpent, since the power of **Osiris** was known to come from this physical representation of Satan. (See Revelation 12:9 and Genesis 3.)

As a result, Satan himself was being implicated and numbered among the false and impotent deities. **Yahweh** demonstrated His power as the true Ruler over all – including the kingdom of hell.

*“Ye shall keep My Sabbaths, and reverence My Sanctuary: I Am Yahweh. If ye walk in My Statutes, and keep My commandments, and do them; Then I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit” (Leviticus 26:2-4).*

**Final Plagues:** In the final plagues, mentioned in Revelation 9 an epic “locust” plague will be unleashed upon the wicked in the form of “locusts with scorpion’s tails” ascending out of the smoke of the Abyss. Similarly, to how the Egyptians believed they had control over the insects through **Khepri’s** power, the wicked have believed they have power over hell itself (the Abyss only holds demons) and could harness this power to accomplish their purposes. But only the wicked can be harmed. The people of **Yahweh** are fully protected, thwarting the plans of the evil ones and demonstrating **Yahweh’s** greater Power.

- Revelation 9 - The sun and sky were darkened by the smoke from the Abyss. And out of the smoke locusts came down upon the earth and were given power like that of scorpions of the earth. They were told not to harm the grass of the earth or any plant or tree, but only those people who did not have the seal of God on their foreheads.

### Plague of Darkness – Ra is revealed to be a False God

The “greatest” of the Egyptian gods were saved for the final onslaught. **Ra**, the sun-god, hailed as the “supreme being – the god of gods” must stand under the heavenly microscope. The sun became dark. (See Exodus 10:21-29.) Apparently, at the very least, **Ra** was powerless to make his daily sky journey without the permission of **Yahweh**. Obviously, **Ra** could not be the Supreme Being, as **Yahweh’s** powers so visibly superseded his.

**Final Plagues:** In modern times, sun worship is commonplace. We keep the days of sun worship as holy, with increasing fervor. Yoga moves were created to honor and worship the sun... And the list of modern forms of sun-worship goes on and on... As a result, in the Last Days, **Yahweh** will plague men with the sun.

- **Revelation 16:8.** “And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire.”

### Plague of Death of the Firstborn – Pharaoh is revealed to be a False God

There was one remaining god to be dethroned in ancient Egypt. While the spiritual deities had all fallen, there was still a physical manifestation of their gods, which remained to be exposed. Pharaoh himself was considered to be a god with god-powers. Yet, when the death angel came to Egypt, Pharaoh’s supposed god-powers were rendered impotent as he cradled the body of his dead first-born son. (See Exodus 11:4-5 and 12:29-30.)

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Pharaoh could not save his own son. His “power” also fell under the supremacy of *Yahweh*. The heavenly message came through clearly at last: There is only one *Elohim*.

**Final Plagues:** In the Last Days, the judgment of the firstborn will be on a much more epic scale. “Firstborn” doesn’t only mean the eldest child. More deeply, the firstborn is the leader of the tribe, nation, or family. Leaders will be judged in this plague. People who believe themselves untouchable, and have made provision for themselves to be “safe” during the bad times in vaults and installations deep in the earth...

- Jeremiah 16:16-18 “Behold, I will send for many fishers, saith Yahweh, and they shall fish them; **and after will I send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks.** For Mine Eyes are upon all their ways: they are not hid from My Face, neither is their iniquity hid from Mine Eyes. And first I will recompense their iniquity and their sin double; because they have defiled My land, they have filled Mine Inheritance with the carcasses of their detestable and abominable things.”

As we have seen, the plagues at the end of the world will bring down all the false religions and belief systems that have attempted to discredit *Yahweh*. Through the plagues, His supremacy will be clearly seen and the foolishness of modern sun-worship and idolatry will be exposed.

***I Am Yahweh, and there is none else, there is no Elohim beside Me...*** Know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is none beside Me... I form the light, and create darkness...I, Yahweh do all these things. Woe unto him that striveth with his Maker! (Isaiah 45:5-12).

During the Passover Seder, one event is that everyone dips their finger in the grape juice and dots their plate with juice and recites the Ten Plagues of Egypt. This Passover event represents the true meaning of Passover – which is being exempted from the future plagues, like Israel was from the plagues of Egypt. This Passover exemption comes by claiming the Blood of the Lamb, through which we are protected in the Plagues.

## Torah Studies – Statutes #247-250

### Statute Summary:

*Statute #247: Passover is Yahweh's Day, Event, and Sacrifice. It is He who passes over His people.*

*Statute #248: The Passover Lamb is a Sacrifice. To be passed over, each household must be covered under the Blood of the Passover Lamb. (The term "Passover" can apply to the lamb in the Bible. Thus, the killing of the lamb is referred to as killing the Passover.)*

*Statute #249: The Ordinance of the Passover (the Meal and Seder service) is sacred. Only those who rightly claim Yahshua's Death may partake of it.*

*Statute #250: If a pagan person wishes to join you for keeping the Ordinance of the Passover (the Meal and Seder service), he/she may only do so if they are first circumcised (spiritually – indicating full repentance and conversion). No uncircumcised person may keep the Passover Seder.*

**Exodus 12:11** “And thus shall ye eat it; with your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat it in haste: it is the LORD'S Passover.”

**Exodus 12:21 & 27** “Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel, and said unto them, Draw out and take you a lamb according to your families, and kill the Passover... That ye shall say, It is the **sacrifice** of the LORD'S Passover, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt, when He smote the Egyptians, and delivered our houses. And the people bowed the head and worshipped.”

**Exodus 12:43, 45 & 48** “And the LORD said unto Moses and Aaron, This is the **ordinance** of the Passover: There shall no **stranger** eat thereof. A foreigner and an **hired servant** shall not eat thereof. And when a stranger shall sojourn with thee, and will keep the Passover to the LORD, let all his males be circumcised, and then let him come near and keep it; and he shall be as one that is born in the land: for no uncircumcised person shall eat thereof.”

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## Key Word Study:

Key Word	Strong's Number	Hebrew Word	Meaning
SACRIFICE	H2077	zebach	properly a <i>slaughter</i> , that is, the <i>flesh</i> of an animal; by implication a <i>sacrifice</i> (the victim or the act): - offer (-ing), sacrifice.
ORDINANCE	H2708	chuqqah	<i>Feminine of H2706, and meaning substantially the same: - appointed, custom, manner, ordinance, site, statute.</i>
STRANGER	H5236	nekar	From H5234; <i>foreign</i> , or (concretely) a <i>foreigner</i> , or (abstractly) <i>heathendom</i> : - alien, strange (+ -er). (A spiritually dead person...)
HIRED SERVANT	H7916	sakiyr	From H7936; a man <i>at wages</i> ... hired (man, servant), hireling.

## Passover in the Bible:

The word “Passover” applies to three things in Scripture: the Day, the Seder Meal and the Lamb. To determine which meaning of Passover applies, use the Biblical context of the verse. Here are a few Scriptures to show these three meanings of the word “Passover”:

- **Passover is the Lamb (Sacrifice, which foreshadowed Yahshua’s Death)**
  - **Exodus 12:21** – “Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel, and said unto them, Draw out and take you a lamb according to your families, and kill the Passover.”
  - **Exodus 12 27** – “That ye shall say, It is the sacrifice of the Yahweh’s Passover, Who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt, when He smote the Egyptians, and delivered our houses. And the people bowed the head and worshipped.”
  - **Numbers 9:12** – “They shall leave none of it unto the morning, nor break any bone of it: according to all the ordinances of the Passover they shall keep it.”
  - **1 Corinthians 5:7** – “Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.”
  
- **Passover is the Feast Day - the 14<sup>th</sup> Day of Abib**
  - **Numbers 28:16** – “And in the fourteenth day of the first month is the Passover of Yahweh.”
  - **Deuteronomy 16:1** – “Observe the month of Abib, and keep the Passover unto Yahweh thy God: for in the month of Abib Yahweh thy God brought thee forth out of Egypt by night.”
  - **John 13:1** – “Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Yahshua knew that His hour was come...”



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- **Passover is the name of the Seder Meal/Ordinance, kept in evening of the 14<sup>th</sup> Day**
  - Leviticus 23:5 – “In the fourteenth day of the first month at even is Yahweh’s Passover.”
  - Exodus 12:43 – “And Yahweh said unto Moses and Aaron, This is the ordinance of the Passover: There shall no stranger eat thereof.”
  - John 18:28 – “Then led they Yahshua from Caiaphas unto the hall of judgment: and it was early; and they themselves went not into the judgment hall, lest they should be defiled; but that they might eat the Passover.”

Since Passover is three things, in Scripture, one must take care regarding which “Passover” ended at the Death of Messiah. According to Scripture, only Passover – the Lamb-sacrifice – ended when Yahshua died. This is because He was the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sins of the world. When He, as our Passover sacrifice, died for us (1 Corinthians 5:7), there was no need for any other Passover sacrifice (Hebrews 9 and 10).

But, while the Passover Lamb ended at Calvary, the keeping of the Seder Meal (Passover Ordinance) and the Day of Passover did not end, as the Saviour Himself said. In fact, Yahshua plainly said that the Passover would not fulfilled until the Kingdom of God (future):

**Luke 22:13-19** “And they went, and found as He had said unto them: and **they made ready the Passover**. And when the hour was come, He sat down, and the twelve apostles with Him. And He said unto them, **With desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer**: For I say unto you, **I will not any more eat thereof, until it be fulfilled in the Kingdom of God**. And He took the Cup, and gave thanks, and said, Take this, and divide it among yourselves: For I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God shall come. And He took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is My Body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of Me.”

In this “Last Supper”, which was a Seder Meal with His disciples, Yahshua taught that the Seder Bread (unleavened bread) and wine (grape juice), which are part of the Passover Seder Meal, are representations of His Body and Blood, which are offered for us – for Salvation. Partaking of these sacred emblems requires worshipful gratitude, full awareness, and heartfelt preparation beforehand. The remembrance of Yahshua’s Death-the price of our Atonement-is not to be taken lightly, nor taken for granted.

Knowing the meaning in the sacred service, believers prepare their hearts with repentance. The work of unleavening the heart and home is to be done in preparation for keeping Passover/Unleavened Bread – beforehand. And in so doing, we are able to keep the Feast in full blessing.

### **Passover is Only for Spiritual Israel:**

In Exodus chapter 12, we find important details about Passover. For all who have kept the Passover, we know that it is a huge blessing, which is much-needed in the believer’s life. Because keeping this Feast is such a blessing, believers naturally want to share the blessing with everyone. But, as understandable as this desire is, it must not be indulged. The Passover is not an evangelistic Feast. It is only to be kept by the Blood-bought Children of Yahweh.

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For people who are unsaved, on the fence, and have areas of unrepented sin in their lives, partaking of the sacred Passover Seder Meal is forbidden, as is clearly commanded in Exodus 12. Paul expounds upon this, giving some of the reasons, in his writings to the believers in Corinth:

**1 Corinthians 11:23-30** “For I have received of the Master that which also I delivered unto you, That the Master Yahshua the same night in which He was betrayed took bread: And when He had given thanks, He brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is My Body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of Me. After the same manner also He took the Cup, when he had supped, saying, This Cup is the New Testament in My Blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me. For as often as ye eat this Bread, and drink this Cup, ye do shew the Master's death till He come. **Wherefore whosoever shall eat this Bread, and drink this Cup of Yahshua, unworthily, shall be guilty of the Body and Blood of the Master. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that Bread, and drink of that Cup.** For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning Yahshua's Body. For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.”