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At Miqra Bible Study, we aim to challenge perspectives, sharpen understanding, and spark “Miqra moments”—those encounters with the Word that bring fresh insight and ignite a deeper relationship with God.

We believe that the Word of God is like a vast, ancient landscape waiting to be unearthed. Every page of Scripture is layered with history, culture, and divine revelation—each offering more than meets the eye. Our mission is to guide believers on an expedition through these sacred texts, helping them discover biblical truths that may have been buried by time, tradition, or simply missed in casual reading.

Whether you’re new to studying the Bible or a seasoned theologian, Miqra Bible Study offers tools and teachings to help you see Scripture from a new vantage point. Together, we’ll unearth the hidden gems of God’s Word and bring its timeless truths into clearer focus for today’s world.

Join us on this journey as we explore the depths of Scripture, one discovery at a time.



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Discover God's Grand Narrative:
A Seven-Week Journey through the Biblical Feasts

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FEASTS DEVOTIONAL SERIES

Have you ever wondered if the ancient biblical feasts are still relevant for modern-day Christians? These sacred celebrations, woven throughout Scripture, are more than just historical events—they offer profound insights and hope that can transform our daily lives.

In this devotional series, we'll embark on an exploration of the biblical feasts, unpacking their symbolism and uncovering the timeless truths they reveal about God's redemptive love and plan for humanity. From the deliverance celebrated in Passover to the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, and the anticipation of our eternal home in the Feast of Tabernacles, each feast carries a unique message that can deepen our faith and renew our hope.

Each week, we'll dive into a different feast, with daily devotions offering scriptural insights, thought-provoking reflections, and guided prayers.

To get the most out of this journey, approach it with an open heart and a willingness to engage. Set aside time each day for reading, reflection, and prayer. Ask the Spirit to guide you through the readings, reflections, and prayer and to show you just how much you are loved by Jesus!

It is our prayer that these ancient feasts come alive, reminding you of the incredible promises and eternal dwelling that await in the presence of our Heavenly Father.

WEEK 1

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PASSOVER

Have you ever felt trapped, longing for freedom from a difficult situation or circumstance? The Israelites found themselves in such a state—enslaved in Egypt, oppressed and crying out for deliverance. This is where the powerful story of Passover begins, a celebration that reminds us of God’s ability to set us free and His provision of a perfect sacrifice to redeem us.

DAY 1: WHAT IS PASSOVER?

SCRIPTURE READING: EXODUS 12:1-14

Many of us can relate to the Israelites' plight of feeling trapped or enslaved, whether it's by our circumstances, addictions, or the weight of our own sin. Just as they cried out for freedom, we too long for release from the bondage that holds us captive. This is where the story of Passover offers hope and reveals the depths of God's love for us.

In the book of Exodus, we read of the miraculous events that led to the Israelites' deliverance from Egyptian slavery. God instructed them to sacrifice an unblemished lamb and apply its blood to their doorposts, symbolizing their faith in His promise of protection. This act of obedience spared them from the final plague that struck the Egyptians, paving the way for their exodus from oppression.

Here's the good news: just as the Israelites were redeemed by the blood of the lamb, we too have been set free from the bondage of sin through the precious blood of Jesus. He became our perfect, spotless Lamb, taking upon Himself the judgment we deserved.

The Passover feast was not just a one-time event but an annual celebration, reminding the Israelites of God's faithfulness and their identity as His chosen people. For us as Christians, the commemoration of Christ's sacrifice is a daily reality—a constant reminder of the freedom we have in Him and the call to live as His redeemed people.

Questions for Reflection:

What areas of your life feel like bondage or oppression, and how can the Passover story give you hope for freedom?

In what ways does the Passover lamb symbolize the sacrifice of Christ, and what does this reveal about God's character?

How can you make the celebration of Christ's redemptive work a daily practice in your life?

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the powerful story of Passover, which reminds us of Your great love and provision. Just as You delivered the Israelites from slavery, we acknowledge our need for deliverance from the bondage of sin and the difficulties that weigh us down.

Thank You, Jesus, the perfect Lamb of God, who took upon Yourself the judgment we deserve. Help us to daily celebrate and live in the freedom your sacrifice has purchased for us.

May the Passover feast inspire us to trust in Your redemptive plan and to live as Your redeemed people. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

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we pray.
Amen.

DAY 2: THE SACRIFICIAL LAMB

SCRIPTURE READING: EXODUS 12:21-28, ISAIAH 53:4-7

In Exodus, we read of God’s specific instructions to the Israelites: select a year-old male lamb without blemish, keep it for observation, and then slaughter it at twilight. The blood of this unblemished lamb was to be applied to the doorposts of their homes, serving as a sign of protection from the final plague that would strike Egypt.

This act of obedience and faith in God’s provision through the sacrificial lamb became the catalyst for the Israelites’ deliverance from slavery. The blood of the lamb marked them as God’s chosen people, who were spared from judgment and set free to worship Him in the Promised Land.

As we fast forward to the New Testament, we see the ultimate fulfillment of this symbolic act in the person of Jesus Christ. The prophet Isaiah foretold the coming of the Messiah as a suffering servant, “like a lamb that is led to the slaughter” (Isaiah 53:7). Just as the Passover lamb was without blemish, so too was Christ—the sinless Son of God who took upon Himself the weight of our transgressions.

Through His sacrificial death on the cross, Jesus became our Passover Lamb, shedding His blood to protect us from the judgment we deserved for our sins. His resurrection three days later marked our deliverance from the bondage of sin and death, just as the Israelites were delivered from slavery in Egypt.

The parallel between the Passover lamb and Christ’s sacrifice is a powerful testament to God’s unwavering love and His redemptive plan that spans generations. As we commemorate this feast, may we be reminded of the great cost paid for our freedom and the call to live as those redeemed by the precious blood of the Lamb.

Questions for Reflection:

What significance do you see in the specific instructions given for selecting and sacrificing the Passover lamb, and how do they point to Christ's perfection?

How does the concept of substitutionary sacrifice (the lamb dying in our place) deepen your understanding of Christ's atonement for our sins?

In what areas of your life do you need to experience the deliverance and freedom that Christ's sacrifice offers?

Almighty God, we stand in awe of Your perfect plan of redemption, foreshadowed in the Passover lamb and fulfilled in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. We thank you for sacrificing yourself as a spotless Lamb to bear the judgment we deserve.

Help us fully embrace the freedom and deliverance that your shed blood has purchased for us. May we live as your redeemed people, ever grateful for the costly sacrifice of the Lamb of God. In your precious name, we pray. Amen.



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DAY 3: THE BLOOD AND THE SEA

SCRIPTURE READING: EXODUS 12:21-23, 1 PETER 1:18-19

At the heart of the Passover celebration lies a crucial act of obedience—the application of the lamb’s blood to the doorposts of the Israelites’ homes. This symbolic gesture was not merely a ritual but a powerful demonstration of faith in God’s promise of protection and deliverance from death.

As the final plague swept through Egypt, taking the firstborn of every household, the Israelites were instructed to remain indoors, sheltered by the blood of the sacrificial lamb painted on their door frames. This blood served as a sign, marking them as God’s chosen people and shielding them from the judgment that befell the Egyptians. By applying the blood, they proclaimed their faith in the Almighty and their desire to be set apart as His people.

The apostle Peter affirms the truth of this blood by reminding us that we “were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold... but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot” (1 Peter 1:18-19).

Now that Israel has been from death leaves their place of bondage they are met with the instructions from God to go through the way of the wilderness to the Red Sea, which was a much longer route (Exodus 13:17-18). In obedience they trust God’s plan and are confronted with an impassable Sea. As Israel witnesses their former oppressors encroaching upon them they cry out to the Lord and Moses speaks these words, “Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again.” (Exodus 14:13). This is important because the phrase, “Salvation of the Lord” is what Jesus’ Hebrew name means!

Paul understood the symbolism of these events when he wrote these words, "For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea" (1 Corinthians 10:1-2). God knew if they went the shorter route then Pharaoh and his armies would never cease to oppress them, so God led them by the sea to provide a grave for their past and as Israel crossed through the parted waters they passed from death to life.

As we read, we can't help but see the parallels with our own salvation through the shed blood of Christ and the watery grave of baptism in His name. Just as the Israelites were spared from judgment by the blood of the lamb, and from the continued oppression of the Egyptians who were washed away in a watery grave, we too have been redeemed and set free from the bondage of sin through the precious blood of Jesus.

Questions for Reflection:

What does the act of applying the blood to the doorposts reveal about the Israelites' faith and obedience to God's instructions?

How does the imagery of the blood on the doorposts parallel our need for the covering of Christ's blood in our lives?

In what areas of your life do you need to intentionally apply the protection and redemption offered by the blood of the Lamb?

Jesus, we are amazed by Your provision through the blood of the Passover lamb, foreshadowing the ultimate sacrifice.

Help us to fully embrace the redemption and protection offered by your blood, shed for the forgiveness of our sins. Grant us the faith and obedience to daily apply the covering of Christ's blood over our lives, dwelling in the safety and freedom He offers.

May we never take for granted the power of the blood that has marked us as Your children. In the name of the Lamb of God, we pray. Amen.

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Amen.