

PASSOVER BACKGROUND & MODEL

It is imperative to remember that what was most important is what needed to be accomplished spiritually. The Father and the Son determined what needed to happen to meet the spiritual requirements.

**NISAN 14,
1876BC**

(430 Years)

**NISAN 14,
1446BC**

DARKNESS PRECEDED DEATH ("an horror of great darkness", **Ge.15:12**) preceded the Abrahamic Covenant



Bread and Wine named together

- Melchizedek, king of Salem (**Ge.14:17-20**)
- Abraham talked with God about inheriting the land during the daylight portion of the 14th of Nisan.
- Then Abraham divided and arranged the animals at God's command in preparation for the covenant (**Ge.15:10**).

- "After these things" (**Ge.15:1**). After the things from chapter 14 concerning Melchizedek.

NISAN 15

- "When the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram" (**Ge.15:12**)

**Abrahamic
Covenant
(Ge.15:7-18)**

- "And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years" (**Ge.15:13**)
- "When the sun went down, and it was dark" (**Ge.15:17**) making it Nisan 15.
- "In the **same day**¹ the LORD made a covenant with Abram" (**Ge.15:18**)

DARKNESS PRECEDED DEATH: 3 days of darkness from the 9th plague, preceded the death of Egyptian firstborn, and Israel's exodus (**Ex.10:21-23**).

**Passover
(Ex.12:1-28)**

- The Israelites killed the lambs after sunset as the 14th began, smearing the blood on the doorposts of their houses.
- Then they roasted and ate the lambs, burning the remains.

NISAN 15

- At midnight the Death Angel passed over, slaying the firstborn of those not under the blood.
- The Israelites remained in their houses until daybreak.

**Exodus
(Ex.12:33-42)**

- Then 2-3 million traveled to Goshen on Nisan 15th (**Nu.33:3**).
- They departed Rameses on Nisan 15, "the day after the Passover". They left at night (**Du.16:1**).
- This "night of solemn observance" is the "**self-same day**" as an event that happened 430 years before, to the exact day (**Ex.12:41-42**).

**NISAN 14,
32AD**

- Jesus ate the Passover with His disciples at night at the beginning of Nisan 14 (**Mt.26:17-29**; **Mk.14:12-17**; **Lk.22:7-23**).

**Lord's Supper
(1Co.11:25; Hb.13:20)**



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- They probably ate roasted lamb with bitter herbs, but Jesus emphasized the bread and wine, and doing it "in remembrance of Me".

DARKNESS PRECEDED DEATH: Darkness from 12PM till 3PM on Nisan 14, (**Mt.27:45**). Compare **Amos 8:9-10**.

- Jesus sinless blood was shed on Passover day² during the daylight portion of the 14th of Nisan.

**New
Covenant
(Lk.22:20; Hb.7:22)**

- The timing of Christ's sacrifice (Nisan 14) points to the anniversary of the preparations for God's Covenant with Abraham, the father of the faithful (**Ga.3:7**). It was the same day and hour. We become heirs through having the same faith as Abraham.

The Abrahamic and New Covenants were sealed with "covenant-victims"—living beings that had their blood shed for the sake of establishing the respective covenants.

¹430 years refers to the total time Israel spent in Egypt (**Ex.12: 40-41**; **Ga.3:17**).

400 years refer to Israel's harsh treatment in Egypt (**Ge.15:13-14**; **Ac.7:6**). For 30 years Israel was treated very well. When Joseph died things changed.

²Death of the Lamb was planned from the foundation of the world (**Rv.13:8**).