

# Understanding God's Prophetic Timetable

## Lights in the Expanse of the Heavens (Genesis 1:14)

Separate Day from Night

Signs: signs of the zodiac

**Seasons: mo'adim (appointed times and religious feasts)**

Days and Years: basic unit of time

## Understanding the Issues

2 Different Ways to Define a "Day"

2 Different Dates for Passover

2 Different Kinds of Sabbath

## The Sign of Jonah (Matt 12:39–40)

Three Days and Three Nights

Gentile Day: day followed by night

Jewish Day: two equal parts, night followed by day

Evening: begins at sunset ends at sunrise

Day: begins at sunrise ends at sunset

Any part of daylight segment = "one day"

Any part of nighttime segment = "one day"

## Two Passovers

At the time of Yeshua: 15<sup>th</sup> day of the first month

First month = Abib = Nissan (name changed during Babylonian exile)

First month, Jewish civil calendar = Tishri (Rosh Hashanah)

Original Passover: 14<sup>th</sup> day of Abib (at twilight) – Lev 23:5; Ex 12:6–13; Num 9:1–5

As of 458 B.C.E. (Ezra) still on 14<sup>th</sup> Abib (Ezra 6:19)

Shift occurred between 300 B.C.E. and 100 B.C.E.

Unleavened bread eaten for seven days.. (Deut 16:1–6)

Lamb was to be eaten on the first day of FOUB, which begins on 15<sup>th</sup> day of Abib

Passover as originally established and practiced: lamb eaten on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of Abib

Unleavened bread was eaten with the lamb on the 14<sup>th</sup> and as part of FOUB on the 15<sup>th</sup>

Pharisees COMBINED two separate observances into ONE observance

Original Passover: eaten in “evening at Sunset, at the time you came out”  
Israelites did not leave the same night the Passover lambs were eaten (Ex 12:22)  
Israelites were in their homes the night of 14<sup>th</sup> Abib, Egyptian first borns struck at 12PM  
Israelites packed during day of 14<sup>th</sup> Abib, with Egyptian spoils  
Israelites depart on the evening/night of 15<sup>th</sup> Abib, by light of a full moon  
Passover: the night that Passover lamb was eaten  
FOUB: the first day of the feast, the night that Israel left Egypt

(Luke 22:1) Now the Feast of Unleavened Bread, which is called Passover...

Originally: observed the day before FOUB (14<sup>th</sup> Abib)  
In Yeshua’s Time: observed the same day as FOUB (15<sup>th</sup> Abib)

Sadducees and Samaritans: Observed two distinct feasts, FOP and FOUB

Original Preparation Day: 13<sup>th</sup> Abib  
In Yeshua’s Time, Preparation Day: 14<sup>th</sup> Abib

### **Sabbaths of Passover**

Weekly Sabbaths: traditional day of rest, beginning at end of day on Friday  
Annual Sabbaths: days of rest ordained by God in conjunction with festivals

High Holy Days = Annual Sabbaths  
The First and Last Day of FOUB = Annual Sabbaths (John 19:31)  
There were THREE Sabbaths during the FOP/FOUB period...

Yeshua was buried BEFORE the onset (at sunset) of the first day of FOUB (John 19:31)

### **The Last Supper and The Passover Meal**

No reference to a lamb: THE LAMB was AT THE MEAL!  
Yeshua celebrated the meal w/o a lamb, in memory of the 14<sup>th</sup> Abib date  
Yeshua followed the original date as ordained by God in Ex/Lev/Numbers!

Yeshua was crucified on Preparation Day for Passover  
Per Josephus, lambs were slain between 3 and 5 PM  
Yeshua died precisely when the sacrifices began!