

# ABRAHAM & ISAAC – SYMBOLIZED THE PASSOVER FIRST

## The Apocryphal Book of Jubilees Confirms the Date of the Passover

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30 11 Abib	31 12 Abib <b>Day #1</b>	1 13 Abib <b>Day #2</b>	2 14 Abib <b>3 - Passover</b>	3 15 Abib	4 16 Abib	5 17 Abib
6 18 Abib	7 19 Abib	8 20 Abib	9 21 Abib	10 22 Abib	11 23 Abib	12 24 Abib
13 25 Abib	14 26 Abib	15 27 Abib	16 28 Abib	17 29 Abib	18 30 Abib	19 1/2 Zif
20 2 Zif	21 3 Zif	22 4 Zif	23 5 Zif	24 6 Zif	25 7 Zif	26 8 Zif
27 9 Zif	28 10 Zif	29 11 Zif	30 12 Zif			

**Hebrew Calendar:** Abraham's Trip to Offer Isaac leads to Passover Day

**Abraham** was the first that took actions that would **look forward** to the coming **Passover Feast** for Israel. Many of the *Apocryphal Books*, though not chosen to be included in our Holy Bible, tell many stories and events that go hand-in-hand with our Bible events. In many places giving us insight in areas left out of our Bible. This is such an event. Let's look at **the first foreshadowing of the Passover**

from the Book of Jubilees. **Jubilees 17:15-18** – *"In the seventh week, in the first year, in the first month (Abib) in this jubilee, on the twelfth of this month, there were voices in heaven regarding Abraham, that he was faithful in all that He (YAH) told him, and that he loved the LORD, and that in every affliction he was faithful."*

So we are given insight into a conversation in heaven about the faithfulness of Abraham. We are told that this conversation takes place on the **12<sup>th</sup> day of the first month** in the Hebrew calendar, the month of **Abib**. What else are we told?

**Verse 16:** *"Prince Mastema came and said before YAH, "Look, Abraham loves Isaac his son, and he delights in him above all things, tell him to offer him as a burnt-offering on the altar, and you will see if he will do this command, and You will know if he is faithful in every way that You test him."*

**Mastema** is an evil angel who, with YAH's permission, tempts humanity and tests their faith, often acting as an agent of punishment and persecution. Here he gives YAH a test for Abraham that he thinks he will fail. (Sounds like Satan and Job - we never know when YAH is proving our faithfulness to the wicked powers in heavenly places.)

The test for Abraham - **give back to YAH his beloved, promised son of his old age**, whom he loved dearly. But this is what YAH knew about Abraham already through testing him: **Verse 17-18** – *"The LORD knew that Abraham was faithful throughout all his afflictions, for He had tried him (1) through his country and (2) with famine, and had tried him (3) with the wealth of kings, and had tried him again (4) through his wife, when she was torn from him, and (5) with circumcision; and had tried him (6) through Ishmael and Hagar, his maid-servant, and when he sent them away. 18 In everything that He had tried him, he was found faithful, and his soul was not impatient, and he was not slow to act, because he was ...*

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faithful and a lover of the LORD.”

After passing all of these six tests, YAH knew how much Abraham trusted and loved Him. So he spoke to Abraham in **Jubilees 18:2-3** saying - “**Take your beloved son, Isaac, whom you love, and go to the high country, and offer him on one of the mountains which I will point out to you.**” <sup>3</sup>He got early in the morning and

saddled his donkey, took two young men with him, and Isaac his son, and split the wood of the burnt offering, and he went to the place **on the third day**, and he saw the place afar off.

The third day would have been the 14<sup>th</sup> of Abib, which YAH later established as the **Passover** for the deliverance of Israel from Egypt.

The rest of the story as told in Jubilees is essentially the same as it is told in our Bibles. Abraham proceeds to build the altar and places the wood and Isaac on it. And he would have offered him as the sacrifice, but YAH stopped him, for he proved his love and trust in YAH – believing if he sacrificed Isaac, YAH would raise him from the dead as **Heb 11:19** states. But YAH provided for himself a ram for the sacrifice he required of Abraham. Just as he provided for us, on **that same day**, a **Passover Lamb**, his son. Abraham and Isaac were the foreshadowing of YAH & Christ.



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