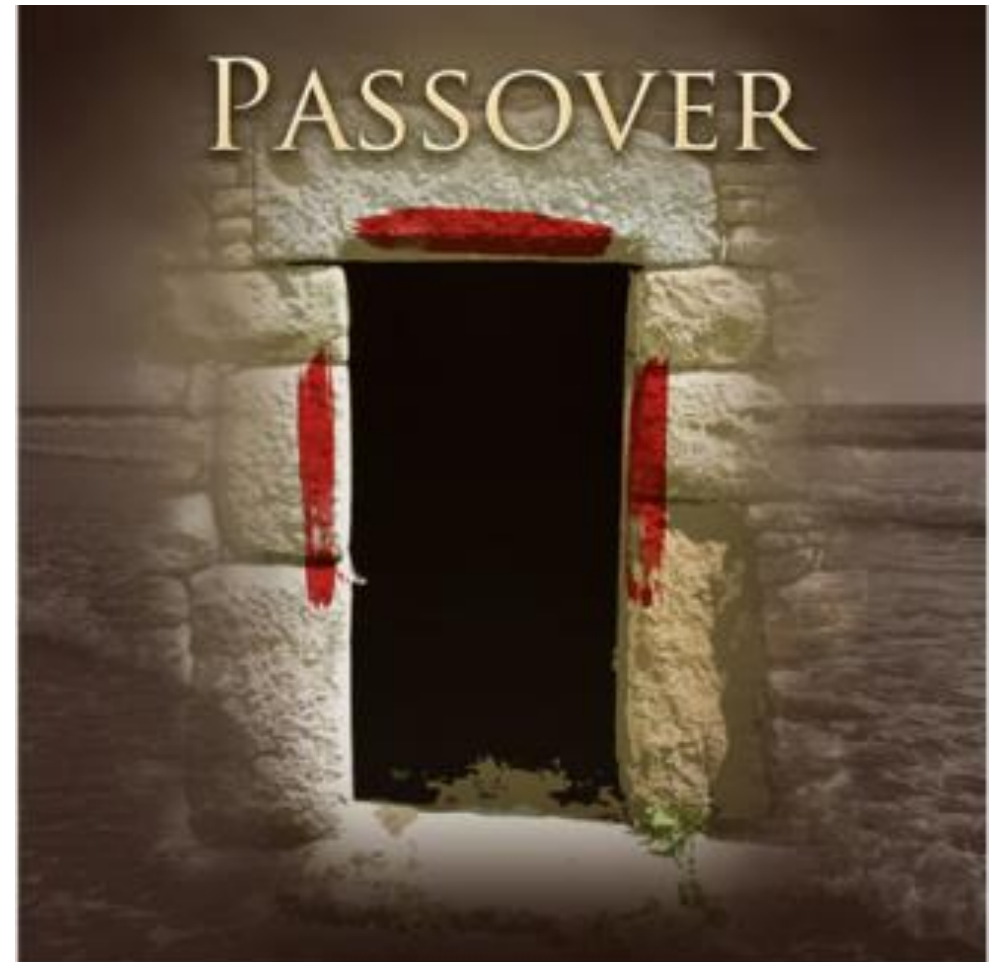


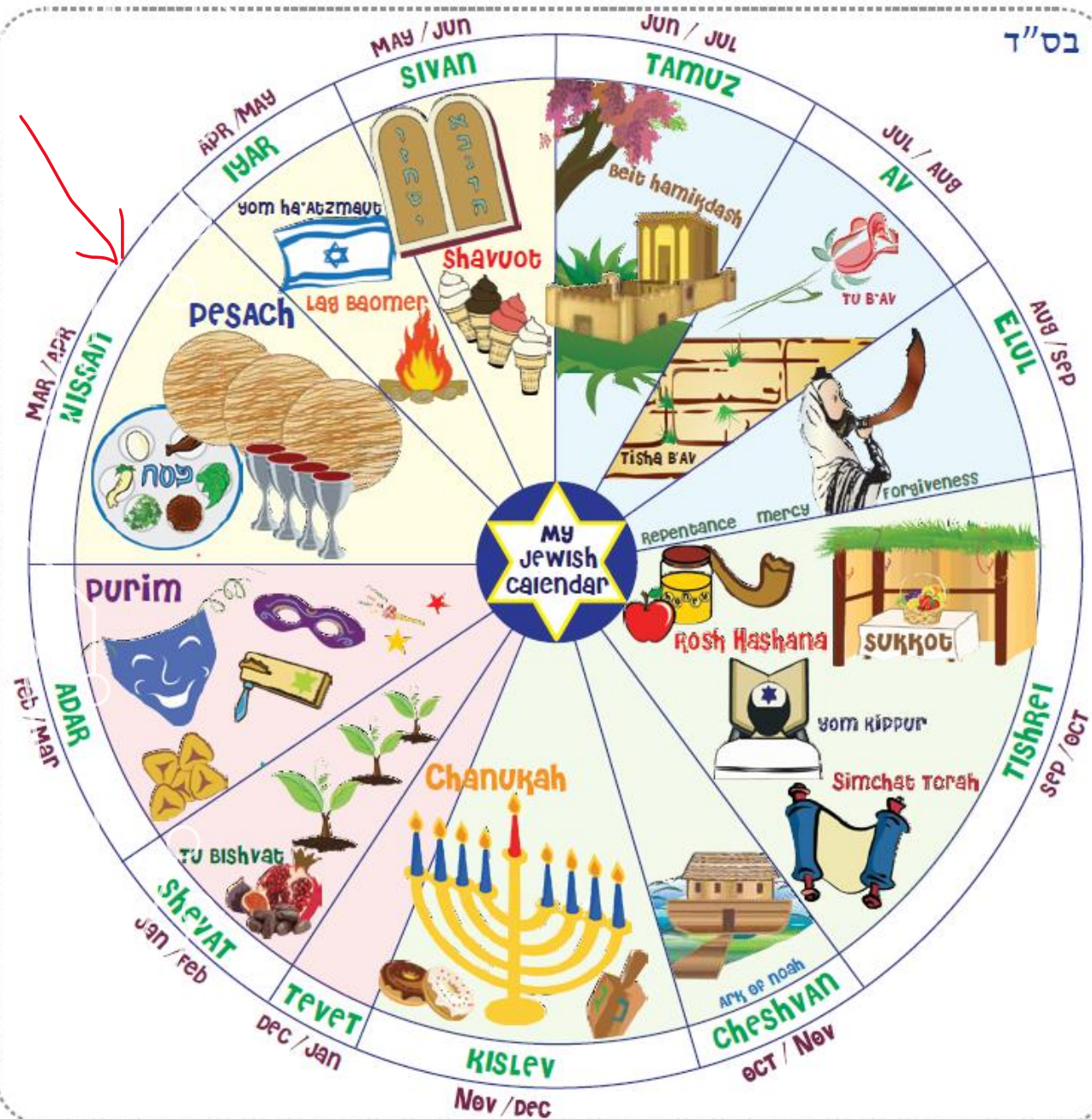
PASSOVER AND CHRIST



HISTORY OF EASTER

- Wikipedia: **Easter**,^[nb 1] also called **Pascha** (Greek, Latin)^[nb 2] or **Resurrection Sunday**,^{[4][5]} is a festival and holiday commemorating the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, described in the New Testament as having occurred on the third day after his burial following his crucifixion by the Romans at Calvary c. 30 AD.^{[6][7]} It is the culmination of the Passion of Jesus, preceded by Lent (or Great Lent), a 40-day period of fasting, prayer, and penance.

JEWISH CALENDAR



TAMUZ / תמוז

AV / אב

ELUL / אלול

בס"ד

ADAR / אדר

SHEVAT / שבט

TEVET / תבת

HISTORY OF EASTER

- “Easter is linked to the Jewish Passover by much of its symbolism, as well as by its position in the calendar. In most European languages the feast is called by the words for passover in those languages; and in the older English versions of the Bible the term Easter was the term used to translate passover.^[12]“

HISTORY OF EASTER

- The ecclesiastical historian Socrates Scholasticus (380) attributes the observance of Easter by **the church** to the perpetuation of its custom, "just as many other customs have been established", stating that **neither Jesus nor** his Apostles enjoined the keeping of this or any other festival."

ACTS 12:3 - 4

- "And because he saw it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to take Peter also. (Then were the days of unleavened bread.)
- Act 12:4 And when he had apprehended him, he put *him* in prison, and delivered *him* to four quaternions of soldiers to keep him; intending after Easter to bring him forth to the people." (KJV)

ACTS 12:1 - 4

- V. 4 *Easter* - “the *Passover* (the meal, the day, the festival or the special sacrifices connected with it): - Easter, Passover.”
- Luke 22:1, 7 – 8 “Now the **Feast of Unleavened Bread** drew near, which is called the **Passover**.... Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the **Passover lamb** had to be sacrificed. 8 So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, “Go and prepare the **Passover** for us, that we may eat it.”

PASSOVER – USES IN SCRIPTURE

- **The Passover** (*pascha*) Both names (unleavened bread and passover) are used here as in Mark 14:1. Strictly speaking the passover was Nisan 14 and the unleavened bread 15-21.
- Cf. Mt. 26:17 “Now on the first day of **Unleavened Bread** the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Where will you have us prepare for you to eat the **Passover**?”



WHAT WAS THE PASSOVER?

- Exodus 12 God instituted the Passover for the Israelites. He instructed them to observe this feast in preparation for the last plague against Egypt (Exodus 12:1-14).

JESUS KEPT THE PASSOVER

- Matthew 26:17 – 20 “17 Now on the first day of **Unleavened Bread** the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where will you have us prepare for you to eat the **Passover**?" 18 He said, "Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is at hand. I will **keep the Passover** at your house with my disciples.'" 19 And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they **prepared the Passover**. 20 When it was evening, he reclined at table with the twelve.”

JESUS INAUGURATED HIS OWN SUPPER

- Matthew 26:26 – 28 “ Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.”
27 And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you, 28 for this is my **blood of the covenant**, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.”

JESUS – OUR PASSOVER



- 1 Cor. 5:7 “Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For **Christ, our Passover lamb**, has been sacrificed.”

“Behold the

LAMB OF GOD

that takes away
the sin of the world”

An innocent sacrifice — Jesus never sinned in order to qualify Himself to be a sacrifice, the Lamb of God. (1 John 3:5)

Removes sin — “without the shedding of blood there can be no forgiveness of sin.” (Heb. 9:22; Matthew 26:28)



THE LORD'S SUPPER (1 COR. 11:23 - 26)

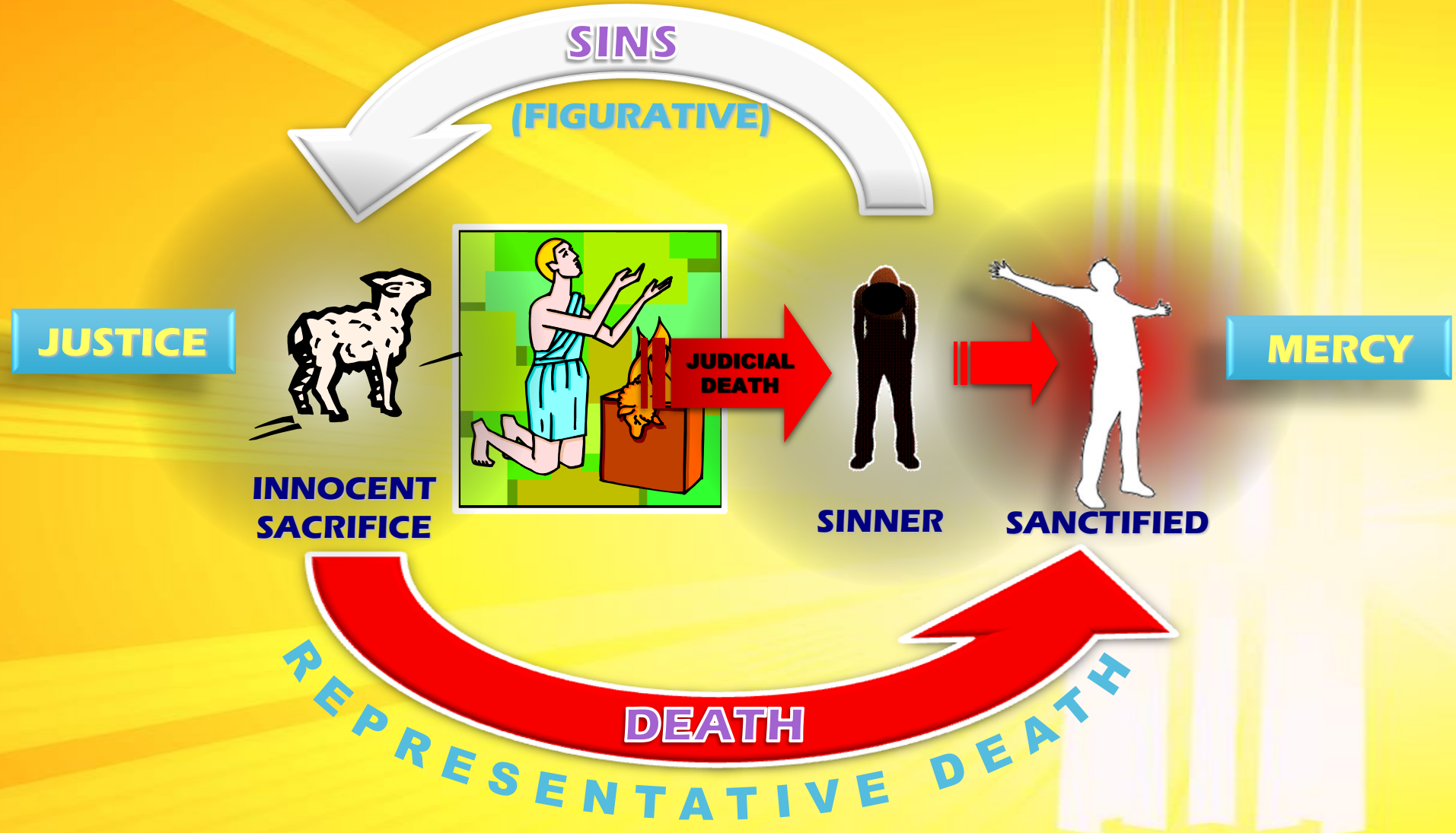
- “For I **received from the Lord** what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, 24 and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is **my body** which is for you. **Do this** in remembrance of me.” 25 In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in **my blood**. **Do this**, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” 26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you **proclaim** the Lord's death until he comes.”

FIRST IMPORTANCE

1Co 15:3 "For I delivered to you as of **first importance** what I also received: that **Christ died** for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures,

1Co 15:4 that he **was buried**, that he was **raised on the third day** in accordance with the Scriptures," (ESV)

ANIMAL SACRIFICE



JESUS – OUR PASSOVER



- “When I see the blood I will pass over you.” (Exodus 12:13)
- “But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For He Himself is our peace...” Eph. 2:13 - 14

