

Today's special message:

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“I Am Born Again and God Will Pass Over Me!”

Part I Scriptures and Comments:

Passover is a sign on the road map back to Eternal Life!

- People need a deliverer from the bondage of sin and death
- Only God can be that deliverer
- Our redemption will come at the price of blood shed
- The lambs' blood will be a sign of God's mercy pointing to Jesus as the Messiah of Israel
- Jesus is the perfect Lamb of God and the Jewish Messiah
- The God of Israel is God.
- The Church is grafted into the covenants of Israel
- Passover should guide Christians back to their Hebraic roots
- Passover should guide the unsaved to Jesus for salvation

Genesis 3:22-23 And the Lord God said, “The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever.” So the Lord God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken.

Isaiah 64:6 All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags;

Ezekiel 18:4 ...The soul who sins is the one who will die.

Comments: Sin, judgment, death and the loss of eternal life through sin's impact on our relationship with God are not Gentile Christian concepts, but God's. The Passover story is an annual feast to remember the Israelites' 400-year bondage to Pharaoh in Egypt and their great deliverance through the power and might of God Himself working through Moses and Aaron. Passover is more than a celebration and remembrance of the historic events of Israel. Rather, it is a spiritual sign of God's plan to redeem us from the bondage of sin through faith in the atoning blood of Messiah our Passover lamb. As our Seder progresses we will see that The Passover sign says Jesus is Messiah, the Lamb of God, and is our way back to Eternal Life and the Tree of Life in the paradise of God.

Genesis 12:1-3: The Lord had said to Abram, “Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you... I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”

Genesis 15:6 Abram believed the Lord, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

Comments: God often calls us to leave our comfort zone to experience His blessings of Eternal Life through faith. We must sometimes even leave our family if necessary to bless our family. Israel and the Jewish people are founded on Abraham's willingness to trust and obey God over the pagan ways his family and friends. We are called to be in the world but not of the world.

Genesis 15:13-16 Then the Lord said to him, "Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own, and they will be enslaved and mistreated four hundred years.for the sin of the Amorites has not yet reached its full measure."

Comments: God foretold Abraham of the Israel's bondage in Egypt so we would know it happened for His purposes. God exhibited a period of grace to the Amorites before He would give the land to the young Nation of Israel. Even now God is giving humanity grace before Judgment Day. God wants all peoples of all nations to accept Messiah.

Genesis 18:19 For I have chosen him, so that he will direct his children and his household after him to keep the way of the Lord by doing what is right and just, ..

Matthew 22:36-40 "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

Comments: Abraham's descendants would receive the precious Torah and Prophets as God's ways of love and holiness. All Believers, Jews and non-Jews, should appreciate that Torah did not die on the cross. Jesus said the most important commandments of Christianity are founded on the Jewish Torah (the first five books of the Old Testament) and Prophets (Jewish Tenach or Bible).

Genesis 22:7-8 "The fire and wood are here," Isaac said, "but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?" Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son."

Comments: While Isaac could not be the perfect atoning sacrifice for human sin, his willingness to be sacrificed and Abraham's willingness to trust in God, blessed humanity. Just as God gave the ram as a substitute blood covering for Isaac, He would later give the animal sacrificial system as a temporary substitute for covering the sins of Israel.

The Lamb that is missing in this story of Abraham and Isaac is the Lamb of our Passover story. In addition, Jesus would be called the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Passover is a type for Jesus' blood bringing us out of bondage of sin permanently and leading us back to eternal life and the tree of life.

Exodus 12:12-13 "On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn—both men and animals—and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the Lord. The blood will be a sign for you ...I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt.

Exodus 10:2 .. how I performed my signs among them, and that you may know that I am the Lord.”

Exodus 12:1-7 The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, “This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household. ...Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs.

Comments: The lamb’s blood on the door frame was a sign to the people of God’s mercy that He would pass over them when He came to kill Egypt’s first born. The blood of Jesus on the doorpost of our hearts will mean God will pass over us at judgment time. Jesus specifically chose Passover to be His last supper. Passover is the annual feast of remembrance for Israel and the grafted-in Church to remember the events of Passover as though each of us were personally a slave in Egypt. All of us are slaves to sin, Satan and death until we receive the blood covering of Messiah. Communion, which comes from the Seder meal, is a practice we can do all year round in memory of Messiah’s broken body and shed blood.

John 10:22-25 Then came the Feast of Dedication at Jerusalem. ... will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, (Messiah) tell us plainly.” Jesus answered, “I did tell you, but you do not believe. The miracles I do in my Father’s name speak for me,

Comments: God uses the signs and wonders of miracles in the Passover story of Exodus and throughout the Bible (including the virgin birth, the miracles in Jesus’ ministry and especially the resurrection of Jesus) to show us that He is God with us and the promised Jewish Messiah. It is no coincidence that the Jewish Messiah would die during Passover and be resurrected at the First Fruits festival. Each of God’s Appointed Times is a milestone sign in the life of the Nation of Israel and for the Church.

Passover- The Blood of the Lamb is a sign of God’s mercy

Exodus 12:14 “This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it (Passover) as a festival to the Lord—a lasting ordinance.

John 1:29 The next day John saw Yeshua coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

1 Corinthians 5:7-8 ...For (Messiah) Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. Therefore let us keep the Festival,

Comments: It is evident that God wanted Israel and the grafted-in Church to continue to celebrate the Feast of Passover each year as a sign that Jesus was the Messiah freeing us from the bondage we experience from sin and a world not under God’s Kingship.

Passover is in fact the catalyst for God’s relationship with Israel as a Nation. Passover is in the first month of the Jewish calendar-- the month of Nissan. In fact, all the Appointed Feasts of

Israel (Pentecost, Feast of Trumpets, Day of Atonement, and Feast of Tabernacles) are founded on the events that happen during and after the Passover story.

Ephesians 3:6-10 This mystery is that through the gospel the **Gentiles are heirs together with Israel**, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Messiah Yeshua. ... His intent was that now, **through the church**, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms,

Ephesians 2:19-20 Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but **fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household**, built on the foundation of the apostles and Prophets.

Comments: Now Jews and all Believers are able participate in Passover as if we were all once slaves in Egypt. Our Citizenship in Messiah's Israel's makes all the blessings God gave to Abraham part of the blessings to the Church. Now all Believers can participate freely as a grafted-in Israelite by marriage to the Jewish Messiah in the Appointed Feasts and Times of Israel.

As a modern day example, think of the great joy a foreigner has when he finally receives US citizenship. He or she would then look forward to celebrating July 4th and our many other holidays with the feeling that they are now a true part of these events and the history. They would feel blessed. We hope everyone joining to celebrate Passover will feel blessed by getting to know God better tonight.

Below are some other examples of the Feasts of Israel and their blessings for the Church today.
Sabbath-Eternal rest in Messiah, the Lord of the Sabbath.

Exodus 31:12-13 Then the Lord said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites, 'You must observe my Sabbaths. This will be a sign between me and you for the generations to come, so you may know that I am the Lord, who makes you holy.'"

Mark 2:27-28 Then he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath."

Hebrews 4:8-11 For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken later about another day. There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from his own work, just as God did from his. Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will fall by following their example of disobedience.

FirstFruits- The Resurrection of Messiah

Shavuot/Pentecost- The giving of the Law and Holy Spirit

Acts 2:1-4 When the day of Pentecost (Shavuot) came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole

house where they were sitting. ...All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Feast of Trumpets- Prepare your hearts for the King/Rapture

Day of Atonement- Judgment or Forgiveness of sins

Comments: The curtain to the Holy of Holies was torn from top to bottom during Messiah's death on the cross. We can now go before God with confidence everyday. Yom Kippur is an important reminder to get right with our fellow man and to seek God's forgiveness. We know he will be faithful and forgive. We must also keep the sign of Yom Kippur for those who still live in their sin and face the coming judgment of God. We must keep the sign for both Jew and Gentile.

Feast of Tabernacles- The Millennium Kingdom of Messiah

Zechariah 14:16 Then the survivors from all the nations that have attacked Jerusalem will go up year after year to worship the King, the Lord Almighty, and to celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles.

Comments: We learn from Zechariah that the entire church will celebrate this Feast for 1000 years in the Millennium Kingdom. Without understanding Passover and the other Appointed Feasts we can not fully understand the meaning of the Feast of Tabernacles.

Part II Scriptures and Comments:

Galatians 3:29 If you belong to Christ (Messiah), then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Isaiah 49:6 he says: "It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring my salvation to the ends of the earth."

Romans 1:16-17 I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.

Comments: When we read the words of Isaiah 49 we learn the Messiah would not only bring salvation for the Jewish people, but for all God's people of all nations that would come to faith in Him.

Passover is filled with both scriptural and traditional prophetic types of Messiah. God wants us to celebrate this festival as though we ourselves were in bondage to Pharaoh and freed by God's great deliverance. In the Passover story, Egypt represents our bondage to sin. Pharaoh is a type for Satan who won't let us go. The 10th plague is the type for the price of Jesus' death that is paid to redeem us from sin, death and bondage to Satan. Only by the Lamb's blood covering over the door frames was Israel saved from the plague of death of the first born. Only

through the spiritual blood covering of Jesus' atoning sacrifice as the perfect Lamb of God on the door frames of our heart will we be saved from end-time judgment of our sins.

Acts 15:5-6 Then some of the believers who belonged to the party of the Pharisees stood up and said, "**The Gentiles must be circumcised and required to obey the law of Moses.**" The apostles and elders met to consider this question.

Acts 15:19-21 "It is my judgment, therefore, that we should not make it difficult for the Gentiles who are turning to God. For Moses has been preached in every city from the earliest times and is read in the synagogues on every Sabbath."

Part III Conclusion Scriptures and Comments:

- Passover should guide Christians back to their Hebraic roots
- Passover should guide the unsaved to Jesus for salvation

We must sometimes leave our comfort zones to realize the fullness of God's blessings.

Ruth 1:16 But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. **Your people will be my people and your God my God.**

Revelation 21:12-14 On the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel. There were three gates on the east, three on the north, three on the south and three on the west. The wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

Comments: The Church is the Believing Jew and Believing Non-Jew uniting in the marriage of faith to the Jewish Messiah.

Acts 2:38-39 Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Yeshua Messiah for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call."

Revelation 22:14 "Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the

Comments: If you have not been Born Again into God's own righteousness by the redeeming blood of Yeshua HaMashiac (Jesus Christ) we invite you to accept the Jewish Messiah by faith. His death and resurrection were for you. If you are Born Again you will eat of the Tree of Life in the paradise of God.

If your heart has been moved and you are ready to begin a new life in the Jewish Messiah please pray:

Genesis 15:6 Abram believed the Lord, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

Father Abraham Believed! I am Born Again and God will Pass Over me!

God of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and me, I realize that I am a sinner. I repent of my sins and seek your righteousness over my own. I believe that Yeshua is our Jewish Messiah, the perfect Lamb of God and the permanent blood atonement for my sins. I believe He was resurrected from death and is alive. I ask Yeshua to send His Ruach HaKodesh (Holy Spirit) into my heart to transform me into His likeness. Amen

God and all His angels and all Believers are celebrating your new everlasting life in God's Kingdom. Please call or tell a Believer in person of your Jewish decision to accept the Messiah.

Love in Messiah!

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