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**Gen 1:14- And Elohim said, Let light sources be in the expanse of the heavens, to divide between the day and the night. And let them be for signs and for (Holy day) seasons, and for days and years.**

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Greetings Brethren,

And shalom in the wonderful names of Yahweh and Yahshua. As Passover approaches there has never been a more serious time “*to redeem the time because the days are evil*” (Eph 5:16). When I was a child I used to love to sit and listen to older people like my grandmother who were born either in the 1800’s or early 1900’s. It was amazing to me to listen to people who had their own grandparents alive at the time of President Lincoln’s assassination.

It was also amazing to me to see their wisdom and conservative manner in how they handled themselves and their personal belief system. I don’t think that my grandmother even owned a pair of pants in her life. The people of that generation neither believed in divorce, premarital sex, abortion, or homosexuality. They were truly a conservative, hardworking, generation that struggled through 2 world wars and a great depression that molded them in hearts of hard work, family values and moral conservatism throughout their lives.

Unfortunately, for the world and especially the youth today, those people are gone; they are dead and no longer exist. Someone today who is 80 would only be born in 1933, and thousands even from that generation are dying daily. About 10,000 baby-boomers are retiring each day, which should tell us how fast the world is changing as the baby-boomers are the generation that brought drugs, the Vietnam War, and promiscuity into our society today.

And as the baby-boomers retire and our parents’ generation dies off it is the generation X and beyond who are beginning to run this end time globalist society. That is the reason that America has changed so much over the last 10 to 15 years as now more than 50% of society cohabitates without getting married, more than 50% believe in the murdering of innocent unborn children, 56% now believe homosexuality is ok, and pretty soon drugs such as marijuana will be legalized. Truly we are living in what the bible calls the end of days.

**2Ti 3:1** *But know this, that in the last days disastrous times will be upon us.*

**2Ti 3:2** *For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, braggarts, arrogant, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, wicked,*

**2Ti 3:3** *without natural feeling, addicted to lust, slanderers, without self-control, savage, haters of good,*

**2Ti 3:4** *traitors, hasty, boasters, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of Elohim,*

The good news is that very soon Yahshua Messiah will be coming back to this earth to set up His eternal kingdom from Jerusalem to go throughout the world (Mic 4:2). And for those who see this wicked society for what it is and come out from this wicked world, and repent of their sins and accept the shed blood of Yahshua, the eternal Son of Yahweh for the forgiveness of their sins, they can be a part of that kingdom with Yahshua reigning through the millennium and forever.

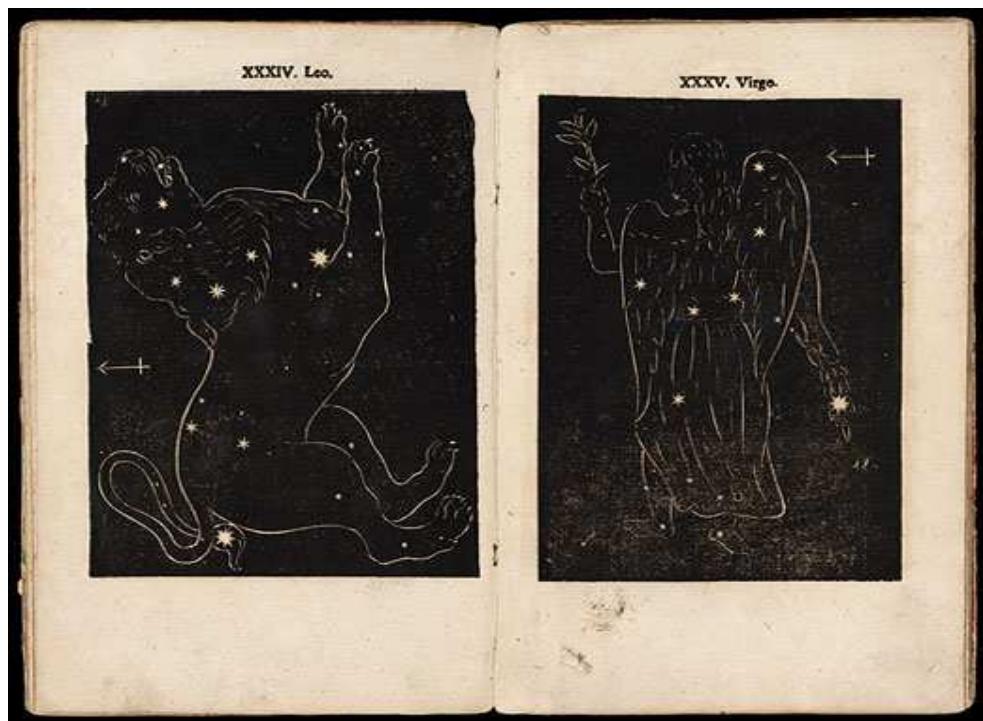
What a great contrast and hope compared to the pathetic, sinful, empty world of today. Many of our grandparents and great grandparents would be turning over in their graves to see such a decrepit immoral, prideful, society as we live in today. Our battle in life truly is in our mind (heart) for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks (Math 12:34). In this selfish, self-centered, society we live in the true people of Yahweh must exhibit Elohim guided patience and self-control and most important true genuine love.

May each of Yahweh’s true covenant children truly embrace their wonderful calling and have a most blessed Passover season as we anxiously wait for our King’s return. May we take out the old leaven in our lives and remove every spot and wrinkle so our garments are white at the bridegroom’s return.

*B'Shem Yahshua,*

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# **Signs in the Heavens and the Return of the Messiah**



By Don Esposito

I would like to share with you the wonderful plan of salvation that Yahweh has laid out since creation by the signs in the heavens.

The Hebrew Mazzaroth is the combination of 12 constellations that are all on the ecliptic circle that the earth rotates around each year in its circular pattern from equinox to equinox.

Yahweh set these constellations in the sky at creation to tell the timing of His Holy Days and also the prophetic timing of world events.

**Gen 1:14** *And Elohim said, Let light sources be in the expanse of the heavens, to divide between the day and the night. And let them be for **signs** and for (Holy day) **seasons**, and for **days** and **years**.*

The word for "signs" in Hebrew is "owth" and means a signal or a marker and refers to heavenly signs to show the timing of Yahweh's plan of salvation.

The word 'seasons' is 'moed' and means the Holy Days of Yahweh. The word for day is 'yome' and means a day and the word years is 'shenah' and means the literal timing of a physical year.

So, clearly, from the very beginning in scripture we see that Yahweh laid out here how we are to calculate time. We are to use the heavenly bodies that he created (the sun, moon and stars) to calculate days, months, years and even His Holy Days and special spiritual markers to time His plan of salvation.

Let me also most dogmatically state that there is nothing mentioned here of barley or any other arbitrary way to calculate time.

I will also add that in Genesis 2:1-2, Yahweh also gives us how to calculate weeks as He created everything in 6 literal days and rested or in the original Hebrew "shabbat". This showed also from creation of the unbroken weekly chain of a 7 day week.

The earth rotates around on its axis in a 24 hour period and we call this a day. The moon rotates around the earth in a 29 or 30 day cycle and we call this a month. The earth rotates around the sun in a 365 ¼ days cycle and we call this a year. The starting point is the vernal equinox and the ending point of the year is the vernal equinox.

The vernal equinox is the dividing point from one year to the next, but it is actually the moon that must be waited for to finish its cycle before the change of season can actually take place.

**Psa 104:19** *He made the moon for seasons (mo'edim); the sun knows its going down.*

The sun rules the day and the moon the month and also the beginning of the New Year, as even though the earth passes the equator on the day of the equinox, the new month and year would not start until the next New Moon.

The word for seasons in Ps 104:19 is moedim or Holy Days and shows that the new moon is what sets the new month to be able to count to the Holy Days.

Yahweh works in the circular and as we have recently found out in the Gilgal sandal excavation here in Israel is that the Israelites also worshipped in a circular pattern to show Yahweh's continual never-ending sovereignty.

If one wants to know about Yahweh's end time signs in the heavens it is imperative that one understands the pattern of the calendar just mentioned.

Many signs take place on Holy Days and revolve around their meaning. Other signs mentioned in scripture revolve around the sun and moon dealing with eclipses such as Joel 2:31.

**Joe 2:31** *The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the great and awesome day of YAHWEH.*

If one doesn't understand the circular pattern of both the calendar and worship he would not understand these signs mentioned by Yahweh. There will be a very special tetrad of both Solar and Lunar eclipses in 2014 and 2015 in both the spring and fall both years.

However, I want to focus on the heavenly signs from the Hebrew Mazzaroth. The 12 constellations that are on the ecliptic circle that the sun appears in each one for approximately 30 days each year.

This yearly procession each and every year from creation has told the plan of Yahweh in the heavenly bodies.

There is something called the procession of the equinoxes. This is the fact that because of the earth's wobble on its axis that about every 2160 years or so that the earth moves in a way that at the equinox and the beginning of the year, the sun would be in a different constellation.

This has told the plan of Yahweh in the heavens from creation. At creation the vernal equinox and year started at the constellation of the Ox. In Hebrew the ox was the original word picture of the first letter in the Hebrew alphabet called "aleph" and denotes headship and strength as an ox denotes strength.

We also know in scripture Yahshua is called the 'Aleph" and the "Tav"; the aleph being the first letter in the alphabet and the tav being the last letter in the alphabet.

The Mazzaroth turned about the time of the making of the covenant with Abraham and at that time the year was now starting when the sun was in the constellation of the ram.

We know the ram was Yahweh's provision to Abraham instead of His son Isaac to be sacrificed and was symbolic of Elohim providing His only Son Yahshua as the substitute for each of our sins, if we believe in Him and repent.

Then, when Yahshua was born the Mazzaroth turned again and the year started when the sun was in the constellation of the fish; the fish being a sign of Yahshua coming and making us fishers of men.

Also in Gen 48:16 when Jacob blessed Ephraim and Manasseh he also gave them this blessing.

**Gen 48:16** *The Messenger that redeemed me from every evil, may He bless the youths; and may my name be called on them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac, and may they like fishes grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth.*

It is also interesting to note that the symbol of the tribe of both Ephraim and Manasseh is the ox.

And now in these last days it is most interesting that the Mazzaroth is getting ready to change again in this coming decade to the sign of the man being the water pourer.

This is clearly showing the Messianic age is ready to emerge and Yahshua, the great King, who has the only true living water, will be pouring it out all over the earth during His millennial reign.

**Joh 7:37** Now on the great day, which is the last of the feast (The eighth day), Yahshua was standing and He cried out and said, If a man thirsts, let him come to Me and drink.

**Joh 7:38** Anyone who believes in me as the scriptures have said, **rivers of living water will flow from his belly.**

**Rev 22:1** And he showed me a **pure river of water of life**, bright as crystal, coming forth out of the throne of YAHWEH and of the Lamb.

Even the pagan astrologers call this constellation 'Aquarius' which means water carrier or cup carrier.

We know that at Passover each year in ancient times there were 4 cups that were drunk and the fourth cup was the cup of salvation that only the Messiah could drink.

**Psa 116:13** I will lift up **the cup of salvation**, and I will call on the name of YAHWEH.

Clearly by the signs in the heavens Yahweh is showing that the bridegroom is coming out of His chamber.

There is one more important point to make with the signs in the heavens and the procession of the equinox. With the changing of the equatorial sign each roughly 2100 years it also changes the coordinates of the 4 major stars in the heavens that calculate from the north, south, east and west.

When Yahshua was born there was an amazing sign in the heavens that Yahweh prophesied about in the book of Numbers 24:17, and also Gen 49:10.

**Gen 49:9** Judah is a lion's whelp. My son, you have risen up from the prey; he stoops, he crouches like a lion; and like a lioness, who can rouse him?

**Gen 49:10** The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the lawmaker from **between his**

**feet**, until He comes to whom it belongs (Shiloh), and the obedience of the people to him.

The word for 'between his feet' in Hebrew is 'regal' and the name of the brightest star in the constellation of the Lion, which represents Judah is called Regulus. The star Regulus was in conjunction with the King's planet Jupiter at Yahshua's birth and is categorized as what is known as the star of Bethlehem.

Now, since the turning of the procession of the equinoxes, amazingly enough the same coordinates on the Mazzaroth graph that formerly had Regulus between the feet of the constellation of the Lion, now has the coordinates in the crown of Bethulah, the constellation of the virgin.

Whereas at Messiah's birth this constellation represented the virgin birth, now at Yahshua's return it represents the chaste virgin bride of Messiah who has prepared herself and made her garments white in preparation of the wedding supper.

**Rev 19:7** Let us rejoice and let us exult, and we will give glory to Him, because the marriage of the Lamb came, and **His wife prepared herself**.

**Rev 19:8** And it was given to her that she be clothed in fine linen, pure and bright; for the fine linen is the righteousness of the saints.

Do you realize how close we are to Messiah's return with these signs that Yahweh is providing? Do you men realize how much work we still need to do?

**Luk 21:25a** And there will be signs in the sun and moon and stars.

**Mat 24:33** so also you, when you see all these things, know that it is near at the doors.

Yahweh has given us a great gift by allowing us to know the closeness of the times, but also a great responsibility in bringing His good news to all the world. How wonderful His ways are and how awesome are His signs in the Heavens to know His kingdom is almost here.



# DOES SCRIPTURE SHOW PROOF TO WHERE YAHSHUA WAS CRUCIFIED?

By Don Esposito

If you were to take a pilgrimage to Jerusalem there are several places that tour guides would show you that claim to be the place of the crucifixion.

One is called the Church of the Holy Sepulcher which was named by the mother of the emperor Constantine even though she never visited Jerusalem.

This place could not qualify to be accurate as it is behind the Temple Mount, which

doesn't fit the biblical account of the soldiers at Yahshua's crucifixion being able to see inside the temple when the veil was ripped in two.

**Mat 27:51** *And, behold! The veil of the sanctuary was torn into two from above as far as below. And the earth quaked, and the rocks were sheared!*

**Mat 27:54** *But the centurion and those with him guarding Yahshua, seeing the earthquake and the things taking place, they feared exceedingly, saying, Truly this One was Son of Elohim.*

Also, the Church of the Sepulcher was inside the city walls which would not have been allowed for crucifixion due to ceremonial clean and unclean laws in the first century. Constantine's mother Helena also incorrectly named St Catherine's in Sinai as the place of Mount Sinai, and the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem as the place of Yahshua's birth. She was 0 for 3, and got all three wrong.

The other place sometimes mentioned came about in the late 1800's in the northern part of Jerusalem called "The Garden Tomb". I have exceptional connection to this place as I met my wife Petra inside the tomb back in November of 1997. So if anyone would love to have that as the true place of the crucifixion and burial it is me, but unfortunately, the tomb is a 7<sup>th</sup> century BC tomb, and the place is too far north for the centurion to even see the Temple from there and it simply is a peaceful place but not the place of the crucifixion.

I believe first of all that one must reckon that Jerusalem was indeed and in fact the place of the Garden of Eden to start to unravel this mystery. We have much biblical and even geological proof on this matter. If you

take from the center of which would have been the holy of holies in the temple and go about a half mile to the east you would have what is biblically known as “*outside the camp*”. This is where Adam and Eve were cast out of. Acts 1:12 calls this in Greek “*a Sabbath’s day journey*” and in Aramaic it is even more specific of 7 furlongs, which equals about 1/2 a mile.

You had Eden (the presence of Yahweh) , then you had a garden east of Eden (probably the area of the garden of Gethsemane) and then you have outside of Eden, as mentioned about a half mile from the holy of holies.

The southern corner of the Mount of Olives is above a 2,000 year old graveyard that was present in the days of Yahshua and was called in biblical times “***the place of appointment or the Mount of offense***”. This was just above the third altar called the “*Miphkad altar*”. This is where they sacrificed the red heifer sacrifice.

Remember there were three altars for sacrifice. One was outside the temple itself where most of the animals for sacrifices were slaughtered. Second, there was the altar of incense just before the holy of holies where the priest used to burn incense as a sweet fragrance to Yahweh. And lastly there was a third altar that was used only for one sacrifice; the sacrifice of the Red Heifer that was completely burned and the only sacrifice that the priest had no authority to eat, because it was a Melchizedek sacrifice not a Levitical one. That is why it had to be burned on a different altar outside of the temple precinct across the Kidron valley on the eastern slope of the Mount of Olives.

Look at what scriptures states about this sacrifice.

**Num 19:2** This is the statute of the law which YAHWEH has commanded, saying, Speak to the sons of Israel, that they bring you a red heifer, without blemish, in which there is no blemish, on which no yoke ever came.

**Num 19:3** And you shall give her to Eleazar the priest, **and she shall be brought forth outside the camp;** and she shall be slaughtered before his face.

**Num 19:9** **And a man that is clean shall gather up the ashes of the heifer, and shall lay them up outside the camp in a clean place.** And it shall be kept for the congregation of the sons of Israel for a water of impurity; it is a sin offering.

**Num 19:12** **He shall cleanse himself for it on the third day, and on the seventh day he shall be clean.** And if he does not cleanse himself on the third day, then on the seventh day he shall not be clean.

**Num 19:19** **And the clean person shall sprinkle on the unclean on the third day, and on the seventh day; and on the seventh day he shall purify himself; and he shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and shall be clean** at evening.

**Num 19:20** But the man that shall be unclean, and shall not purify himself, that soul shall be cut off from the midst of the congregation, because he has defiled the sanctuary of YAHWEH; the water for impurity has not been sprinkled on him; he shall be unclean.

It is most interesting that you had to be cleansed on the “*third day*” (day of resurrection), to be clean on the 7<sup>th</sup> day (representing the 7<sup>th</sup> millennium and Kingdom). Not only this, but this also represents New Testament baptism and that the ashes of the sacrifice in the living water were for the cleansing of many and their purification from being unclean. Exactly what baptism does to the believer in Yahshua.

Also, since Adam failed and was cast outside the camp, Yahshua as the second Adam had to come exactly outside the camp to the same place Adam was cast out of and pay the penalty of sin. Look at the following scriptures to back this up.

**Rom 5:14** Yet death reigned from Adam until Moses, even over those who had not sinned after the likeness of the transgression of the Torah by Adam, who was a type of Him who was to come.

**Rom 5:15** But the free gift is not also like the **offence**. For if by the **offence** of the one the many died how much more the grace and gift of YAHWEH, because of one Man, Yahshua Messiah, be increased for many.

**Rom 5:16** And the effect of **the gift of YAHWEH was greater than the effect of the offence of Adam**; For while the judgment of one man's offence resulted in the condemnation of many, but the free gift of YAHWEH in the forgiveness of sins resulted in justification to many more.

**Rom 5:17** For if by the offence of the one death reigned through the one, much more those who are receiving the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness shall rule in life by the One, Yahshua Messiah.

**Rom 5:18** Therefore, as **on account of the offence of one, condemnation was to all men; so on account of the righteousness of one, will the victory unto life be to all men.**

In the Garden of Eden the eternal Melchizedek priesthood existed not the Levitical one that came later as a temporary mediator for the people until the true mediator Yahshua would come (Gal 3:19).

Now look at the following scripture written in the book of Hebrews that tells us exactly the area where Yahshua was crucified.

**Heb 13:10** We have an **altar** (mikphad altar) of which those which minister in the tabernacle have no authority to eat.

**Heb 13:11** For of the animals whose "blood is brought" by the high priest "into the Holy of Holies" concerning sins, of these the bodies "are burned outside the camp." (Lev. 16:2, 27)

**Heb 13:12** Indeed, because of this, **in order that He might sanctify the people by His own blood, Yahshua suffered outside the gate.**

**Heb 13:13** So let us go forth to Him outside the camp bearing His reproach.

The Apostle Paul clearly delineates the very area of the crucifixion being at the third altar, called the Miphkad where the Red heifer used to be slaughtered for the purification of the waters for the mikvah and the cleansing of the people.

As already mentioned the southern end of the Mount of Olives is called "**The place of appointment or the Mount of Offence**". Scripture states Yahshua was the "Lamb of Yah" slain from the foundation of the world". Where Adam failed the second Adam had to successfully accomplish. Interesting also is that not only was Yahshua crucified here, but He also was resurrected, ascended to heaven, and will return all in the same area.

Also, as Yahshua was coming into Jerusalem passing on the road in this very area, what does He do? He curses the fig tree and states "*may no one ever eat your fruit again forever*" (Math 21:19)?

When Adam and Eve sinned what was the first thing they did when their eyes were open? They sewed fig leaves, showing most likely the fig tree was the very tree of the knowledge of good and evil that they ate from. So now Yahshua as He curses the fig tree is showing He has conquered sin and no one will have to pay the penalty of sin any longer if they believe in His sacrifice and repent.

Also, and of most importance, even though only the Red Heifer sacrifice was done at the third altar across the Kidron valley in the southern slope of the Mount of Olives, all the ashes of all sin sacrifices were taken to this place outside the camp where the Mikphad altar was..

**Lev 6:11** And he shall strip off his garments, and shall put on other garments, **and shall bring the ashes out to the outside of the camp, to a clean place**

**Heb 13:11** For of the animals whose "blood is brought" by the high priest "into the Holy of Holies" concerning sins, of these the bodies "**are burned outside the camp.**" (Lev. 16:2, 27)

Even though they have not found the Miphkad altar where the red heifer was sacrificed they did find some of the ashes of the sacrifices that were brought, and it was in the area above the graveyard in the southern portion of the Mount of Olives.

That means when Yahshua was crucified not only was He just outside the camp where Adam and Eve were cast out to, and not only was He just above the Miphkad altar where the Red heifer was burned, but He was also right above the ashes of every sin offering ever made in the temple, to truly prove He was the Messiah and Son of Yahweh.

If you even look at pictures from the Temple Institute you will see they place the bridge going across the Kidron closer to the southern end where it would have been and this would also place the temple correctly as Dr. Ernest Martin suggests in his book called "*The Temples that Jerusalem Forgot*", just north of the City of David.

Also, and of most interest in locating the original crucifixion site is that the Jewish graveyard that is directly under this place is more than 2,000 years old and the gospels clearly state that the rocks shook and the graves were opened, which is another parameter in locating the proper site.

**Mat 27:51** *And, behold! The veil of the sanctuary was torn into two from above as far as below. And the earth quaked, and the rocks were sheared!*

**Mat 27:52** *And the tombs were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised.*

The bible also mentioned that the name of the place where Yahshua was crucified was called "**Golgotha**". Many people inaccurately translate this as the place of the skull, however in Hebrew and Aramaic it is better translated as the place of the "**head**", not skull. Interestingly enough, the place on the Mount of Olives above the 2,000 year old graveyard was called the place of the "**head**" because as we mentioned in Hebrew 13:12-13, this place was outside the camp and they used to do the head count or census in this area because people who were ceremonially unclean could not enter the city gates, and the head counting of everyone could only be done outside the gate, therefore naming it "**the place of the head**" for head counting.

I have sermons online at [www.coyhwh.com](http://www.coyhwh.com) on this subject and have given many lectures at this site in Jerusalem and I am most convinced that the bible clearly defines the area across the Kidron valley on the southern tip of the Mount of Olives above the ancient graveyard as the place of the crucifixion. Why not join us for a feast and get to hear a lecture about this right in the very area that it happened? It is most life changing.

When I give the lecture on the top of the Mount of Olives people have been literally blown away with emotion knowing how precise Yahweh really is and what love for His creation that He would make such a sacrifice for all who will accept it. To think that the very area that Adam was cast out of in the book of Genesis, the second Adam (Yahshua H'Mashiach) had to come to redeem what the first Adam lost. It truly is the place of Appointment for the Lamb of Yah slain from the foundation of the world.

# WHICH DAY IS THE PASSOVER?



BY DON ESPOSITO

Leviticus 23:5-6 states, “In the first month, on the fourteenth of the month, between the evenings is the Passover to YAHWEH. And on the fifteenth day of this month is the Feast of Unleavened to YAHWEH; you shall eat unleavened things seven days.”

From this scripture it should be clear that the Passover and Days of Unleavened Bread are two different ceremonies, or why would Yahweh separate them in Leviticus 23? The Passover is on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of the first month of the year (Aviv) between the evening of the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14th, and the Feast of Unleavened Bread begins on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the month. I believe much of the confusion on the timing of Passover is because the Jewish community keeps the Passover on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of Aviv, the first day of Unleavened incorrectly, and some have also incorrectly followed in their footsteps.

Their mistake is quite simple and explained in Alfred Edersheim's book called The Temple its Ministry and its Services. In the book Edersheim explains that there was the actual Passover sacrifice that was killed between the evenings of the 13<sup>th</sup> and the 14<sup>th</sup> of Aviv, but then there was a second sacrifice or hagagah that was done the following night that was a peace offering to Yahweh. This was also called a Passover sacrifice as all sacrifices done during the whole 8 days ceremonies were called Passover.

This is actually the sacrifice that scripture calls the Night to Be Observed, not for the night of the actual Passover and death angel passing but the next night when they left Egypt and had a great celebration.

We are told that we are to celebrate each year and commemorate the coming out of Egypt on the fifteenth of Aviv.

**(Ex. 12:42)** “It is a night of celebration to YAHWEH, for bringing them out from the land of Egypt. This night is a celebration for all the sons of Israel to their generations.”

This is not the night of the Passover, but the following night. Many refer to this festive meal as “*the night to be much observed*.” The reason the Jews keep Passover on the 15<sup>th</sup> instead of the 14<sup>th</sup> is that they have combined these two ceremonies into one.

Look at what the *Encyclopedia Judaica* says concerning this combining of Passover and the 1<sup>st</sup> day of Unleavened Bread: “*The feast of Passover consists of two parts: The Passover ceremony and the feast of Unleavened Bread. Originally, both parts existed separately; but at the beginning of the [Babylonian] exile they were combined,*” Vol. 13, p. 169. This is a significant statement. Later Jewish practice clearly shows how they combined the two observances into one on the 15th of Abib.

This is where much of the confusion comes in, as in Second Temple times the priests in the temple

combined the two sacrifices of Passover and the second hagigah to make one sacrifice late on the 14<sup>th</sup> of Aviv going into the 15<sup>th</sup> and Holy Day; although, as we will see with Yahshua that some were still properly killing the lambs between the evening of the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of Aviv.

Let's look at Deuteronomy 16 to confirm this point and clear up a misconception.

**Deu 16:6** But at the place which He shall choose to cause His name to dwell there (Jerusalem), you shall sacrifice a Passover offering at evening, at the going of the sun, at the time when you came out of Egypt.

From the above scripture if one read over it quickly he might think that the actual Passover lamb was to be sacrificed and eaten on the beginning of the 15<sup>th</sup> of Aviv, as that was the night that Israel left Egypt. However, look at the following scripture to prove the point that Deut 16:6 is not speaking about killing and eating the actual Passover Lamb but is speaking about the second hagigah, which was also a Passover sacrifice but **NOT THE** Passover sacrifice.

**Deu 16:2** And you shall sacrifice a Passover to YAHWEH your Elohim **of the flock, and of the herd**, in the place which He shall choose to cause His name to dwell there.

This scripture proves that this could not be the actual Passover sacrifice but had to be the second hagigah or Night to Be Observed memorial as the true Passover can **ONLY** come from the flock and **NOT** from the herd, but the second hagigah could be from either.

**Exo 12:3** Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying, On the tenth of this month, they shall each take for themselves **an animal of the flock** for a father's house, a flock animal for a house.

**Exo 12:4** And if the house is too small for a **flock animal**, he and his neighbor next to his house shall take according to the number of souls, each one according to the mouth of his eating, you shall count concerning **the flock animal**.

**Exo 12:5** **A flock animal**, a male without blemish, a yearling, shall be to you. **You shall take from the sheep or from the goats.**

**Exo 12:6** **And it shall be for you to keep until the fourteenth day of this month.** And all the assembly of the congregation of Israel **shall kill it between the evenings.**

Also, notice that you are to keep the animal **UNTIL** the 14<sup>th</sup> day, meaning you keep the animal up until, or when the 13<sup>th</sup> is ending, and then, kill it between the evenings of the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. They were then commanded to stay in their homes until the break of day (Ex. 12:22) or in Hebrew 'boker' meaning until daybreak or morning.

**Exo 12:22** And take a bunch of hyssop and dip in the blood in the basin. And touch some of the blood in the basin to the lintel and on the two doorposts. **And you shall not go out, anyone from the door of his house until morning.**

Then on the daylight portion of the 14<sup>th</sup>, they were to quickly gather their possessions and leave the city of Goshen where they lived, and gather at Ramses, the capital city of Egypt. Scripture tells us that the Israelites left Ramses later on the night portion of the fifteenth day of the first month.

(Deut. 16:1b) **"For in the month of Aviv, YAHWEH your Elohim brought you out of Egypt by night."**

(Num. 33:3a) **"And they pulled up stakes from Ramses in the first month on the fifteenth day of the first month."**

So very clearly the actual Passover meal could have only taken place at the beginning of the 14<sup>th</sup> of Aviv between the evening of the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, as they were not able to leave their houses until morning and then, scripture states during the daylight portion of the 14<sup>th</sup> they pilfered the Egyptians and gathered almost 2 million people and animals from Goshen where they lived to Ramses, which was about 7 miles away.

This obviously would have taken the whole daylight portion of the 14<sup>th</sup> and then, they left Ramses at the beginning of the 15<sup>th</sup> day of Aviv at night exactly as the scriptures above state. This night now, the 15<sup>th</sup> of Aviv, when they left Egypt was a night to be remembered throughout their generations and was to be a night of celebration, not the 14<sup>th</sup> night when the death angel was passing and someone was dying in every home.

**(Ex. 12:42)** **"It is a night of celebration to YAHWEH, for bringing them out from the land of Egypt. This night is a celebration for all the sons of Israel to their generations."**

Exodus 12:8 tells us that we are to eat the Passover with unleavened bread. Now if this were the fifteenth, it would already be unleavened bread, there would be no reason to even state this unless

the Passover was to be eaten on the 14<sup>th</sup>, the day before unleavened bread. Also, everything Yahweh names, He does for a purpose. Every name in scripture including His own has a special meaning.

The name Passover is named for the death angel passing over the Israelites at midnight. Now there may be two evenings to a day, the beginning and ending evening, but there is only one midnight. If the 14<sup>th</sup> day is Passover, then the Passover meal was eaten early on the 14<sup>th</sup>, and the death angel passed over at midnight on the 14<sup>th</sup> (Ex 12:29). Then, the Israelites went to Ramses on the daylight portion of the 14<sup>th</sup>, and left Ramses the night of the 15<sup>th</sup>, as scripture states.

Now let's look at the New Testament and see if Yahshua also kept the Passover meal early evening on the 14<sup>th</sup> of Aviv according to scripture. Let's look at the Good News of Luke.

**Luke 22:7, "And the day of the Unleavened came, on which the Passover must be slaughtered."**

Which day was this? It was the day before Yahshua was crucified, late afternoon on the 13<sup>th</sup> of Aviv going into the 14<sup>th</sup> of Aviv when He would keep the last Passover with His disciples. Notice that scripture clearly states that this was the afternoon that the lambs were to be killed, not the next day when Yahshua is being crucified as some wrongly assume. As a matter of fact the high priests were at Yahshua's crucifixion proving that the lambs couldn't have been killed at the same time.

**Mat 27:41** And in the same way, **the chief priests with the scribes and elders**, mocking, said,  
**Mat 27:42** He saved others; He is not able to save Himself. If He is the King of Israel, let Him come down now from the torture stake and we will believe Him.

Then, after the Passover meal He went to the Garden of Gethsemane and was arrested and the next day He was crucified, during the daylight portion of the 14<sup>th</sup>, the day before the Holy Day of Leviticus 23:7.

**John 19:31** "Then, since it was Preparation, that the bodies not remain on the tree on the Sabbath, for that Sabbath was a holy day."

Clearly this is late afternoon on the 14<sup>th</sup> when Yahshua was killed right before sunset and the beginning of the Holy Day that began on the 15th at sunset. This also most dogmatically shows that

Yahshua kept the Passover early on the 14<sup>th</sup>, between the evenings of the 13<sup>th</sup> and the 14<sup>th</sup> according to scripture.

Let us go back to Luke, and look at what Yahshua commanded his disciples at the beginning of the 14<sup>th</sup> of Aviv, the night before he died.

**Luk 22:8** "And He sent Peter and John, saying, Having gone, prepare for us the Passover, that we may eat."

**Luke 22:11** "And you will say to the housemaster of that house, Our Master says to you, Where is the guest room where I may eat the Passover with My disciples?"

**Luke 22:13** "And having gone, they found as He had told them, and they prepared the Passover."

Some have erroneously tried to say that the meal Yahshua ate with His disciples was not the Passover, yet there are 14 New Testament references calling the meal "The Passover". The Apostle Paul also tells us that we should observe the Passover at the same time that our Master Yahshua sacrificed it.

**I Cor. 11:23** "For I received from the Master what I also delivered to you, that the Master Yahshua in the night in which He was betrayed took bread..."

**1Co 11:24** and giving thanks, He broke and said, take, eat, this is My body which is broken on behalf of you, **this do in remembrance of Me.**

**1Co 11:25** In the same way the cup also, after supping, saying, this cup is the New Covenant in My blood, each time you drink it, **do this in remembrance of Me.**

**1Co 11:26** For each time that you may eat this bread, and drink this cup, you solemnly commemorate the death of our Master, until His coming.

Clearly, scripture shows us that Yahshua kept his last Passover on the beginning of the 14<sup>th</sup> of Aviv, right after the time the lambs were being killed (Lk. 22:7), then was taken at midnight of the fourteen by the Pharisees in the Garden of Gethsemane ( same time the death angel passed on original Passover) and died on the daylight portion of the 14<sup>th</sup> still on the Passover, to show He truly was the Passover lamb. The Jews, according to their own tradition and not scripture, were keeping Passover the next day wrongly so, combining it with the Night to Be Much Observed. (John 18:28)

# What Type of Bread was used on the Last Passover?

By Don Esposito



A question has arose to which type of bread did Yahshua use to represent His sacrificed body on the last Passover that he performed with His disciples. Before we will answer that question, first let's look at scripture to clearly show that this was indeed the Passover that He partook of with His disciples.

**Luk 22:7** And the day of the Unleavened came, **on which the Passover must be slaughtered.**

**Luk 22:8** And He sent Peter and John, saying, Having gone, **prepare for us the Passover**, that we may eat.

**Luk 22:9** And they said to Him, Where do You desire that we prepare?

**Luk 22:10** And He said to them, Behold when you enter into the city you will meet up with a man who is bearing a skin of water. Go after him and where he enters,

**Luk 22:11** And you will say to the housemaster of that house, **Our Master says to you, Where is the guest room where I may eat the Passover with My disciples?**

**Luk 22:12** And that one will show you a large upper room which he has furnished. Prepare there.

**Luk 22:13** And having gone, they found as He had told them, **and they prepared the Passover.**

**Luk 22:14** And when the hour came, He reclined, and the twelve apostles with Him.

**Luk 22:15** And He said to them, **I have greatly desired that I eat this Passover with you before I suffer.**

**Luk 22:16** For I say to you that from now on, I will not eat of it again until when it is fulfilled in the kingdom of YAHWEH!

There are actually 14 different references all calling this meal the Passover sacrifice. If you do a careful search of the meal itself you will see that it was kept very much like a traditional Passover Seder in that day, as we see multiple cups of wine being drunk, bitter herbs being eaten and the singing of hymns at the end which was also a part of the traditional Seder.

Also, and of most importance is that it mentions that this day was when the "lambs must be killed". Clearly this was late afternoon on the 13<sup>th</sup> of Aviv right before between the evening of the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, as Yahshua was taken in the Garden of Gethsemane later that evening (evening of the 14<sup>th</sup>) and then crucified the next day during the daylight portion of the 14<sup>th</sup> of Nisan on the preparation for the Holy Day that came after sunset after His crucifixion at the beginning of the 15<sup>th</sup> of Aviv (Joh 19:31).

**Joh 19:31** Then, **since it was Preparation**, that the bodies not remain on the tree on the Sabbath, **for that Sabbath was a holy day**, the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and they be taken away.

Notice John clearly states that this was the 14<sup>th</sup> day Yahshua was crucified as at sunset after He was put in the tomb the Holy Day Sabbath of the 15<sup>th</sup> of Aviv and first day of Unleavened Bread would begin.

A false assumption that some make that is nowhere stated in scripture is that Yahshua had to die exactly when the lambs were being slaughtered. Yet we have already seen that Luk 22:7 clearly stated "**the lambs were being slaughtered between the evening of the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>**" when Yahshua was preparing to have the Passover meal with His disciples.

Nowhere does it state that the lambs were being slaughtered the next afternoon when He was crucified. As a matter of fact if you look at the following scripture I believe it will most conclusively show the lambs were **Not** slaughtered when Yahshua was being crucified.

**Mat 27:41** And in the same way, **the chief priests with the scribes and elders**, mocking, said,

**Mat 27:42** He saved others; He is not able to save Himself. If He is the King of Israel, let Him come down now from the torture stake and we will believe Him.

If the lambs were being killed at this time it is inconceivable that the chief priests and elders would be at Yahshua's crucifixion and not at the temple sacrificing the lambs. Passover was the most important and busiest day of sacrificing of the whole year and every priest was on duty. If the lambs were being crucified these priests would have been there. The fact that they are at Yahshua's crucifixion is proof that the lambs were not being killed at this time.

Now that it has conclusively been established that the meal Yahshua had with His disciples was indeed the Passover let's look at what type of bread would have had to be eaten.

**Exo 34:25** You shall not slaughter the blood of my sacrifice with leaven, nor shall the sacrifice of the Passover Feast pass the night until morning.

**Exo 12:8** And they shall eat the flesh in this night, roasted with fire, **and they shall eat it with unleavened bread** and bitter herbs.

It is commanded in the Torah that ONLY unleavened bread would be used in Yahweh's sacrifices. Where some have mistakenly thought leavened bread was used was because in the New Testament in the Greek the word used in Math 26:26 is "artos" which simply means bread, and it is not clearly defined as unleavened. In Aramaic the word "lechem" is used, which also simply means bread.

However, as we have already seen from Exodus 34:25, and 12:8 that unleavened bread should be used for the Passover Seder, so there is no reason to believe anything else otherwise. The Greek-English New Testament Lexicon, lists these definitions for "artos", as "bread, (any type leavened or unleavened) loaf, food; and figuratively, spiritual nutriment as well as showbread", which was unleavened.

The word lechem or artos in the Greek **DOES NOT** mean that Yahshua used leavened bread as can be seen by the following scripture.

**Mat 16:12** Then they knew that He did not say to take heed from the **leaven of bread**, but from the doctrine of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

In the above scripture the word for "leaven" is used and also the word for "bread" (artos in Greek, lechem in Aramaic) clearly showing that if the word leaven had to be used with the word for bread, then there can also be bread without leaven. Also, look at the next scripture for even more proof.

**Mar 2:25** And He said to them, Did you never read what David did when he had need and hungered, he and those with him,

**Mar 2:26** How he entered the house of YAHWEH while Abiathar was the high priest and he ate of the **bread of the table** of YAHWEH which was not lawful to eat except for the priests. And he even gave to those who were with him?

This is speaking about the showbread in the sanctuary of Yahweh and the word used here is lechem in Aramaic and artos in Greek, and since this bread was indeed unleavened, this is conclusive proof that both artos and lechem can be leavened or unleavened bread. Look at the following scriptures on the showbread and grain sacrifices to Yahweh.

**Lev 24:5** And you shall take flour, and shall bake twelve cakes with it; two tenths shall be in the one cake.

**Lev 24:6** And you shall set them in two rows, six on a row on the pure gold table before YAHWEH.

**Lev 24:7** And you shall put pure frankincense on the row, and it shall be the bread of a memorial, a fire offering to YAHWEH.

**Lev 24:8** On each Sabbath day he shall arrange it before YAHWEH continually, from the sons of Israel, a never ending covenant.

**Lev 6:14** And this is the law of the food offering: the sons of Aaron shall bring it near before YAHWEH, to the front of the altar.

**Lev 6:15** And he shall lift from it his handful of the flour of the food offering, and of its oil, and all the frankincense on the food offering. And he shall burn it as incense on the altar, a soothing fragrance from its memorial to YAHWEH.

**Lev 6:16** And Aaron and his sons shall eat the rest. **It shall be eaten with unleavened things** in the holy place, in the court of the tabernacle of the congregation they shall eat it.

**Lev 6:17** **It shall not be baked with leaven.** I have

given it as their portion out of My fire offerings. It is most holy, like the sin offering, and like the guilt offering.

Also, look at the following quote on the showbread of the sanctuary.

**SHEWBREAD (from Fausset's Bible Dictionary, unedited)** "The table is described as 'pure' (Lev 24:6), both because of its unalloyed gold and because of the 'pure offering' on it (Mal 1:11). The table stood in the holy place on the N. side (Ex 26:35). **The 12 cakes of unleavened bread**, arranged in two piles, with a golden cup of frankincense on each were renewed every Sabbath, and the stale loaves given to the priests. (Josephus Ant. 3:10, section 7),

Let's also look at how the word *artos* is used in the Septuagint, the Greek version of the Tanach.

**Lev 8:2** Take Aaron, and his sons with him, and the garments, and the anointing oil, and the bull of the sin offering, and the two rams, and the basket of **unleavened things**,

**Lev 8:26** And out of the basket of **unleavened bread** which was before YAHWEH, he took one unleavened cake, and one cake of oiled bread, and one wafer, and put them on the fat, and on the right leg;

The Septuagint translates the word *artos* to refer to unleavened bread in the above scripture. So quite conclusively we see that both *artos* in the Greek and *lechem* in Aramaic simply mean bread and does not prove at all that Yahshua ate leavened bread with His disciples.

Also, Look at Clarke's commentary on Math 26:26:

**"Yahshua took bread - Of what kind?**  
**Unleavened bread, certainly was used, because there was no other kind to be had in all Judea at this time; for this was the first day of unleavened bread, (Mat 26:17), i.e. the 14th of the month Nisan, when the Jews, according to the command of Elohim, (Exo 12:15-20; Exo 23:15; Exo 34:25), were to purge away all leaven from their houses; for he who sacrificed the Passover, having leaven in his dwelling, was considered to be such a transgressor of the Divine law as could no longer be tolerated among the people of Elohim; and therefore was to be cut off from the congregation of**

*Israel. Leo of Modena, who has written a very sensible treatise on the customs of the Jews, observes, "That so strictly do some of the Jews observe the precept concerning the removal of all leaven from their houses, during the celebration of the paschal solemnity, that they either provide vessels entirely new for baking, or else have a set for the purpose, which are dedicated solely to the service of the Passover, and never brought out on any other occasion." To this divinely instituted custom of removing all leaven previously to the paschal solemnity, St. Paul evidently alludes, 1Co 5:6-8.*

So due to the strict adherence of the Jews during this time all leaven was actually removed for 8 days, not seven and Yahshua could not have eaten the Passover meal with leavened bread as there was no leaven present at that time.

**1Co 5:6** Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens all the lump?

Compare this with:

**Rom 11:16 Now if the first-fruit is holy, so also the lump.** And if the root is holy, so also the branches.

Yahshua was the firstfruit waved omer (1 Cor 15:20,23), which could not have leaven, and since at Passover time leaven is representing sin, as Paul shows in 1 Cor 5:6-8, then most undoubtedly Yahshua would have never used leavened bread representing wickedness to represent His sacrificed body to Yahweh.

**1Co 5:7** Then, clean out the old leaven so that you may be a new lump, just as you are unleavened.

**For our Passover is Messiah** who was sacrificed for our sake. **1Co 5:8** Therefore, let us perform the feast, not with old leaven, nor with leaven of malice and of evil, but with unleavened bread of purity and holiness.

Yahweh's unchangeable pattern is clearly that His sacrifice should not be with leaven (Ex 34:25) and Yahshua as the Passover itself (1 Cor 5:7-8), and the bread clearly representing His broken body on the tree (Math 26:26), it is inconceivable that it would have been done with leaven. According to scripture Yahshua ate unleavened bread with His disciples on His last Passover meal before He was crucified.

# **Are YOU Ready To Take The PASSEOVER? (Reprint)**



*Another year has nearly passed! In just a few weeks the Passover will be here and another priceless opportunity to live through the panorama of Yahweh's annual Holy Days – His plan of salvation for you and for the whole world. Are you ready for this vital observance – are you ready to take the Passover?*

In just a few short weeks YOU will be sitting down with a very select few people on this earth to partake of the PASSEOVER. The Passover is a memorial of the death of Yahshua Messiah who is the Savior of the world. Partaking of the symbols of His broken body and shed blood mean that you have been selected to know and understand Yahweh's purpose. Being chosen as one of the ELECT to know Yahweh's truth carries sobering responsibilities. We cannot approach this event lightly.

## **Prelude To Holy Days**

The Passover is the first event beginning again Yahweh's annual season of Holy Days. His Holy Days reveal Yahweh's plan of salvation for the whole world. That plan, hidden from the world in general, reveals why you cannot take this event lightly. That plan reveals that you have been called to know and understand Yahweh's purpose – AHEAD of the majority of mankind.

Yahshua said: "It is given unto you to know the mysteries of the Kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given" (Matt. 13:11).

The world is not being called now! Only the Elect are being called now. Yahweh's Holy Days, revolving around the harvest seasons in Israel, show that we are part of the *early* harvest – representing the Elect. The rest of the world will not be given their opportunity until Yahshua returns and the Millennium begins – the *late* or Fall harvest – (see Lev. 23).

The sobering truth is that we have been called in a special calling or time to qualify ahead of the world so we can be *used* by Yahweh and Messiah to help bring knowledge and salvation to the rest of mankind.

Yahweh is vitally concerned with us as we approach this Passover, because of our important part in His plan. He is deeply concerned with our attitude. He wants to KNOW if we are totally surrendered to Him. Now is the time, just before the Passover to examine ourselves to see whether we are truly right with Yahweh and in harmony with Him and His plan.

## Self-examination

Do you realize that at this coming Passover you *could* eat and drink DAMNATION? Do you realize how high are the stakes? Yahweh inspired the apostle Paul to write: “Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread and drink this cup of the Master, *unworthily*, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Master. But let a man EXAMINE HIMSELF and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh *unworthily*, eateth and drinketh *damnation* to himself not discerning the Master's body” (1 Cor. 11:27-29). Brethren, this warning wouldn't be in Yahweh's Word if there were not mortal danger for YOU. This coming Passover is a vital time, whether you have taken the Passover many times or if this is your FIRST time. What does it mean to discern the Master's body? How can we eat and drink *unworthily*? How can we eat and drink damnation to ourselves? Let's understand.

## Getting into focus

Yahweh wants us to isolate a very basic and elementary perspective each year at the Passover. He wants us to focus on that elementary concept as we begin again to relive His plan of *salvation* for mankind. That elementary concept IS *salvation*. That's what His plan is all about whether it relates to us or the world. Therefore, brethren, the Passover is a time for us to once again get down to the elementary precepts of our OWN salvation – our OWN relationship to Yahweh and His Work. It is a time to examine OURSELVES. A time to look at YOU. We can get so absorbed in our work or in the “deeper things,” the more *important* things, that we can forget WE have to get

OURSELVES and *keep* ourselves right with Yahweh. That's what the Passover is all about.

There is never a time we can allow ourselves to get so busy or so important in our own eyes that we no longer need to get deadly serious about the elementary concepts of salvation that are so intimately associated with the Passover.

## The elementary principles

No matter how long we have been in Yahweh's Congregation or how spiritual we have become we are *still* human beings with carnal nature. Not one of us will ever come to a place in this life when we can afford to forget *what* we are. Just before the Passover we should take another look – a long, good look!

How did Yahweh make us?

“The heart [of man] is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked who can know it?” (Jer. 17:9).

“The carnal mind is enmity against Yahweh; for it is *not* subject to the law of Yahweh, neither indeed can be” (Rom. 8:7).

Yes, this *is* the kind of *nature* Yahweh placed within *you!* And this is the time of year to especially remember that fact. It is also a time to rehearse and reaffirm what you have done with the knowledge that you have that kind of nature.

The truth of the matter is Yahweh created human nature *alien* to Him and to His ways. Man's heart is wickedly inclined. He is deceitful, totally opposed to the ways of Yahweh. Most men have never seen themselves this way. Most men do not have the slightest awareness they have this kind of nature – but it's true.

Not only is man's nature this way, but his environment is also virtually totally alien to Yahweh. Mankind does not know that this

world is not YAHWEH'S world – yet. Yahweh is allowing Satan to rule this world for a time. He is allowing Satan to seduce man through man's carnal, evil nature to want and to imbibe in all the evil things of this world.

Satan is the ruler of this world at present and he is blinding men's minds to the truth that *you* have been given the privilege to understand. ‘But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the elohim of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Messiah, who is the image of Yahweh, should shine unto them’ (2 Cor. 4:3-4).

“For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is NOT of the Father, but is of the world” (1 John 2:16).

So, in our examination, let's realize what kind of an alien nature we have and what kind of a world we live in.

### **Light in Darkness**

But, brethren, for us who are the Elect, light and understanding has come by the calling of Yahweh's Holy Spirit. Through Yahweh's infinite mercy YOU were called as one of His Elect to see yourself and your environment as THEY REALLY ARE! This was a miracle in your life! Do you still realize it?

Yahweh sent His Holy Spirit to open your mind to real knowledge. The first thing He opened your mind to see was YOURSELF! You were led to see what human nature was like – what YOU were like.

You didn't like what you saw!

You wanted to be different. So you came to repentance – a change in yourself – because that's what repentance is. The words of the apostle Paul became your words: “For that which I do I allow not; for what I would,

that do I not: but what I hate, that do I. For I know that in me (that is in my flesh) dwelleth NO GOOD THING; O wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from the body of this death?” (Rom. 7:15, 18, 24). So you came to repentance and you were baptized. You went through and outward SYMBOL of death. Baptism is a picture of death, burial and resurrection. You were immersed in a watery grave and brought up in a type of a resurrection.

“How shall we that are dead to sin live any longer therein? Know ye not that so many of us as were baptized into Yahshua Messiah were baptized into His death? Therefore are we buried with Him by *baptism* into death: that like as Messiah was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life” (Rom. 6:2-4).

Having seen yourself for what you really were, you wanted to stop being Yahweh's enemy. You wanted to stop being deceitful, wicked. You wanted to have all the past evil deeds and thoughts taken away. You wanted to become a new – a different person. You saw that Yahshua Messiah died for you. You saw *why* He had to die – to pay the price for *your* sins, for *your* evil nature. So you acknowledged Yahshua as your own personal Savior. You asked Yahweh to accept the sacrifice of Yahshua's life for YOUR sins and rotten nature. You openly before Yahweh showed Him by your baptism what you TRULY wanted – for your evil nature to *die* and to be changed into having the kind of nature that is no longer Yahweh's enemy.

When Yahweh saw this genuine, heartfelt attitude, He gave you His Holy Spirit and begot you as His own child.

### **Not The End**

But that isn't the end of the story!

Now began perhaps the hardest part of all. Having crucified, in a sense, the “old nature,” we soon found that the old nature wasn’t dead. Though we wished for it to be destroyed, we found it still had life and vigor.

**AND THAT'S JUST THE POINT!**  
Yahweh intended it this way for a vital purpose. Yahweh wants us to comprehend the REAL DEPTH OF EVIL, WICKEDNESS AND DECEITFULNESS that is in us. Yahweh is allowing us to live on WITH our carnal natures and in an alien environment to teach us how really, *profoundly* EVIL human nature IS – and He wants us to AGREE with Him that it is – all through this entire Disciple living experience.

We know that we have crucified the old man to the intent that the body of SIN (our very nature) might be destroyed (Rom. 6:6). We know that once we are resurrected or changed at Yahshua's return, we will be freed from this kind of nature (verse 7). But, *until* that time comes, we must reckon ourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, and living the righteous life (verse 11). The struggle then begins to “let not sin therefore reign in your MORTAL body, that you should obey it in the lust thereof” (verse 12). So, as we approach the Passover, we have had one more year to live with ourselves. Yahweh is now asking us once again to partake of the broken body and shed blood of Messiah. Has this past year convinced you that you have come to the place that you no longer *need* the sacrifice of Messiah? Or rather has it convinced you that you need it EVEN MORE PROFOUNDLY than ever before?

#### **THIS IS WHAT DISCERNING THE MASTER'S BODY MEANS.**

Certainly you have grown in personal overcoming of sin. Certainly you have grown in Bible understanding and spiritual

knowledge. But have you grown in personally knowing YOU need Yahshua Messiah more than ever before?

#### **Seen More Deeply?**

When we are first baptized we are called “babes” in Messiah. Notwithstanding we have come to miraculous and profound knowledge at baptism, we still are just *beginning* a life of overcoming. We need to grow and mature in understanding and perspective. “...As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may GROW thereby” (1 Pet. 2:2). “But grow in GRACE, and in the knowledge of our Master and Savior Yahshua Messiah” (2 Pet. 3:18).

As we grow in a deeper and more profound knowledge of spiritual things our ability to see *ourselves* becomes more acute. We see things about ourselves and our natures that *we never saw* at baptism. This is right! It is progress! It is what Yahweh intended.

When Paul received Yahweh's Holy Spirit and began to grow he found that his more profound knowledge of Yahweh's spiritual law made sin appear to become *exceeding sinful* (Rom. 7:13). And so it is with us. The longer we live with ourselves in this flesh the more our knowledge of Yahweh's perfect spiritual law, that we are privileged to understand, convicts us of the exceeding sinfulness of the carnal human nature.

Each year Yahweh commands us to live through again His Holy Days which picture His plan of salvation for the world. Each year we begin again with the primary beginning – the Passover – the acceptance of the sacrifice of Yahshua Messiah.

Each year we should be observing Yahweh's Holy Days with greater desire for the fulfillment of His plan because we should have seen the need for it more profoundly

than ever before – for ourselves and for the world.

As we start the Holy Days again it should be with a *renewed* eagerness. It should be with a *more* fervent desire to take those precious symbols because we know far more deeply their meaning to us and to the world. It's not with a hum-drum routine approach that we begin each year. We cannot come up to these days in a half-hearted apathetic approach. If we do we may eat and drink "unworthily" - eat and drink damnation unto ourselves. No one is "worthy." Totally understanding how *unworthy* of Messiah's great sacrifice we are, makes us ready to partake of the Passover with full understanding!

Yahweh wants His people to approach the Passover with the most earnest and heartfelt desire for the forgiveness of Messiah – individually and ultimately for the world. No other attitude demonstrates a true Disciple who has grown as He should through the year.

### ARE YOU READY TO TAKE THE PASSOVER?

No man who has lived another year in the flesh with the presence of the Holy Spirit can approach the Passover without a more deep and sincere NEED for the sacrifice of Messiah. No man can thus take the unleavened bread of Yahshua's broken body and the red wine of His shed blood without, in spirit, falling at the foot of the tree before Yahshua's bleeding, dying body and saying "For me, for me, Oh Yahweh, He died!"

"And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is *my body* which is GIVEN FOR YOU: this do in *remembrance* of me. Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in *my blood* which is SHED FOR YOU" (Luke 22:19-20).

These words should be more living and personal for *you* than ever before.

### ARE THEY?

### The Big Picture

Having thus seen the profound need for the sacrifice of Yahshua Messiah in our *personal* lives, we should also have a deeper and more acute desire for the same light and understanding to come to this lost, sin-sick world. Not just in theory, but in fact. We begin again, with the Passover, picturing Yahweh's plan of salvation for the world. It's not just a personal salvation for you alone. There are a lot of human lives going down the drain all around us. The utter hopelessness of a dying civilization sends its groanings up into our consciousness every day.

We who have been given the knowledge of the ONLY way out for the world ought to groan within ourselves for the time they too can be delivered from the bondage of corruption of which we have been made so acutely aware. Each new year of Holy Day observances should be from a higher level of awareness, with a greater sense of earnestness for their fulfillment.

There is only ONE WORK truly working toward that end...THIS WORK. And you are a part of it.

Has this past year brought you to a deeper dedication? Are you behind Yahweh's Work with your *very lives* and all that your lives can produce? Or, are the Annual Holy Days just another hum-drum routine again?

"Yahweh so loved the *world* that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). "He that believeth on Him [in His purpose] is not condemned; but he that *believeth not* [in His purpose] is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of Yahweh" (verse 18).

If you truly believe in Yahweh's purpose through Yahshua Messiah and are ALL OUT for that purpose in YOUR LIFE, then you are properly discerning the Master's body and are eating and drinking eternal life unto yourself. But if your life and actions show a half-hearted, lethargic support and dedication to His Work – you are eating and drinking damnation to yourself – not discerning, not understanding the full meaning of the Master's body.

**EXAMINE YOURSELF!**

### **Make it personal**

Brethren, there is still time to examine yourself and make this Passover a personal thing between you and Yahweh. Look deeply into your life. Have you been just coasting? Were you going to let this just be another routine Passover? If this is true, then you desperately need the sacrifice of Yahshua Messiah for the *lethargy* Yahweh's Holy Spirit led you to see in yourself – just as you should have been led to see many other things about yourself this past year. For every growing Disciple each Passover should be a more profound experience in which our Savior and our Elohim grows more personal, more precious, more wonderful.

### **ARE YOU READY TO TAKE THE PASSOVER – WILL YOU BE READY?**

During supper that Passover evening Yahshua rose and girded Himself with a towel and began to wash the disciples' feet (John 13:2-5). Peter, impulsive and naïve, didn't want to let Yahshua "stoop" to washing his feet. But Yahshua said to him, "If I wash thee not, THOU HAST NO PART WITH ME!" Peter, of course *did* want to have a part with Messiah and consented.

Yahshua then said: "Know ye what I have done to you? Ye call me Teacher and Master ; and ye say well; for so I am. If I then,

YOUR TEACHER and *Master*, have washed your feet; ye also OUGHT TO WASH ONE ANOTHER'S FEET, For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you. Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than His Master; neither he that is *sent* greater than he that sent him. If ye know these things, happy are ye IF YE DO THEM" (verse 12-17).

We *will* wash one another's feet on the Passover. But again it is an outward symbol of an attitude and action in our lives – one of serving the brethren and being willing to give ourselves in HUMILITY for the purposes of Yahweh.

Do you have a part with Yahshua Messiah? Are you in a footwashing attitude ALL YEAR. That's what the outward symbol of footwashing you will partake of truly means. Are you discerning the Master's body? Or, are you perhaps like Peter – not wanting to let the purposes of your Elohim be the form of a servant. A growing, discerning Disciple knows his Elohim has called him to humble himself as a servant of brethren and mankind.

### **The Time Is Now**

So, brethren, the time is NOW. The Passover is just ahead of you. You have had another year to live, experience and grow. The panorama of YOUR LIFE is there before you along with the tableau of the sacrifice of Messiah.

"He was despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief...Surely he that borne OUR griefs and carried OUR sorrows...But He was wounded for OUR transgressions, He was bruised for OUR iniquities: the chastisement of OUR peace was upon Him; and with His stripes WE are healed" (Isa. 53:3-5).

**BE READY TO TAKE THE PASSOVER!**

# Nobody Wants to HURT!! (Reprint)



**Many seem to think that comfort, ease, pleasure, and relaxed repose are synonymous with patience – that pain, delay, anguish must be avoided at all costs. But is this true? Do we have REAL PATIENCE, or are we only fooling ourselves?**

A dentist helped me to learn the lesson of real patience when he decided my wisdom tooth was beyond saving. It had to be pulled. It was not only greatly deteriorated, but also heavily and deeply rooted. Extraction would be difficult, but my gracious dentist would favor me and TRY to remove it.

The doctor reminded me of *expected difficulty* as he laid the dental chair back even further and gave the order, “Open wide!” His mouth was set, serious, somber.

## Pain and Patience

My anxiety stretched tight in anticipation of the anguish which seemed to emanate from the huge and menacing forceps. He grappled for a secure hold and then set down *hard*. His forearm muscles bulged, rippled,

became taut and ropy as he began to twist and pull. My hands clawed clammily at the chair arms. My

body went stiff. Perspiration popped out. The tooth wasn't moving and the dentist was wondering, *out loud*, why it wasn't budging.

Callously he speculated that the roots might break off as he applied ever increasing power. Slight movement occurred. There were creaking, crackling, cracking sounds as the tooth began to let go. The dentist wrenched with increasing vigor. The shivering noise of breaking bone filled my ears and mind as he continued to mutter

about this difficult extraction. He tugged manfully, inexorably.

Finally, the tooth broke loose! Triumphantly he pulled it out of my mouth and showed its bloody, broken stump close to my face as he ruefully exclaimed, “Oh, one of the roots broke off!”

I knew that broken root must be removed! My mind was flooded by thoughts of further blood and pain as hammers and chisels would be used to shatter my jaw bone. I fainted dead away.

When finally I revived and scratched aside the last of the cobwebbery – *like all “good” patients* – I was willing, even eager, to *excuse* my dentist and PATIENTLY ENDURE the ordeal! So far as I knew, he had tried to give me as much ease, comfort and assistance as his trade and talent allowed. I was even apologetic for troubling *him!* Willing to *pay* him for the privilege of practicing his profession on me.

This is par for the course. It is expected that a patient should resolutely accept such distress. After all, a patient *should be PATIENT*. By definition he is the *one affected*, the object or *recipient of an action*.

Webster's Dictionary therefore defines patience as the *bearing* or *endurance* of PAINS, TRIALS, or the like, *without complaint*. Exercising forbearance under PROVOCATION. Expectant with *calmness* or *without discontent*; also, UNDISTURBED by *obstacles, delays, failures, etc*; persevering. Able to bear STRAIN, STRESS....

## Paradox!

How paradoxical that we can accept this definition when it applies to being a dentist's patient. How contradictory that we respond so lamb-like to professional treatment when we do not stand still for even minor “pains” inflicted by our peers, or

when we conclude Yahweh is responsible for our trials and pains!

Let a wife violate her husband's rights and he all too often lashes out, impatiently, heatedly, violently – verbally, if not sometimes physically.

If she, in turn, feels "put upon" by her husband there is chafing, stewing, fretting, maybe even hysteria. Her patience rubs thin quickly and thoughts of retaliation clamor for action.

Children feel themselves misunderstood, neglected, smothered by adult hypocrisy. The normal reaction is to fume, boil and rage. To "cut out" and do their "own thing" no matter who gets hurt or what burns. Just so *impatience* can give vent to its vengeance. Even more to be wondered at, in view of common sense and definition, are gnat-like humans, stamping their feet in the dust and raising their fists in impatience to the Elohim of Creation; ranting, raving, even perhaps cursing Him; accusing Him of meanness and harshness; blaming Him for the misfortunes which plague their lives.

Where is their "bearing or enduring of pain – suffering – without complaint"?

## Patriarchal Patience

Many of the patriarchs provide us excellent examples of patience. They lived their lives, moving through time, as one circumstance after another occurred to provide various painful experiences for them. They made choices – both good and bad – and PATIENTLY endured the distress and punishment which beset them. And as they resolutely adjusted their actions to conform to Yahweh's way, they developed in character and moved toward ultimate success.

Abraham is a case in point.

He grew up in a pagan society; and this, in itself, seems to have delayed his direct association with Yahweh until he was *seventy-five years old*. Most people are so set in their ways by that age that nothing will change their minds. Yet Abraham quickly responded when Yahweh finally told him to move.

Remember now, here was an older man, well respected, successful, rich, who was suddenly told to abruptly leave his nation, friends, business, family and go wandering off across the desert into a hostile land. Once there, even the elements turned against him as drought and famine shriveled the land and forced him onward to Egypt.

Abraham was sufficiently frightened of Pharaoh that he deceitfully pretended Sarah was not his wife.

He allowed her to become a part of the royal harem. Finally he admitted his sin and repented.

About as soon as that embarrassing state of affairs was straightened out, he found himself involved in a range war. To end the feud he gave his nephew, Lot, first choice of where to live, and it seemed that Abraham got the worst of the deal – the high, dry land.

When Abraham had been called out, Yahweh made a promise that he would be the father of a gigantic and powerful nation from which would come the World Ruler – the Messiah – Yahshua Messiah. Yet, about ten long years later, when Abraham was 85, his wife was still barren and showed no signs of pregnancy. Certainly there was suffering in all this. Sarah impatiently decided to "help" Yahweh solve the problem and proceeded to talk her husband into having an illegitimate child by using her maid, Hagar. Abraham succumbed to the reasoning and temptation. Hagar became pregnant and made the most of her status. Sarah had not expected that and worked herself up into a highly emotional state of mind. There was a big "blow-up" and Hagar was sent packing for a while, but she returned to give birth to Ishmael.

When Ishmael was thirteen, Yahweh told Abraham he should circumcise all the males in the camp, including himself. Review the definition we found for patience and see what this must have been like for a ninety-nine year old man. It was a bloody, painful, agonizing ordeal! But Abraham *patiently* obeyed – in faith – and it paid off.

The next year – after 25 years of agonizing, patient endurance – Isaac was miraculously born! This boy was the legitimate and rightful heir to all the promises that Yahweh had made to his father. Isaac grew into young manhood. When he was thirty-three (according to Adam Clarke), Yahweh told Abraham to sacrifice him. This was the ultimate test to absolutely prove Abraham's and Isaac's complete submission to the authority of Yahweh. What a horrible jolt! Young, strong, submissive Isaac held all of the hopes of his father. There was seemingly no purpose to all of the problems through which they had been working if Isaac must die.

Where would the promised nation come from if not from Isaac? More important, *where would SALVATION come from?*

The Messiah was to be among the progeny of this young man and Abraham *knew* it. Yahweh had told him about the good news which would affect all mankind. He was looking forward to the Savior

who would pay the penalty for his sins and make salvation possible. Now Yahweh was asking Abraham to destroy all of the hope he had. Without Isaac and his promised descendant, Yahshua, there was nothing to look forward to but *death!* But contrary though it was to his aspirations and his very nature as a father, Abraham BELIEVED YAHWEH was *always right!* He was willing to do what Yahweh said – to be patient. He realized even death was not too large an obstacle for the Great Creator Yahweh.

He was fully ready to plunge the sacrificial knife into the heart of his son. What *painful anguish* – **PERFECT PATIENCE – BEAUTIFUL CHARACTER!**

Once the willingness to do exactly as Yahweh said was conclusively established, Yahweh intervened before Isaac was slain and provided a ram to be sacrificed in Isaac's place – a type of Yahshua Messiah who died in *our* place. What a wondrous lesson!

But how does all this apply to us, today?

## Problems and Penalties

Carnal man doesn't comprehend that there are laws which penalize him whenever he strikes out in retaliation – instead of having patience, which is simply *learning to suffer*. Nor does he realize that the pleasure and ease he prefers to pursue are actually self-indulgence and selfishness. What man's mind conceives – his own inward desire – seems so enormously attractive and powerful. It pulls irresistibly and he sees no reason to fight against it.

But the fact remains that *painful trials* result when men choose a wrong course – an illegal course. A law defines the right way and the wrong. When we learn the lesson – admit our error – then change, choose a different way, do right next time, we will no longer suffer the penalties.

For this reason we should not resent it when trials, troubles, problems beset us. Don't bristle up and summarily reject them as useless, nettlesome intrusions. Learn about yourself from your trials. Face your errors. Out of such ground grows the character which results in spiritual maturity and perfection in us as it did in Abraham.

Pain, even death, is the natural result of wrong action – broken law. We must face up to this reality and be willing to pay the penalty our mistakes demand, in order to really *learn the lesson*, so we can avoid bringing the same penalty on ourselves

again. Then we won't have to *suffer* again – as a *patient* – for that wrongdoing. But why should we *have* to suffer at all?

## Profitable Punishment

The Bible puts it this way: "...is your life full of difficulties and temptations? Then be happy, for when the way is rough, your *patience* has a chance to GROW. So let it grow, and don't try to squirm out of your problems. For when your patience is finally in full bloom, then you will be ready for anything, strong in character, full and complete" (Ja. 1:2-4, *Living Letters*).

We should be able to admit we are usually responsible for our own troubles. If so, we can go on to agree that Yahweh is righteous and we *should be penalized* for making mistakes. This prevents them from escaping our attention! Only then can we take corrective action. And when we repent, Yahweh will forgive us and shower His mercy upon us.

But having come this far we discover a principle which is even more far reaching. Says the Apostle Peter:

"After all, it is no credit to you if you are patient in bearing a punishment which you have richly deserved! But if you do your duty and are punished for it and can still accept it patiently, you are doing something worthwhile in Yahweh's sight. *Indeed this is your calling.* For Messiah suffered for you and left a personal example, and wants you to follow in his steps. He was guilty of no sin, nor of the slightest prevarication. Yet when he was insulted he offered no insult in return. When he suffered he made no threats of revenge. *He simply committed his cause to the one who judges fairly.* And he personally bore our sins in his own body on the tree, so that we might be dead to sin and be alive to all that is good. It was the *suffering that he bore* which has healed you. You had wandered away like so many sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls" (1 Pet. 2:19-25, *Phillips* translation).

Strong, uncompromising words those.

Do you catch the full significance? Do you comprehend how far patience must extend? Explains the Apostle Paul:

"Let Messiah Yahshua be your example as to what your attitude should be. For He, who had always been Elohim by nature, did not cling to his prerogatives as Elohim's equal, but stripped himself of all privilege by consenting to be a slave by nature

and being born as a mortal man. And, having become man, he humbled himself by living a life of utter obedience, even to the extent of dying, *and the death he died was the death of a common criminal.* THAT IS WHY Yahweh has now lifted him so high, and has given him the name beyond all names, so that at the name of Yahshua 'every knee shall bow,' whether in heaven or earth or under the earth" (Phil. 2:5-10, Phillips).

Having this attitude, having been this PATIENT with and for us, Messiah expects that we will actually imitate Him. To be willing to suffer – *patiently* – even when we are NOT to blame. Even to suffer for others' mistakes!

### Perfect Patience

Messiah has made it possible for us to get out from under the burden of our own sins. We can use His sacrifice for this purpose. He paid – once and for all – our death penalty. He is our Sacrifice – our Redeemer. Knowing this, we should fill our minds with *patience* – the very PATIENCE OF MESSIAH. Notice the words of Paul again: "Yahshua died for our sins and rose again to make us right with Yahweh, filling us with Yahweh's goodness.

"So now, since we have been made right in Yahweh's sight by faith in His promises, we can have real peace with Him because of what Yahshua Messiah our Master has done for us. For because of our faith, He has brought us into this place of highest privilege where we now stand, and we confidently and joyfully look forward to actually becoming all that Yahweh has had in mind for us to be. We can rejoice, too, when we run into *problems and trials* for we know that they are GOOD FOR US – they help us learn to be *patient*. And *patience develops strength of CHARACTER* in us and helps us trust Yahweh more each time we use it until our hope and faith are strong and steady.

"Then, when that happens, we are able to hold our heads high no matter what happens and know that all is well, for we know how dearly Yahweh loves us, and we feel this warm love everywhere within us because Yahweh has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with His love" (Rom. 4:25; 5:1-5, *Living Letters*).

Messiah set us an example. He endured patiently. How much patience have *you* developed? How patient are YOU?

### Perfect Purpose

Yahweh has made every provision for us to develop

perfect, Elohim like CHARACTER. He made us out of the dust of the ground – made us of grimy dirt. He fashioned our minds with the capability of being tugged and pulled away from His way – His LAW, but *for a good purpose*.

If Yahweh had not created us *capable* of sinning, how could we ever develop *character* by resisting sin? If we are to be His very sons, we must have opportunity to *overcome* the temptation to sin. Only by going through the process of overcoming is it possible to develop Yahweh like CHARACTER. The individual must come to know, through free choice, what *is right* and then CHOOSE TO DO IT! By its very Elohim-designed nature, character simply cannot be given outright to a man. To build eternal rightness into a creature would leave it only a decisionless *automaton*. Yahweh *demands* more than that of us. He has determined that we must BUILD character within ourselves if we are to become acceptable to Him as SONS!

Yahweh has given man life – and a lifetime – to experience the result of his chosen actions. Yahweh expects man to finally realize wrong action produces *pain*, PENALTY. This should motivate man to look for a better way – Yahweh's way. Man is intended to discover his inherent wrongness and joyfully accept the rules of proper conduct found in the Bible – the LAW of Yahweh. Experience will positively prove that this way is rewarding! Man, then, is simply to admit his way is wrong, Yahweh's way is GOOD, and this being the case, he should *choose* to continue to live according to the Law of Yahweh.

### Parental Punishment

Hebrews 12:6-8 tells us that Yahweh chastises us because He wants us to be His sons. Isn't it *reasonable* for a loving father to be interested enough in his child to properly correct him? A child – even a child of Yahweh – must be taught what is good and what is bad. A LOVING FATHER properly intensifies his child's experiences to impress useful lessons. This is what Yahweh does when He penalizes us for breaking His law when we try to live in some manner other than a child of Yahweh should.

*Yahweh wants us to be like Him!* To have His HOLINESS (Heb. 12:10). This is possible only if we live by the same rules as He does. We are to

make the same choices. We are to develop the same character. Only in this way can we qualify to become VERY ELOHIM!

The punishment He administers for sin is not immediately enjoyable. While it is happening it HURTS! But have PATIENCE! *Afterwards* we can see it was right and for our good. Growth in character occurs in those who realize what is going on and so accept correction in a proper attitude. Now that this has been explained to you, don't fret, rebel, or retaliate the next time you find Yahweh correcting you – His law penalizing you. Don't allow yourself to give vent to uncontrolled emotions. Don't lash out passionately when your SELF is endangered. Be willing to *be acted upon* for a change. Don't insist on being the active agent. The whole world is ablaze today because patience is such an uncommon ingredient. Be willing to be the PATIENT.

### **Proof of Parenthood**

Make no mistake. Yahweh has not designed His plan for the purpose of *making* men suffer. He positively is NOT harsh, cruel, sadistic. His plan is the only way by which we can become His sons. It is absolutely *good* that we learn how and where we are coming up short so changes for the better can be made.

Here, then, is the surprising reason for the statement "...that we must through *much tribulation* enter into the Kingdom of Elohim" (Acts 14:22).

This is why Yahweh says, "Many are the AFFLICTIONS of the righteous: but Yahweh *delivereth* him out of them all" (Ps. 34:19). When, finally, we recognize the need to *change* from our own ways and begin to wholeheartedly submit to Yahweh, He will see to it that we receive His Spirit (mind, attitude). But this is a continual process, beginning at baptism and lasting throughout the Disciple life. As a loving Father, Yahweh watches us carefully, knowing we wish to receive His instruction in righteousness. He intervenes correctively whenever it is necessary for our own good.

This should not seem at all unusual. It is not strange for a father to test his children to see if they have learned important and necessary lessons. If their very lives will be lost unless they can meet emergencies with sureness, one would expect rigorous training and examination. So it is with the

growing Disciple and the tests which our loving Father allows (1 Pet. 4:12-12).

Such action ought to make us eternally grateful, for it proves the love of Yahweh for us. It makes us Messiah-like. It readies us to rule with Him. It should give us "*exceeding JOY*"! The duress of being penalized is expected to temper us. Suffering is intended to discipline us so that we will avoid wrong action. Knowing this we should develop a willingness to suffer the consequences of error whenever necessary in order that we may GROW.

We will come to fully understand that every error, even if not our own, results in suffering. We must grow to the place that we will endure (patiently suffer) the penalty for the sins of others.

Love is an outgoing concern for others. We know that! We know that two wrongs cannot make a right. Therefore, we must *not* indulge ourselves in retaliation.

### **Patience Perfected**

If we are able to demonstrate our patience in a dental chair – trusting some mere man to remove a decaying, useless, encumbering tooth and expecting the end result of this painful ordeal to give us peace and contentment in spite of the temporary distress of the dental operation – how much more can we be assured that a gentle, loving, Father-Elohim will allow us to suffer only as much distress and pain as is absolutely necessary to extract the rottenness of human nature which would keep us from full participation in the rich, happy, blessed Family of Yahweh?

Says the Apostle Paul: "...we are the children of Yahweh: And if children, then heirs; heirs of Yahweh, and joint-heirs with Messiah; if so be that we *suffer* with him, that we may be also glorified together. For I reckon that the *sufferings* of this present time *are not worthy to be compared* with the GLORY which shall be revealed in us" (Rom. 8:16-18).

Let us, therefore, be thankful for our trials and tests – our opportunities to develop *patience*, to endure suffering, remembering the priceless CHARACTER that is being built into our lives.

HOW WONDERFUL, to be willing to *hurt*!

## ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS .....

**Q:** Some people use Wine for Passover and others say you must use grape juice; I was told that since wine is fermented it cannot expand anymore and thus the wine added to the new wineskin must have been grape juice in order for it to damage the new wineskin. Some churches believe any form of wine is sin. Is moderate wine drinking allowed in the bible?

**A)** In biblical times wine was an everyday normal part of life. As a matter of fact due to bacteria in the water, it was mixed 2/3<sup>rd</sup> water and 1/3 wine to help the intestinal tract. There is nothing even remotely that would make us believe that it is forbidden or sin to drink wine according to the bible. The very opposite is true. Wine was a part of the culture and everyday life of the people of Israel and even the priests used it and needed it for sacrifices. It was used for health, enjoyment and medicinal reasons. Paul even told Timothy to take wine for his stomach.

**1Ti 5:23** Do not drink water in excess, **but use a little wine** on account of your stomach and your frequent illnesses.

Of course the abuse of alcohol and drunkenness is clearly prohibited and defined as sin in scripture.

The words used in Hebrew for wine are #3196- yayin- can only be alcoholic wine, #8492-Terosh new wine alcoholic but not as strong, and for grape juice is #6071 awseese fresh grape juice. In the Greek the word is Oinos- wine alcohol , and Aramaic is similar to Hebrew like Yayin meaning wine.

The word used in Mk 2:22 is oinos in Greek and Terosh in Aramaic meaning wine, NOT grape juice. The Terosh was new wine and would expand and the point of the analogy is not the type of wine used but the lack of elasticity in the wine (not juice) bag, which it would break.

We see the importance and blessing of wine in scripture in the following scriptures and the Strong's concordance word is marked:

(3196) **Gen 49:11-12**- Judah's blessings being having abundance of wine

(3196) **Ex 29:39-42**- wine sweetens the face of YHWH

(3196) **Lev 23:10-13**- grain, oil, wine designated blessing of YHWH

(8492) **Num 18:6-13**- YHWH gives best of wine to Levites could only not drink when performing duties

(8492) **Deut 11:14**- Grapes one of the 7 harvest species

(3196) **Deut 14:22-26**- blessing of drinking wine at feast

(8492) **Deut 33:27-29**- blessings of land include wine

(3196) **Deut 28:39-40, 51**- curse is no wine

Yahshua also turned water into wine, not grape juice and He drank wine Himself.

**Mat 11:16** But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like little children sitting in the markets, and calling to their mates,

**Mat 11:17** and saying, We sang to you, and you did not dance; we mourned to you, and you did not lament.

**Mat 11:18** For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, He has a demon.

**Mat 11:19** The Son of Man came eating **and drinking**, and they say, Behold, a gluttonous man and **a wine drinker**, and a friend of tax collectors, and of sinners; but wisdom is justified by its works.

If wine was prohibited to everyone, then why even mention it in the Nazirite vow? There have been 1,000's of wine presses found in Israel including a commercial wine press from Nazareth from the days of Yahshua. Nazareth was a small village with just a few hundred people. Grain, oil and wine were indicative of being blessed by the very land covenant of Yahweh to the land of Israel. It is all throughout the bible and wine is associated with happiness and blessing. Of course the abuse of it is condemned and considered sin, as with anything with Yahweh, moderation and self-discipline is what is required.

In conclusion, it is actually grape juice that is distilled and has all living elements killed so that it would not expand, most wine is living and can be seen by the indent in the bottom of a bottle.

**Q:** How often are we to take communion or the "Lord's Supper".

**A)** First of all the word communion is not in the scriptures and is a word made up from a Catholic doctrine in which it is believed that the wafer cookie that they eat literally becomes the body of our Master Yahshua. The doctrine is false and stemmed from paganism.

In scripture we have Passover, which was the meal that Yahshua ate with His disciples on the beginning of the 14<sup>th</sup> of Aviv, according to scripture (Ex 12:6-8) the night before He was crucified.

**Luk 22:7** And the day of the Unleavened came, **on which the Passover must be slaughtered**.

**Luk 22:8** And He sent Peter and John, saying, Having gone, **prepare for us the Passover**, that we may eat.

**Luk 22:9** And they said to Him, Where do You desire that we prepare?

**Luk 22:10** And He said to them, Behold when you enter into the city you will meet up with a man who is bearing a skin of water. Go after him and where he enters,

**Luk 22:11** And you will say to the housemaster of that house, Our Master says to you, **Where is the guest room where I may eat the Passover with My disciples?**

Passover is a memorial of Yahshua's death and also a memorial of our new life in covenant relationship with Him. It is commanded to be kept once a year on the beginning of the 14<sup>th</sup> of Aviv in the new biblical year.

**Exo 13:10** And you shall keep this ordinance at its appointed time,(in its season) from year to year.

Paul also confirms this in 1 Cor 11:

**1Co 11:23** **For I received from the Master what I also delivered to you**, that the Master Yahshua in the night in which He was betrayed took bread;

**1Co 11:24** and giving thanks, He broke and said, take, eat, this is My body which is broken on behalf of you, this **do in remembrance of Me.**

**1Co 11:25** In the same way the cup also, after supping, saying, this cup is the New Covenant in My blood, each time you drink it, **do this in remembrance of Me.** (Luke 22:19, 20)

**1Co 11:26** **For each time that you may eat this bread, and drink this cup, you solemnly commemorate the death of our Master, until His coming.**

**1Co 11:27** So that whoever should eat this bread, or drink the cup of the Master, unworthily, that one will be guilty of the body and of the blood of the Master.

Paul correctly stated each time you eat this you remember Yahshua's death. 364 days a year we proclaim a living, resurrected Messiah to the world, but one day a year we remember a dying Messiah who died for our sins so we can live, that is on Aviv 14<sup>th</sup> each year at the Passover. Please see our new book called the Biblical Calendar at [www.coyhwh.com](http://www.coyhwh.com) in the book section for more information on how to keep the biblical Passover correctly.

Since Passover is a memorial of your entering covenant relationship with Yahweh through the blood of Yahshua it stands to reason that only baptized covenant members are to partake of the symbols.

**Q:** Since Yahweh already knows what each man or woman will choose in this life would it mean that we no longer have a choice after all because everything has been predestined?

**A:** Yahweh knows the nature of human beings and knows what decisions that people with human nature will make most times, but Yahweh **DOES NOT** force anyone to make any decisions. He gives us out of His great love free will to choose for ourselves and the outcome of life comes from those decisions.

**Deu 30:19** I call Heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. **Therefore, choose life, that you and your seed may live**

You see from the above scripture that Yahweh clearly states He puts before us "*life*" and *death*" and encourages us to "*choose Life*", but never forces the decision.

Yahweh has not predestined our decisions, but has predestined that salvation would come through the seed of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (Israel) through Yahshua Messiah, the lamb of Yah slain from the foundation of the world.

**Rom 8:28** But we know that to the ones loving YAHWEH all things work together for good, to those **being called according to purpose; (tribes of Israel)**

**Rom 8:29** And He knew them in advance; and He sealed them with the likeness of the image of His Son; that He might be the first-born of many brothers.

**Rom 8:30** **But whom He marked in advance,** these He also called; and whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

Once Adam and Eve freely chose to disobey Yahweh, He had predestined that Yahshua would come at the appointed time to die as Savior, but our personal acts are still by free choice and the consequences we suffer or are blessed with comes from those choices. Our "**calling**" may have been predestined but not our "**actions**".

# BECOME AN AMBASSADOR FOR ISRAEL



**2 Cor 5:20-** *Then on behalf of Messiah, we are ambassadors, as Yahweh is exhorting through us*

**Rev 5: 10-** *and made us kings and priests to our Elohim; and we shall reign on the earth.*

Scripture clearly tells us that to be true believers we will be Kings and Priests of the Most High Elohim in His Kingdom and that we are now Ambassadors for Yahweh's soon coming Kingdom. To this end, we will teach and train our students how to prepare for this most important job. Ambassadors are not just sent, but they must be trained for the position and country that they are going to.

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# Feast of Sukkot (Tabernacles) 2013

It is truly one of the most exciting experiences that you will have in your life, to be blessed to spend a feast in Israel and take a Pilgrimage in the land. After reading the Holy Scriptures for so many years, to be able to see it all with your own eyes will be a life changing experience. We are trying to truly encourage representatives from countries all over the world to come and experience this rare blessing, and represent their given nation as **Zech 14:16** states. After spending the feast in Jerusalem you will never want to spend it anywhere else. As it states in

**Eze 36:38 Like a holy flock, like the flock of Jerusalem in her appointed feasts, so the wasted cities shall be filled with flocks of men. And they shall know that I am Yahweh.**

We are living in these times where Yahweh has brought Judah back to the land of Israel after 2500 years of Diaspora. Come and share what Yahweh is doing in His land Israel in these end times. Before Sukkot you will arrive in the **Old City** and we will build our Sukkah before the opening night of the feast. Then, during Sukkot we will travel several days around the **Old City of Jerusalem** and you will get to see the **Mount of Olives, The City of David**, as well as **David's tomb** and the **room of the last supper**, and also the remains of the **House of Caiphas** where they still have today the remains of the scourging room where Yahshua would have been held the night before His crucifixion. We also hope to possibly go to a biblical park that will teach you everything there is to know from a Hebrew perspective on the harvest fruits of Sukkot and the land of Israel. We also hope to go to Hebron during Sukkot.

After Sukkot We will have the blessing to start out by taking the road to Emmaus where Yahshua met the 2 disciples after His resurrection. Then we will continue to Gezer to see the ancient Tel and continue to the South to Ashkelon, and Sderot near the Gaza border.

The next day we will visit Mareshah where King Herod was from and there are underground caves there from the Roman Empire and a gladiator amphitheater where believers were thrown to the Lions. Then we will visit the port city of Caesarea where Paul was imprisoned and many antiquities lie today including a hippodrome as was used in the movie Ben Hur. We will end the day at Mount Carmel where Elijah fought the priests of Baal.

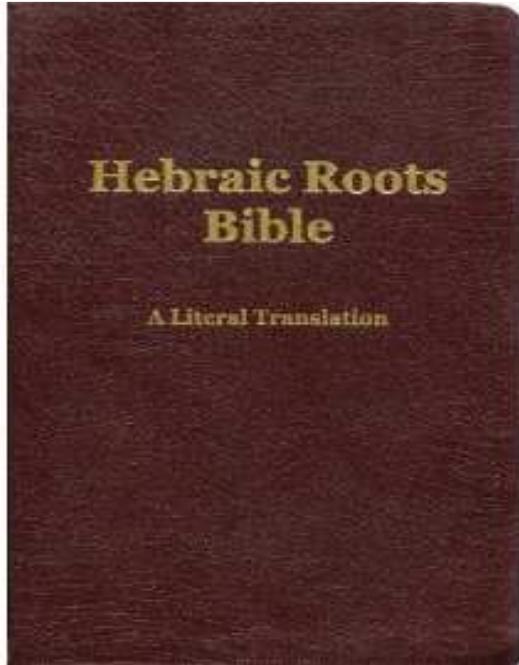
The next day we will go to a Kibbutz at the border of Lebanon and also to a volcano on the border with Syria and you will see firsthand of the strategic threats that Israel is up against today. We will also be traveling through the Golan Heights and will witness ancient burial tombs called dolmens and if time permits see the fortress of Gamla.

The last day we will be blessed to see **Capernaum** the very village where Yahshua lived during His public ministry and then take **a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee**, the very water that Yahshua walked on. Also we will visit Bethsaida, the fishing village where Peter and Andrew were from as well as being the ancient Old Testament city of Gesher where King David's son Absalom's mother was from.

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