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Before we begin...Key Information/Background

At the beginning of our ministry (OTM - 1993) and for many years, I would demonstrate the Passover Feast in many churches.

- I focused on the “modern-day” Passover and then how Christ fulfilled it. In 2005, while studying at Jerusalem University College in Israel, I had what I call a “Come to Jesus” meeting.
- It was an impactful time as I felt the Lord cleanse/adjust some of my teaching methods and illuminate Jesus’ teaching style.
 - From that time, we began to focus on what **Jesus did on the Passover** and then **waved** “modern-day” events into the story.

At that time, I also began to focus on the geography and culture of the land of Israel, **along** with systematic theology.

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Great Prophetical Chapters or Verses in the Bible

1. Protoevangelicum – First Gospel

- Genesis 3:15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt **bruise** his heel.

2. Virgin Birth of the Saviour

- Isaiah 7:14 Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a **virgin** shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

3. Saviour – “mighty God”

- Isaiah 9:6-7 For unto us a **child is born, unto us a son is given**; and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The **mighty God**, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. (7) Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

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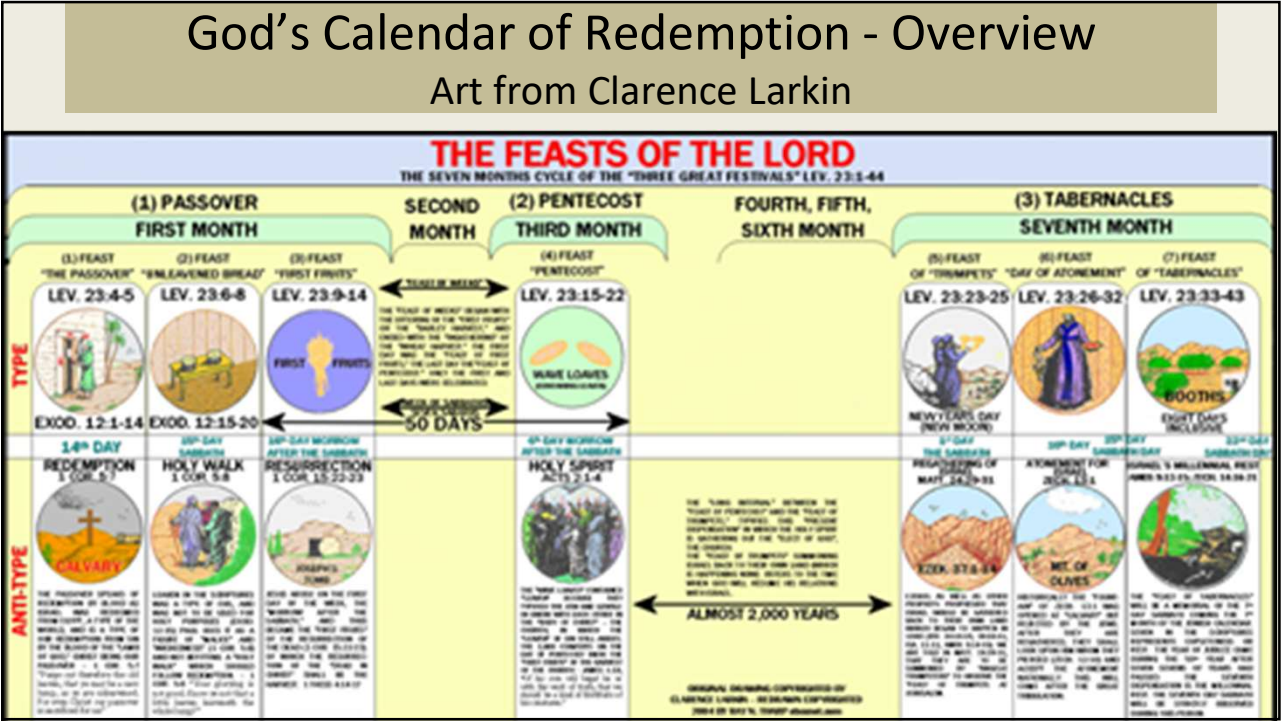
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4. Death of the Promised Saviour

- Isaiah 53:5-6 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. (6) All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the **LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all**.
- Daniel 9:24-27 – 70th Week of Daniel – The Messiah’s death “cut off” and the Seven-Year Tribulation Period.

Yet, I believe that the Greatest Prophetical Chapter is **not** those above (though they are **AMAZING**) but one that most Christians do not even know or have studied.

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A Major Key to Understanding the Passover Feast

As mentioned, we focused only on the Passover.

- But one **MUST** see the Passover Feast, not alone but in the full scope of the Seven Feasts of the Lord...given to Israel!

We have titled it God’s Calendar of Redemption.

- It is found in Leviticus 23...now wake yourself up (slap yourself if you must.)
 - Most Christians **rarely** study the book of Leviticus...and that is why we don’t know/understand our Bible.
 - It teaches how to give and much more (Burnt, Meat, Peace, Sin, Trespass – another lesson)

The Greatest Prophetical chapter is in the Old Testament and, may I say, the New Testament as well!

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Seven FEASTS OF GOD: Given to Israel

Leviticus 23 - "God's Calendar of Redemption"

Basic Prophetical Outline/**Overview** for this series:

Spring Feasts: First Month - Beginning of God's Calendar

1. **Passover**: Death of the **Messiah** – Isaiah 53

2. **Unleavened Bread**: Perfect Life – Jesus' Burial

3. **First Fruits**: Jesus' Resurrection

4. **Weeks** (Pentecost): Holy Spirit came!

Fall Feasts: Seventh Month

5. **Trumpets**: **The Jews return to Israel**

6. **Day of Atonement**: Seven-Year Tribulation Period

7. **Tabernacles**: Millennial (1000 years) Time Period

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More Details on the Seven Feasts

1. **Passover**: Death of the **Messiah** – Leviticus 23:4-5; Isaiah 53; Daniel 9:24-27

- **Leviticus 23:4-5** These are the feasts of the LORD, even holy convocations, which ye shall proclaim in their seasons. (5) In the fourteenth day of the first month at even is the **LORD'S passover**.
- **Isaiah 53:8-10** He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was **cut off out of the land of the living**: for the **transgression** of my people was he stricken. (9) And he made **his grave** with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth. (10) Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make **his soul an offering for sin**, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

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I. Passover: Death of the **Messiah** – Leviticus 23:4-5; Isaiah 53; Daniel 9:24-27

Daniel 9:24-27 **Seventy weeks** are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy. (25) Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times. (26) **And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off**, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined. (27) And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

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Adapted From the Website (All Dates are Approximate)

<https://biblehub.com/timeline/>

Israel waited for the information of the coming Messiah's death.

I. C. 4,000 BC - Promised "seed of woman" - Genesis 3:15

Prof. Notes: Moses wrote the Book of Genesis around 1440-1400 BC based on:

- Exodus 17:14 And the LORD said unto **Moses**, **Write this for a memorial in a book**, and rehearse it in the ears of Joshua: for I will utterly put out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven.
- Numbers 33:2 And **Moses wrote** their goings out according to their journeys by the commandment of the LORD: and these are their journeys according to their goings out.

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1. C. 4,000 BC - Promised "seed of woman" - Genesis 3:15 | 1 BC - Isaiah 53

2. 539 BC - Daniel 9

3. 30 AD – Jesus' Death on the Cross

World/Abraham/Israel waited **2,970 years** from the Promise to fulfillment.

We (Church-Aged Saints) have been waiting for the Second Coming for only **1994 years**.

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Additional Information of Daniel 9:26

The Messiah would be **cut off** at the end of the 69th week or 483 days (Daniel 9:26).

Note – "cut off" (kârath - *kaw-rath'*) used for the death penalty – Leviticus 7:20-21, 25, 27 (see *next slide*)

- Translated as violent death – I Samuel 17:51; Obadiah 9; Nahum. 3:15 (see *second slide*)
- A primitive root; to *cut* (off, down or asunder); by implication to *destroy* or *consume*; specifically to *covenant* (that is, make an alliance or bargain, originally by cutting flesh and passing between the pieces): Strong's Electronic Dictionary

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“cut off” (kârath - kaw-rath') death penalty –and is often translated as violent death

- Leviticus 7:20-21 But the soul that eateth of the flesh of the sacrifice of peace offerings, that pertain unto the LORD, having his uncleanness upon him, even that soul shall be **cut off** from his people. (21)
Moreover the soul that shall touch any unclean thing, as the uncleanness of man, or any unclean beast, or any abominable unclean thing, and eat of the flesh of the sacrifice of peace offerings, which pertain unto the LORD, even that soul shall be **cut off** from his people.
- Leviticus 7:25 For whosoever eateth the fat of the beast, of which men offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD, even the soul that eateth it shall be **cut off** from his people.

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“cut off” (kârath - kaw-rath') death penalty –and is often translated as violent death

- Leviticus 7:27 Whatsoever soul it be that eateth any manner of blood, even that soul shall be **cut off** from his people.
- I Samuel 17:51 Therefore **David** ran, and stood upon the **Philistine**, and took his sword, and drew it out of the sheath thereof, and slew him, and **cut off his head** therewith. And when the Philistines saw their champion was dead, they fled.
- Obadiah 1:9 And thy mighty men, O Teman, shall be dismayed, to the end that every one of the mount of Esau may be **cut off by slaughter**.
- Nahum 3:15 There shall the fire devour thee; **the sword shall cut thee off**, it shall eat thee up like the cankerworm: make thyself many as the cankerworm, make thyself many as the locusts.

NOTE: Later, we will go deeper to connect this “cut off” better.

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2. Unleavened Bread: Perfect Life – Burial

- Leviticus 23:6 And on the fifteenth day of the same month is the **feast of unleavened bread** unto the LORD: seven days ye must eat **unleavened bread**.

Leaven has yeast, which represents sin, while Unleavened bread – no yeast, therefore no sin – Perfect!

- I Corinthians 5:6-7 Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump? (7) Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a **new lump, as ye are unleavened**. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:

Messiah – without sin

- Hebrews 4:15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, **yet without sin**.

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3. First Fruits: “morrow after the sabbath” – Sunday - Resurrection

- Leviticus 23:11 And he shall wave the sheaf before the LORD, to be accepted for you: on the **morrow after the sabbath** the priest shall wave it.
- Mark 16:9 Now when **Jesus was risen early the first day of the week**, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils.
- Luke 24:1-2 Now upon the **first day of the week**, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain others with them. (2) And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre.
- John 20:1 The **first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene** early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre.

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4. Weeks (Shavuot - Pentecost): Holy Spirit came!

- Leviticus 23:15-16 And ye shall count unto you from the **morrow after the sabbath**, from the day that ye brought the **sheaf of the wave offering**; seven sabbaths shall be complete: (16) Even unto the morrow after the seventh sabbath shall ye number **fifty days**; and ye shall offer a new meat offering unto the LORD.
- Acts 2:1-4 And when the **day of Pentecost was fully come**, they were all with one accord in one place. (2) And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. (3) And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. (4) And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

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5. Trumpets – The Jewish People return to Israel.

- Leviticus 23:23-25 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, (24) Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, In the **seventh month, in the first day of the month**, shall ye have a sabbath, a memorial of **blowing of trumpets**, an holy convocation. (25) Ye shall do no servile work therein: but ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD.
- Isaiah 27:13 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the **great trumpet shall be blown**, and they shall come which were ready to perish in the land of Assyria, and the outcasts in the land of Egypt, and **shall worship the LORD in the holy mount at Jerusalem**.
 - “Shout”: Rapture – **Church-Aged Believers**
 - I Thessalonians 4:16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a **shout**, with the voice of the archangel, and with the **trump** of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

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6. Day of Atonement: Seven-Year Tribulation Period

- Leviticus 23:26-27 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, (27) Also on the tenth day of this seventh month there shall be a **day of atonement**: it shall be an holy convocation unto you; and **ye** shall afflict your souls, and offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD.
- Revelation 6-19 – God pours out His wrath on the world – Seven:
 - Seals
 - Trumpets
 - Vials

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7. Tabernacles: Millennial Time Period – Revelation 20:1-6

- Leviticus 23:33-34 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, (34) Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, The fifteenth day of this seventh month shall be the **feast of tabernacles** for seven days unto the LORD.
- Revelation 20:1-6 And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. (2) And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a **thousand years**, (3) And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the **thousand years** should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season. (4) And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a **thousand years**. (5) But the rest of the dead lived not again until the **thousand years** were finished. This is the first resurrection. (6) Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power; but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a **thousand years**.

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7 FEASTS OF GOD:

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All Seven Feasts were a **shadow** of Jesus’ first and second coming:

- Four Spring Feasts – Passover; Unleavened Bread; First Fruits; and Pentecost/Weeks –
 - **Death – Burial – Resurrection – Holy Spirit - First Coming**
- Three Fall Feasts – Trumpets; Day of Atonement; and Feast of Tabernacles!
 - **Rapture – Tribulation – Second Coming -Millennial Kingdom**

Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an **holyday**, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days: Which are a **shadow** of things to come; but the body is of Christ. (Colossians 2:16-17)

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- “**shadow**” – σκία – skia = **Thayer Definition: 1) shadow**
 - 1a) shade caused by the interception of light
 - 1b) an **image cast** by an object and representing the **form** of that object - 1c) a sketch, outline, adumbration

So, what were the **shadows** that would explain/illuminate the Messiah?

1. Mosaic Dietary laws (“meat...drink”)
2. Seven Feasts – “holyday”
3. “new moon” – Mosaic Law – see *next slide*
4. “sabbath days” - Every seventh day plus “special” Fall Feasts

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New Moon Festival

Numbers 28:11-15 And in the **beginnings** of your **months** ye shall offer a **burnt offering** unto the LORD; two young bullocks, and one ram, seven lambs of the first year without spot; (12) And three tenth deals of flour for a meat offering, mingled with oil, for one bullock; and two tenth deals of flour for a **meat offering**, mingled with oil, for one ram; (13) And a several tenth deal of flour mingled with oil for a meat offering unto one lamb; for a burnt offering of a sweet savour, a sacrifice made by fire unto the LORD. (14) And their **drink offerings** shall be half an ***hin** of wine unto a bullock, and the third part of an **hin** unto a ram, and a fourth part of an **hin** unto a lamb: this is the burnt offering of every month throughout the months of the year. (15) And one kid of the goats for a **sin offering** unto the LORD shall be offered, beside the continual burnt offering, and his drink offering. [*“hin” - unit of liquid - approximately 5.5 quarts]

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New Moon Festival



- “**months**” – [חֹדֶשׁ - chôdesh] – It was to sanctify on the first day of each new month these offerings were required to be given:

– Burnt – Meat – Drink – Sin – Peace Offering (Leviticus 1-5)

Blowing of the trumpet (Ram’s horn) was also done at the New Moon Festival.

- Numbers 10:10 Also in the day of your gladness, and in your solemn days, and in the **beginnings of your months**, ye shall **blow with the trumpets** over your burnt offerings, and over the sacrifices of your **peace offerings**; that they may be to you for a memorial before your God: I am the LORD your God.

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New Moon Festival

The meaning of all these offerings and sacrifices were teachings God's hatred of sin. Unfortunately, Israel began to give these offerings without stopping their sin. God's reaction:

- Isaiah 1:11-14 To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices unto me? saith the LORD: I am full of the **burnt offerings** of rams, and the fat of fed beasts; and I delight not in the blood of bullocks, or of lambs, or of he goats. (12) When ye come to appear before me, who hath required this at your hand, to tread my courts? (13) Bring no more vain oblations; incense is an abomination unto me; the **new moons** and sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, I cannot away with; it is iniquity, even the solemn meeting. (14) Your **new moons** and your **appointed feasts** my soul **hateth**: they are a trouble unto me; I am weary to bear them.

God is not **repudiating** the Mosaic law, as the giving was supposed to be an outward expression of a changed, repented heart.

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Conclusion of Colossians 2:16-17

Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an **holyday**, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days: Which are a **shadow** of things to come; but the body is of Christ. (Colossians 2:16-17)

Once Christ came, all these Mosaic laws were fulfilled (Prophecy)!

- Matthew 5:17-18 Think not that I am come to **destroy** the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to **fulfil**. (18) For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be **fulfilled**.

This **IS** the answer to "Messianic believers" who seek to do the feasts or sabbaths and say they find nowhere in the Bible to stop keeping them.

- Sadly, they even recognize that they cannot **Biblically** keep them (feasts/sabbath) today.
- So, they will "adjust" them to fit their circumstances...just like Israel did in the Old Testament. God gave no *allowances* for anyone to do that!

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Conclusion of Colossians 2:16-17

How is it **not** possible to keep these Mosaic Laws?

- No High Priest or Temple (on earth) today.

You might answer, well, are we not because of salvation in Christ, the temple, and the high priest?

- Yes, as church-aged believers, our body is called “the **temple** of the Holy Ghost.”

I Corinthians 6:19 What? know ye not that **your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost** which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

That points to a **spiritual** answer, unlike the Mosaic Covenant, which was a literal or physical sacrifice.

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Conclusion of Colossians 2:16-17

We are called “an holy priesthood” (Note – **NOT** High Priest)

- I Peter 2:5 Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, **an holy priesthood**, to offer up **spiritual** sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.
- Revelation 1:5-6 And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, (6) And hath made us kings and **priests** unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

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Conclusion of Colossians 2:16-17

Since the Mosaic Covenant required physical sacrifices, even to the point that if Israel was not clean, they were allowed to adjust to the next month, why would Church-Age Believers want to return to the Mosaic Covenant with the feasts, sabbaths, or other **shadows**?

The writer of the Book of Hebrews speaks of a “better” covenant.

- Hebrews 7:22 By so much was Jesus made a surety of a **better testament**.
- Hebrews 8:6 But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon **better promises**.

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Conclusion of Colossians 2:16-17

As Church-age believers, Jesus is our High Priest, and ONLY the **High Priest** was allowed to offer the sacrifice of the Passover Lamb.

- John 1:29 The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the **Lamb of God**, which taketh away the **sin of the world**.

Jesus offered Himself as the “lamb of God” to be sacrificed for us!

- We do **NOT** perform any sacrifices. Jesus did it “**once for all**.”

Hebrews 10:9-12 Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second. (10) By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ **once for all**. (11) And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which **can never take away sins**: (12) But this man, after he had offered **one sacrifice for sins for ever**, sat down on the right hand of God;

Note: Our sacrifices, like the Old Testament sacrifices, “**can never take away sins!**” Those Old Testament sacrifices, offerings, New Moon, and Sabbaths were just a **shadow** of what Christ would do!

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Conclusion of Colossians 2:16-17

Messianic believers today adjust Bible teaching to fit their view
BUT remove the punishment of breaking the sabbath!

- Numbers 15:32-36 And while the children of Israel were in the wilderness, they found **a man that gathered sticks upon the sabbath day.** (33) And they that found him gathering sticks brought him unto Moses and Aaron, and unto all the congregation. (34) And they put him in ward, because it was not declared what should be done to him. (35) **And the LORD said unto Moses, The man shall be surely put to death: all the congregation shall stone him with stones without the camp.** (36) And all the congregation brought him without the camp, and stoned him with stones, and he died; as the LORD commanded Moses.

So, if you are telling me that I am to keep the Sabbath as a believer in Christ, then why is the punishment for breaking it not kept either?

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Pictures of the Messianic Community
Seeking to do these Feasts

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We believe this chapter on the Feasts can also stand by itself and give you insights and ideas into how and why **your** family can celebrate the Feasts.

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First Spring Feast - Passover:

The Messiah, like the Passover lamb, would die –

- “he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter” (Isaiah 53:7)

The New Testament fulfilled what Isaiah 53 predicted. Jesus is pronounced as the Lamb of God:

- John introduces Jesus as the Lamb of God/Messiah –
 - “The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, **Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.**” (John 1:29)
- Peter portrays Jesus as the Lamb of God
 - “Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; **But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:**” (1 Peter 1:18-19)

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First Spring Feast - Passover

John, on the Isle of Patmos, writes of Jesus:

- “...stood a Lamb as it had **been slain**” (Rev. 5:6)

- The Passover Feast – the death of the Lamb.


1 Corinthians 5:6-8 Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump? (7) Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even **Christ our passover** is sacrificed for us: (8) Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.



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Comparison:

Feast of Passover and “Christ Our Passover” (I Corinthians 5:7)



1. Acquired your lamb on the 10th day of Nisan

Exodus 12:3 “Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the **tenth day** of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb...”

- Required to bring your sacrifice to Jerusalem

Exodus 23:14-15 Three times thou shalt keep a feast unto **me** in the year. (15) Thou shalt keep the feast of unleavened bread: (thou shalt eat unleavened bread seven days, as I commanded thee, in the time appointed of the month Abib; for in it thou camest out from Egypt: and none shall appear before me empty:)

1. Christ entered Jerusalem on the 10th of Nisan.

Entered Bethany 6 days before the Passover

- John 12:1 Then Jesus **six days before the passover** came to **Bethany**, where Lazarus was which had been dead, whom he raised from the dead.
- P/O is the 14th – In Bethany on the 9th

John 12:12 tells us that it was “the next day” when He entered Jerusalem.

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Feast of Passover and “Christ Our Passover”

2. Required a pure, spotless lamb

- “Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year” (Ex. 12:5)

3. Lamb looked over for 4 days to be judged worthy

4. Lamb was to be personal – (Exodus 12:3-5) – It died in your stead!

- It was to be “a” lamb.
- It was to be “the” lamb
- It was to be “your” lamb”

2. Christ was without blemish

- “...But with the precious blood of Christ, **as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:**” (I Pet. 1:18-19)

3. Religious leaders questioned His authority during His four days in Jerusalem (Matt. 21:23-27)

- They tried to trick Him.
- Pilate said, “I find no fault in him” (John 19:4)

4. Christ died for me!

- “...For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:” (I Cor. 5:7)

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Feast of Passover and “Christ Our Passover”

5. Lamb – Killed on the 14th day of Nisan

Exodus 12:6 And ye shall keep it up until the **fourteenth day** of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening.

6. Timing of the lamb’s death: Flavius Josephus (1st-century Jewish Historian) records:

You were to get the lamb by 9:00 AM. It was to be killed between 2:00 – 5:00 PM

7. Not a bone of the lamb was to be broken (Exodus 12:46; Num. 9:12)

Exodus 12:46 In one house shall it be eaten; thou shalt not carry forth ought of the flesh abroad out of the house; **neither shall ye break a bone** thereof.

5. Christ was crucified on the 14th

Matthew 26:2 Ye know that **after two days is the feast of the passover**, and the Son of man is betrayed to be crucified.

6. Jesus was nailed to the cross at “the third hour” (9:00 AM – Mark 15:25)

At the “ninth hour” (3:00 PM – Mark 15:33-37), Christ died

7. Not a bone was broken (John 19:31-33, 36)

- John 19:31-33 The Jews therefore, because it was the preparation, that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the sabbath day, (for that sabbath day was an high day,) besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. (32) Then came the soldiers, and brake the legs of the first, and of the other which was crucified with him. (33) **But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs:**

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Feast of Passover and “Christ Our Passover”

8. All leaven – removed

“whosoever eateth leavened bread...shall be cut off from Israel” (Exodus 12:15)

9. 10th Plague happened once

“memorial” (Exodus 12:14)

10. God saw the blood, you were physically saved

“...when I see the blood, I will pass over you...” (Exodus 12:13)

11. Only the “congregation of Israel” was allowed to participate (Exodus 12:43)

8. Examine yourself for sin

“But let a man examine himself (1 Cor. 11:28)

9. Death on the cross – Once

Lord’s Supper - “memorial” and the completion of the P/O (Matthew 5:17)

10. God saw the blood...we are saved

“and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin” (1 John 1:7)

11. Only a true believer in **right fellowship** with God and his church can partake of the Lord’s supper

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Feast of Passover and “Christ Our Passover”

12. P/O in the Tabernacle/Temple
“...at the place which the LORD thy God shall choose to place His name” (Deuteronomy 16:2, 5-7)

13. Flavius Josephus AD 37-100 – Yoseph ben Matthias reports that groups of 10-20 people were in the Temple when the lamb was slain

12. Jesus instituted the Lord’s Supper in the church
(1 Cor. 11:18, 23-26 and Matt. 18:20)
“...when ye come together in the church” (vs. 18) with vs. 23, “I delivered unto you”.
“For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them” (Matthew 18:20).

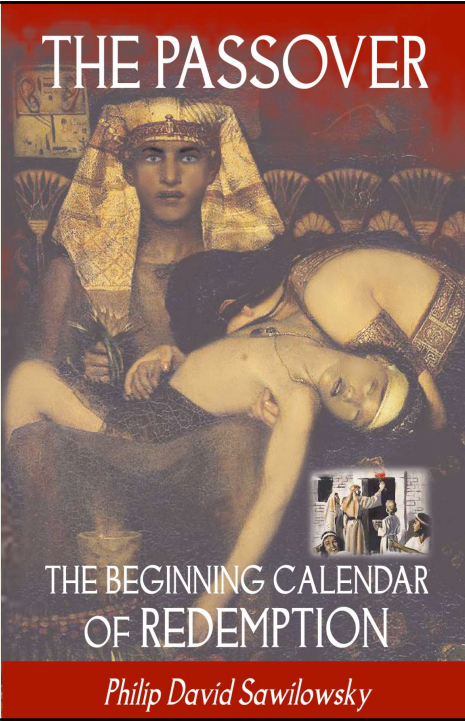
13. Jesus partook of the Passover with his group of disciples (John 13)

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**Passover Seder
(Order of Events)**

**How it would have
looked in Jesus’ Day!**

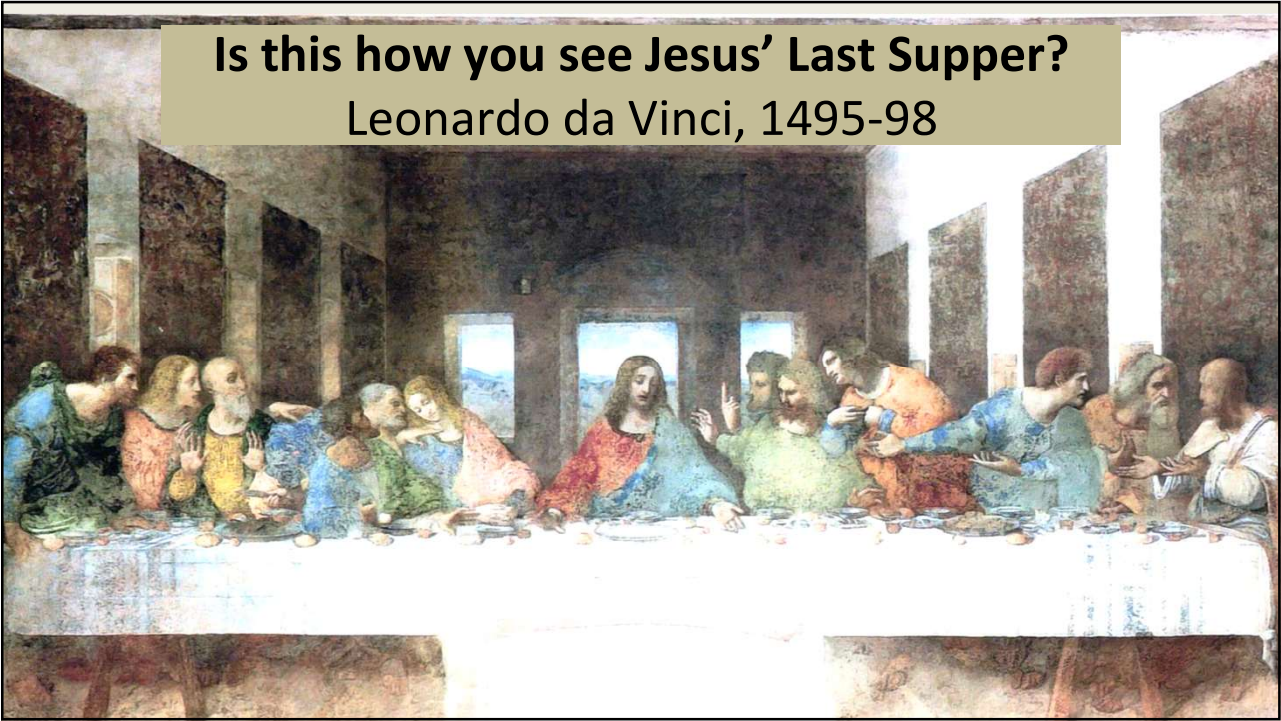
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**THE BEGINNING CALENDAR
OF REDEMPTION**

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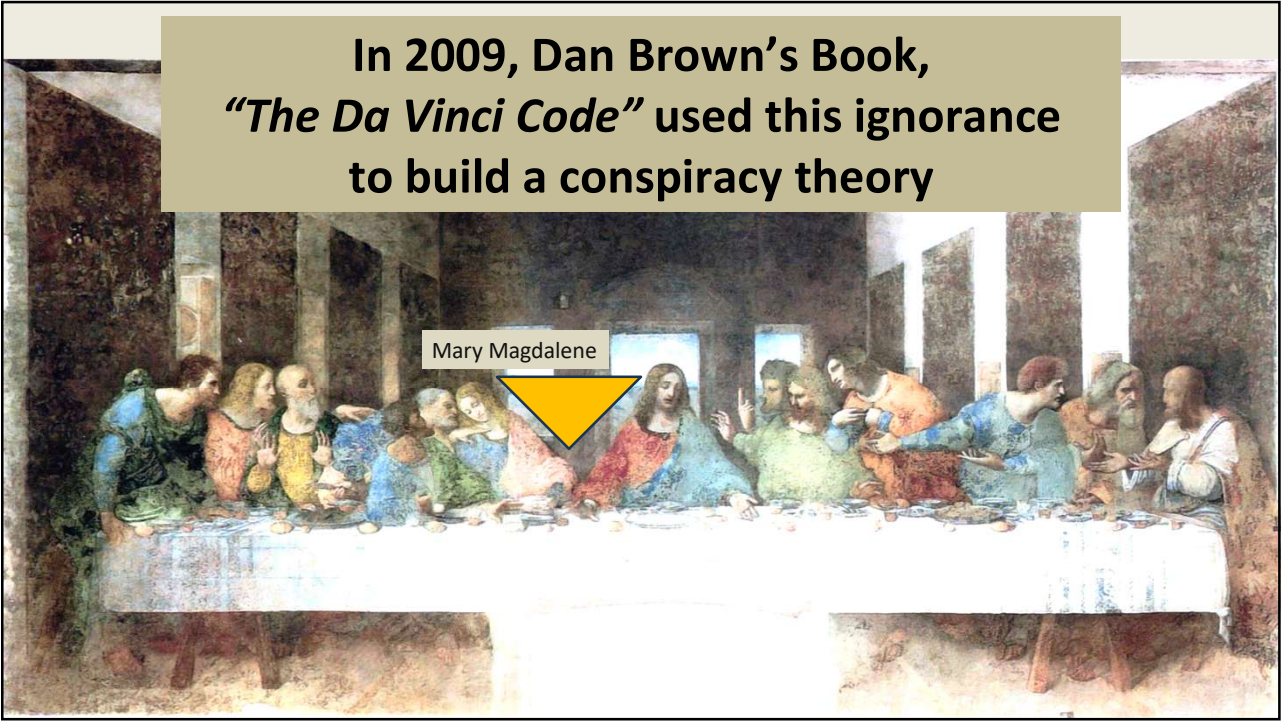
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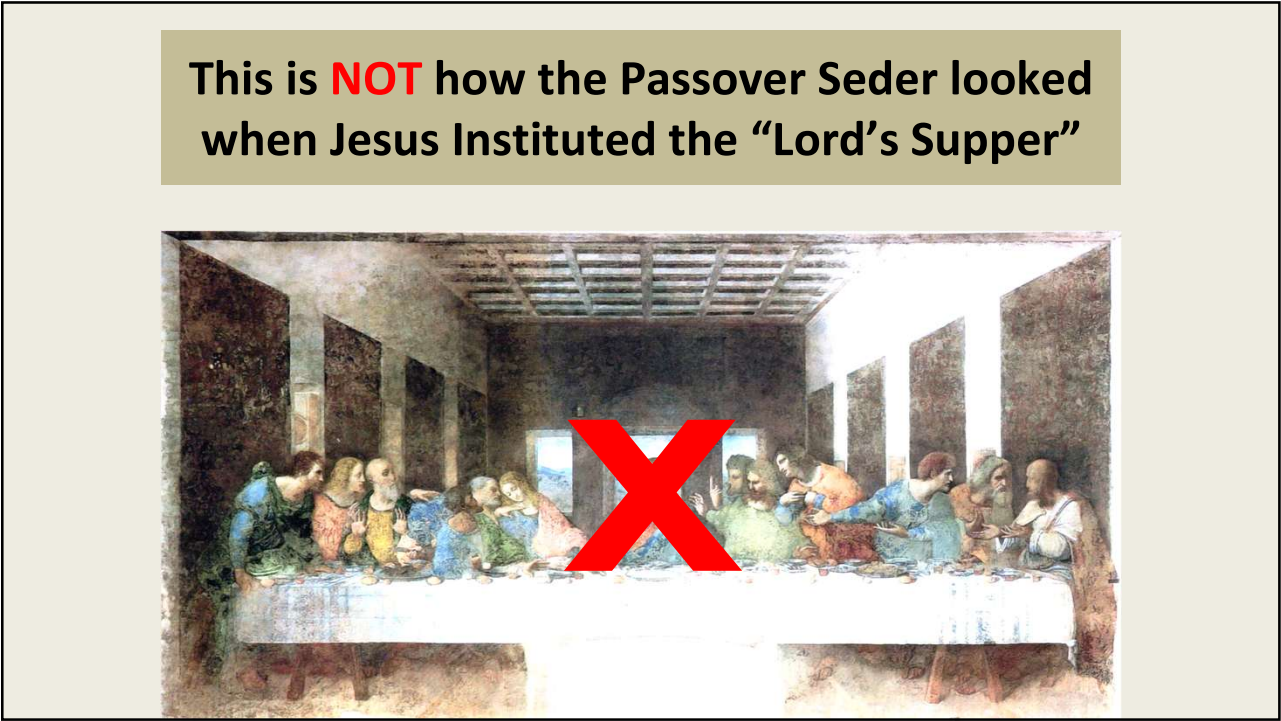
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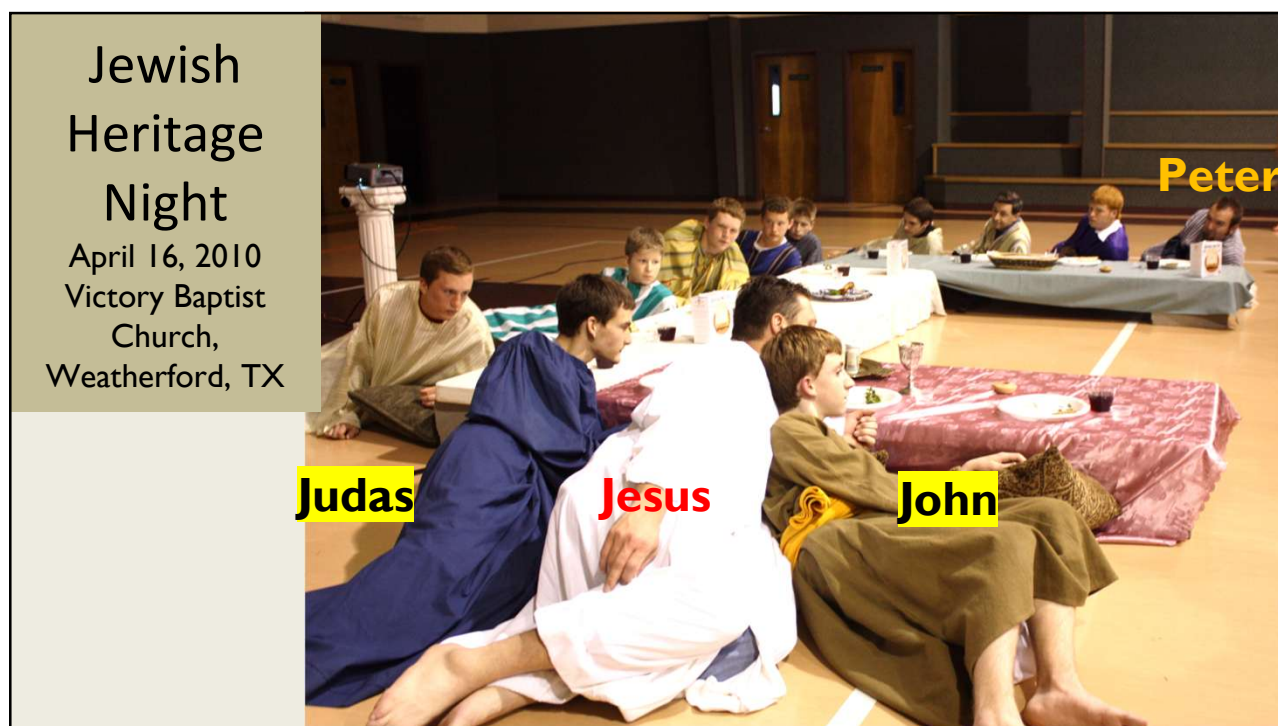
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Jesus reclined to eat in the home of a Pharisee and a woman begins to anoint his feet

“...And he went into the Pharisee's house, and sat down...a **woman in the city, which was a sinner...stood at his feet behind him** weeping, and began to **wash his feet with tears**, and did wipe them with the hairs of her head, and kissed his feet...”(Luke 7:36-38)

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Jesus celebrated the Passover the night before being crucified on the Roman cross!

- **Note** – This is not the actual room.
- Maybe the “air” space.

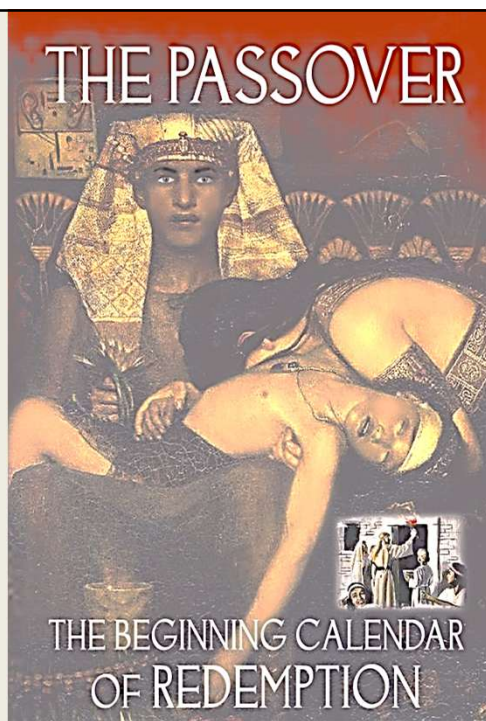


**Upper
Room in
Jerusalem**

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Passover Feast:
The Beginning
Calendar of God's
Redemption

With an emphasis
on how **personal**
it was to both
God and Israel!



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Command to keep the “Lord’s Passover” - Personal.

And thus shall ye eat it; with your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat it in haste: it is the LORD'S passover.
(Exodus 12:11 – see 12:27; Lev. 23:5)

- The lamb was to become “**a** lamb”; “**the** lamb”; to finally “**your** lamb.” (Exodus 12:3-5)
- “And **ye** shall observe this thing for an ordinance to thee and to **thy sons** for ever. (Exodus 12:24)

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Command to keep the “Lord’s Passover” was very **personal**.

“**We** were Pharaoh’s bondsmen in Egypt; and the Lord brought **us** out of Egypt with a mighty hand:”
(Deuteronomy 6:21)



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Why was the Passover Personal?



All leaven is to be removed from the house on **pain of death!**

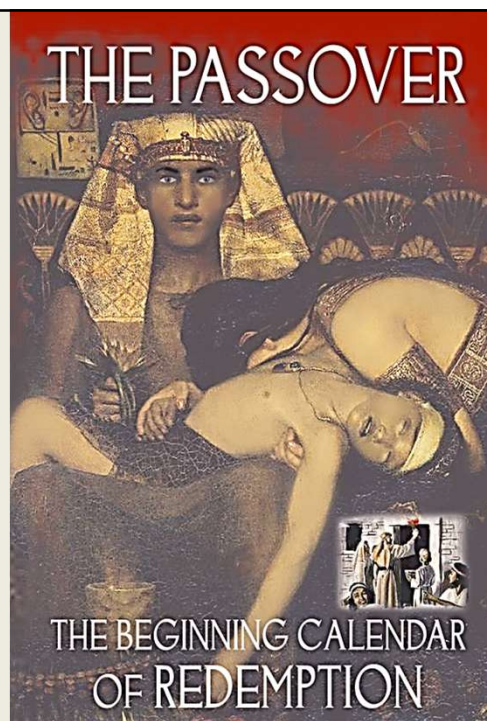
- “Seven days shall ye eat unleavened bread; even the first day ye shall put away leaven out of your houses: for whosoever eateth leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, **that soul shall be cut off** [כרת - kârath] **from Israel.**” (Exodus 12:15)
 - Remember Abraham made Hagar and Ishmael leave? It was a death penalty to be kicked out.
 - They would have died in the Wilderness of Paron, BUT God made promises to them...He (Ishmael) would be a great nation.

Harsh penalty...but no difference if one does not personally accept Jesus as Saviour, “...Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.” (John 1:29)

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Passover Feast: The Beginning Calendar of God's Redemption

With an emphasis on what **Jesus did** in the Biblical Text and weaved in the modern Passover changes.



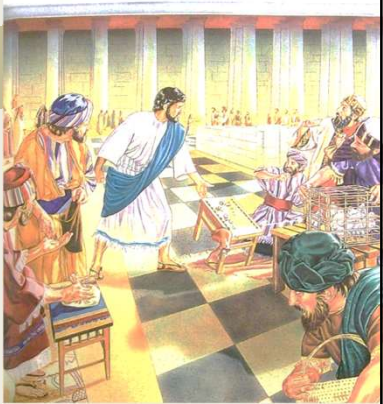
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Preparations for the Feast


The search for leaven **explains Jesus' actions:**

- “And **the Jews' passover was at hand**, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem, And found [1] **in the temple** those that sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the [2] **changers of money sitting:** And when he had made a [3] **scourge of small cords**, he drove them all out of the temple...”
(John 2:13-15)

Three key statements!






Jesus is removing “leaven” or sin from His Father’s House!



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I. “found **in** the temple”
– John 2:14 – **Not** the shops outside the walls.

Royal Stoa of the Temple Mount on the Jerusalem model



Shops –
Outside the walls
The western side of Temple Mount, just below Robinson’s arch

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American Colony photograph was taken between 1934 and 1939.

2. “the changers of money” (John 2:14)

Only the Tyrian shekels (tetradrachms - te-truh-dram) were accepted for Temple payment.

- They were made of purer silver and worth four denarii (Roman/Greek coins) allowing for a favorable exchange rate.

Tyrian shekel
of Alexander Balas,
152/1–145 BC



Printed in Tyre (Lebanon), the Romans shut down that minting but allowed the Jewish leaders to continue to print and use, but required the same image so they were not giving the Jews autonomy.



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3. “scourge of small cords” (John 2:14)

Palm or papyrus fiber rope, from Deir el-Bahari near Luxor, reign of Hatshepsut.

- 1503-1473 BC in the 18th dynasty and was photographed in the Oriental Institute Museum at the University of Chicago.



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How Long was Jesus' Earthly Ministry?

What is Your Biblical Proof?

A True Story

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Jesus' Public Ministry was 3 ½ years! How do we know that?

First Passover - John 2:13-25 - Jesus' **public** ministry begins.

- John 2:13 “And **the Jews' passover was at hand**, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem...”

He cleansed the Temple, and the Temple officials confronted Him immediately.

- John 2:18 Then answered the **Jews and said unto him**, What sign shewest thou unto us, seeing that thou doest these things?

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Jesus' Public Ministry was 3 ½ years! How do we know that?

NOTE: Jesus cleansed the Temple (for the **second** time) **after** His Triumphant entry into Jerusalem, *before* His crucifixion.

- Matthew 21:12 And Jesus went into the temple of God, and **cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple**, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves,
– No cord was used, and the High Priests and scribes met Him the next day.
 - Matthew 21:15-16 And when the **chief priests and scribes** saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying in the temple, and saying, Hosanna to the Son of David; they were sore displeased, (16) And said unto him, Hearest thou what these say? And Jesus saith unto them, Yea; have ye never read, Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise?

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Jesus' Public Ministry was 3 ½ years! How do we know that?

Matthew 21:16 And said unto him, Hearest thou what these say? And Jesus saith unto them, Yea; have ye never read, Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast **perfected praise**?

“perfected praise” - κατηρτίσω ἄϊνον – (*katartizō ainos*)

κατηρτίσω - Verb - Aorist Middle Indicative - 2nd Person Singular - to strengthen, perfect, complete, make one what he **ought to be**

Jesus is quoting -

Psalms 8:1-2 To the chief Musician upon Gittith, A Psalm of David. O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens. (2) **Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained **strength** because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.**

“strength” - τὴν - Noun: Common Masculine Singular Absolute

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Jesus' Public Ministry was 3 ½ years! How do we know that?

Jesus is quoting - Psalms 8:2 **Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength** because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.

Jesus' quote comes straight from the Septuagint 8:2 (LXX 8:3) -

- ἐκ στόματος νηπίων καὶ θηλαζόντων **κατηρτίσω αἶνον** ἕνεκα τῶν ἐχθρῶν σου τοῦ καταλῦσαι ἐχθρὸν καὶ ἐκδικητήν

Earlier, Jesus reminds those cities (Chorazin, Bethsaida, and Capernaum) who rejected him despite his many miracles.

- Matthew 11:20 Then began he to upbraid the cities wherein most of **his mighty works were done**, because they repented not:

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Jesus' Public Ministry was 3 ½ years! How do we know that?

This led Jesus to speak of God revealing His Messiahship to younger individuals and not those in leadership.

- Matthew 11:25 At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto **babes**.

This is similar to Peter's response to Jesus when He asked him at Caesarea Philippi -

- Matthew 16:15-17 He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? (16) And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. (17) And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for **flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven**.

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Jesus' Public Ministry was 3 ½ years! How do we know that?

Second public Passover -

John 5:1 After this there was a **feast of the Jews; and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.**

- It does not say Passover Feast, so it could be one of three feasts: Passover, Shavuot (Weeks/Pentecost), or Tabernacles, as all male Jews were required to go to Jerusalem during these feasts.
 - In John 4:45, the Galileans also went to Jerusalem for the feast.
 - John 4:45 Then when he was come into Galilee, the **Galilaeans** received him, having seen all the things that he did at Jerusalem **at the feast**: for they also went unto **the feast**.

Because of the conclusion, most scholars say it is the Passover Feast.

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How do we know that Jesus' Public Ministry was 3 ½ years

3rd public Passover Feast - John 6:4 - Jesus fed the five thousand

John 6:4 And the passover, a **feast of the Jews**, was nigh.

- John 6:5-10 When Jesus then lifted up his eyes, and saw a great company come unto him, he saith unto Philip, Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat? (6) And this he said to prove him: for he himself knew what he would do. (7) Philip answered him, Two hundred pennyworth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may take a little. (8) One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, saith unto him, (9) There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many? (10) And Jesus said, Make the men sit down. Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about **five thousand**.

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How do we know that Jesus' Public Ministry was 3 ½ years

4th public Passover Feast -

Earlier, Jesus' resurrection of Lazarus had taken place.

- John 11:43-44 And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth. (44) And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go.

John 11:55-56 And the Jews' **passover was nigh at hand**: and many went out of the country up to Jerusalem before the passover, to purify themselves. (56) Then sought they for Jesus, and spake among themselves, as they stood in the temple, What think ye, that he will not come to the feast?

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How do we know that Jesus' Public Ministry was 3 ½ years

Four public Passovers determine the length of Jesus' public ministry.

- Since His ministry began some 6 months (not exact) before the Passover Feast and His death was on the Passover, His public ministry was **3 1/2 years** long.

Note: Joseph and Mary observed the Passover and brought Jesus to Jerusalem—he was 12 years old.

- Luke 2:41-42 Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the **feast of the passover**. (42) And when he was twelve years old, they went up to **Jerusalem after the custom of the feast**.

This is not Jesus' "**bar-mitzvah**," as that ceremony came much later – in the 12th Century AD.

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My Bar Mitzvah Picture

1970 – St. Petersburg, Florida

It means “son of the commandment/law.”

- Judaism teaches that you are now accountable for your sins.

At 13, I read from the Torah.

- I had to speak to the congregation a message, but the good news was the rabbi gave me the topic and outline.
- My message was on Psalms 119:105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.
- Three years later, I realized who that light/lamb was in the Word (Jesus), and my path has been set ever since.



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Jesus washes His disciple's feet (John 13:1-20)



Now before the **feast of the passover**, when **Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world...**(2)

And supper being ended, the **devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him;...**(5) After that **he poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet...**”

- Showed humility
- Remember, it was Abigail who said to David, "let thine handmaid be a servant to wash the feet of the servants of my Lord." (1 Samuel 25:41)

NOTE: Only John's Gospel mentions Jesus washing the disciple's feet.

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Modern Passover Sedar Today

Jewish families go through many traditions during this time.

- Because all leaven must be removed, the house is thoroughly cleaned from top to bottom.
 - Even new clothes are often purchased.
 - I remember my grandfather taking food items containing yeast (leaven), putting them in a closet, and tying a rope around the door.
 - He would “sell” them to a gentile friend for a token amount.
 - The friend would not actually take the food out of the house.
 - We technically did not own the food at that time.

After the Passover was over, he would “buy” the food back.

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Modern Passover Sedar Today

Some families leave a few breadcrumbs on the floor for the youngest child to find.

- The father sweeps it up, pronounces a prayer that includes, as far as they knew, this was the only leaven in the house, and then throws it away or even burns it.

Note: Jesus washed the disciples' feet on the Passover. Peter responded in a very Jewish dialog by asking Jesus to wash not just his feet but his whole body!

- John 13:6-10 Then cometh he to Simon Peter: and **Peter saith unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet?** (7) Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter. (8) Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me. (9) Simon Peter saith unto him, **Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head.** (10) Jesus saith to him, He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all.

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Modern Passover Sedar Today

He would have remembered what the rabbis had taught at Passover.

- Jesus rebuked Peter for misunderstanding the lesson, just as He did to the Pharisees in the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5-7.

This speaks to Christians today: We are to review our lives and purge out our sins as:

- I John 1:9 teaches: “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

As Christians, before we partake of the Lord’s Supper, we need to seek the Holy Spirit to bring our sins to our hearts so that we can be fully and spiritually clean in our walk with Christ.

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Modern Passover Sedar Today

We are to “examine himself”

- I Corinthians 11:26-28 For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come. (27) Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. (28) But let a man **examine himself**, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup.

“examine” - δοκιμαζέτω (root - δοκιμάζω) *dokimazō* - Present Active Imperative - 3rd Person = **to test, examine, prove, scrutinize** (to see whether a thing be genuine or not)

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Modern-Day Preparations Continues

A Narration of Israel Saved from Slavery

We have done this in previous lessons, but here is a short recap.

- The Passover story is a time when the father is to teach his family about their roots.
- Humanly speaking, if it had not been for God's "stretched out arm," Israel would have died in Egypt or the wilderness.
 - Exodus 6:6 Wherefore say unto the children of Israel, I am the LORD, and **I will bring you out** from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and **I will rid you out** of their bondage, and **I will redeem you** with a **stretched out arm**, and with great judgments:

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Modern-Day Preparations Continues - A Narration of Israel Saved from Slavery

The entire Exodus story of freedom is to be retold to each generation as a landmark.

- This day was to be a "memorial" (Exodus 12:14).
- It is a personal holiday: "*and thou shalt shew **thy** son in that day, saying, This is done because of that which the LORD did unto **me** when I came forth out of Egypt.*" (Exodus 13:8).

This speaks of our Christian faith as we are responsible for telling our children the wonderful story of the Saviour Jesus Christ.

- While your pastor and church are there to help, you must train your children.

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YOUR CHURCH OR FAMILY WANTS TO DO THE PASSOVER FEAST?

WHICH PASSOVER FEAST PRESENTATION WILL YOU DO?

*“ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance **for ever**” (Exodus 12:14)*

1. Kill a spotless lamb and put the blood on the doorpost on your house? (Exodus 12:3-10).

- This was done **before the Temple was built in Jerusalem.**
- Since there is no Temple today, one **could** kill a lamb today and put the blood on the doorpost of their house.

2. Offer a lamb in the Temple in Jerusalem as Paul and others did

Deuteronomy 16:2 Thou shalt therefore **sacrifice the passover** unto the LORD thy God, of the flock and the herd, in the place which the LORD shall choose to place his name there.

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YOUR CHURCH OR FAMILY WANT TO DO THE PASSOVER FEAST? WHICH PASSOVER FEAST PRESENTATION WILL YOU DO? *“ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance **for ever**” (Exodus 12:14)*

3. Partake of the Lord's Supper, which Christ commanded us to do:

- I Corinthians 11:26 For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death **till he come.**
 - It was given in the context of a **church ordinance only** – (See also *Matthew 26:17-30*)
 - Matthew 26:19 And the **disciples did as Jesus had appointed them**; and they made ready the passover.

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WHICH PASSOVER FEAST PRESENTATION WILL YOU DO? “ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance **for ever**” (Exodus 12:14)

4. The present-day rabbinical concoction (found in the Passover “Seder” booklet) was initially formed between 75 and 100 AD in the city of Yavney, Israel.

- Most Jewish ministries present this in churches, or messianic groups seek to perform it yearly.
- This “Seder” (means “order of event”) is constantly changed and updated by the rabbis to meet their needs.
- No biblical basis for all the additions!



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WHICH PASSOVER FEAST PRESENTATION WILL YOU DO? “ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance **for ever**” (Exodus 12:14)

5. Polycrates, Bishop of Ephesus (a disciple of Polycarp who was a disciple of the Apostle John) around 185 AD, **fasted during the Passover Feast** (picturing the death of the Lamb) and would break the fast in the early Sunday morning service (picturing His Resurrection) by partaking of the Lord’s Supper.

- “For us, then, we keep the day [14th Nisan] without tampering with it, neither adding nor subtracting.”
(<https://www.earlychristianwritings.com/text/polycrates.html>)

Note: It is obvious he changed the Passover Feast, as it speaks of freedom, and no lamb was slain and brought to the Temple.



Polycrates, Bishop of Ephesus

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YOUR CHURCH OR FAMILY WANT TO DO THE PASSOVER FEAST? WHICH PASSOVER FEAST PRESENTATION WILL YOU DO? *"ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance **for ever**"* (Exodus 12:14)

He then quotes the following people who did the same:

- "Asia great luminaries **Philip**, one of the twelve apostles and his three daughters"...**John** too, he who leaned back on the Lord's breast [added by this author - John 13:15]; **Polycarp of Smyrna**; **Thraeseas of Eumeneia**; **Sagaris**, at Laodicea; **Papirius**; **Melito** the eunuch...
- These all observed the 14th day for the Pascha (Passover) according to the Gospel, in no way deviated therefrom but following the rule of faith."

FIVE DIFFERENT VIEWS BUT ONLY ONE IS BIBLICALLY CORRECT TODAY!

3 - Partake of the Lord's Supper, which Christ commanded us to do.

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Jesus' Observances at His Fourth and Final Passover Feast (Luke 22 / John 13-14)

"And when the hour was come, he sat down, and the twelve apostles with him. And he said unto them, With desire I have desired to **eat this passover** with you **before** I suffer:"
(Luke 22:14-15)






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Upper Room – Passover Seder (order of events)

One must be careful here as many “new” traditions were later added.

- Let's now look at what Jesus **actually did** based on the Biblical texts and then *sprinkle in newer traditions.*



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The service begins with the family sitting down at the table.

- The Kiddush (Prayer of sanctification) is first said.
 - The word “kiddush” comes from the word - קדש – QDSh - “holy”
- Blessed are you, O Lord, King of the Universe, Creator of the **fruit of the vine**.
 - Fun with those who sign at church



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Modern Tradition of the Four Cups

“fruit of the vine”—This speaks to Christians today of the accuracy of Scripture, as Jesus would have said this blessing.

- Matthew 26:27 And **he took the cup, and gave thanks**, and gave **it** to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; (only **one** cup was given)
- Jesus said **He** is the “vine,” and **we** are the “branches”!
 - “**I** am the vine, **ye** are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.” (John 15:5).

Every religious Jew would recognize this prayer at Sabbath meals and Passover and would understand who Jesus represented— God Himself!

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Modern Tradition of the Four Cups



Four cups of the “fruit of the vine” are poured during the Passover seder. The rabbis chose this number from God’s four promises to Israel in Exodus 6:6-7.

- “...and I have remembered my covenant. Wherefore say unto the children of Israel, I am the LORD, **and I will bring you out [1st cup] from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will rid you out of their bondage [2nd cup] and I will redeem you with a stretched out arm [3rd cup] and...and I will take you to me for a people... [4th cup]:” (Exodus 6:5-7)**

Note: It is sad that the rabbis allow Jews to get drunk at this time.

- This puts the emphasis on the contents and not on what it was to represent!

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Modern Tradition of the Four Cups



Yet we, as Christians, can get caught in this same ritual trap.

- Church members at Corinth ate big meals and did not share with the poor, thus causing contention among the members.

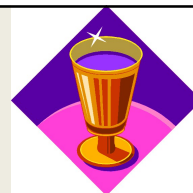
I Corinthians 11:17-22 Now in this that I declare unto you I praise you not, that ye come together not for the better, but for the worse. (18) For first of all, when ye come together in the church, **I hear that there be divisions among you**; and I partly believe it. (19) For there must be also **heresies** among you, that they which are approved may be made manifest among you. (20) When ye come together therefore into one place, **this is not to eat the Lord's supper**. (21) For in eating every one taketh before other his own supper: and one is hungry, and another is drunken. (22) What? have ye not **houses** to eat and to drink in? or **despise ye the church of God**, and shame them that have not? What shall I say to you? shall I praise you in this? I praise you not.

- They lost the impact of the Lord's Supper and accented other activities.

We must "Keep the Main Thing, the Main Thing!"

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Modern Tradition – After the Second Cup – before the Meal



Jewish tradition is to sing the song: Dayenu! – (It would have been enough!)

- It consists of 15 stanzas
- After each stanza, the thought is that if this was all that God's intervention in the lives of the Israelites, it would have been sufficient. Here is a shortened form of the song:
- Had He brought us out from Egypt, And not executed judgment against them, **It would have been enough for us!**
- Had He executed judgment against them. And not done justice to their idols. **It would have been enough for us!**

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The rest of the reading of Dayenu:

- And not slain their firstborn
 - And not given us their property
 - And not divided the sea for us,
 - And not brought us through it dry-shod
 - And not drowned our oppressors in it,
 - And not helped us forty years in the desert,
 - And not fed us manna,
 - And not given us the Sabbath,
 - And not brought us to Mount Sinai,
 - And not given us the Torah,
- It would have been enough for us!**

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Finally, Notice the Biblical Connection

This speaks to Christians today of salvation wholly by grace.

- It is because God first loved us and sent His only Son, Jesus Christ, who died for us.
- We must never forget that we are redeemed only through God's mercy.

Truly, through Christ, **it is enough for us!** Those other events were preparatory for the final redemption story. **Yes, Jesus is enough for us, as HE is all I Need!!**

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Jesus is all I Need
Songwriters: Marty Millikin

- Jesus is all I need
Jesus is all I need
I need no other friend
I need no other one
Jesus is all I need

When I'm tired and I'm weary on my journey home
When the road is rough and long and I feel so all alone
When my strength is all gone and I can't carry on
That's when my Jesus is all that I need

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Jesus is all I Need - Songwriters: Marty Millikin

When life has let me down and peace cannot be found
When all my hopes and all my dreams lie scattered on the
ground
Oh when my joy turns to sorrow and there's no hope for
tomorrow
That's when Jesus, He is all that I need

He's all I need...He's all I need...Jesus is all I need
He satisfies my need supplies...Jesus is all I need

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The Last Supper - Jesus Speaks of His Betrayal. First Time - (Matthew 26:23)

“Now when the even was come, he sat down with the twelve. (21) And as they did eat, he said, Verily I say unto you, that **one of you shall betray me**. (22) And they were exceeding sorrowful, and **began every one of them to say unto him, Lord, is it I?** (23) And he answered and said, He that **dippeth his hand with me in the dish**, the same shall betray me.”

- Judas “dippeth his hand with me.” This “dip: was typically done with a Spring vegetable mixed with salt

Note: The disciples were so busy thinking of what Jesus said they forgot to continue to listen. This happens to us today as our minds drift as the pastor continues his message and we miss what God would have us hear.

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Jesus Dips the Parsley in Salt Water (Hebrew - Carpas)

The first thing eaten at Passover is a green vegetable (a symbol of spring) dipped into salt water.

- It represents the salt water of the Red Sea and how God delivered Israel as a young nation.
- This is what Jesus was doing when He identified His betrayer for the **first time**:

—“And he answered and said, He that **dippeth his hand with me in the dish**, the same shall betray me.”
(Matthew 26:23)

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Jesus speaks of His Betrayal a Second Time “dipped the sop” - John 13:21-30

John 13:21-26 “...Verily, verily, I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me. (22) Then the disciples looked one on another, doubting of whom he spake. (23) Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of his disciples, whom Jesus loved. (24) Simon Peter therefore beckoned to him [John], that he should ask who it should be of whom he spake. (25) He then lying on Jesus' breast saith unto him, Lord, who is it? (26) **Jesus answered, He it is, to whom I shall give a sop, when I have dipped it. And when he had dipped the sop, he gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon.**

- Evidently, Jesus spoke these words softly as only John heard it.

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Jesus speaks of His Betrayal – “dipped the sop”
2nd Time - John 13:21-30

John 13:27-30 And after the sop Satan entered into him. Then said Jesus unto him, That thou doest, do quickly.
(28) Now no man at the table knew for what intent he spake this unto him. (29) For some of them thought, because **Judas had the bag**, that Jesus had said unto him, Buy those things that we have need of against the feast; or, that he should give something to the poor. (30) **He then having received the sop went immediately out:** and it was night.

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Jesus identified His betrayer for the 2nd time – “sop” (John 13:23-27)!

Note: It is “sop,” not slop.”

“sop” – “Hillel Sandwich” (Hebrew - *Coreich*) -
Made of horseradish and apple-nut mixture.

–First time, Jesus **dips** with Judas – John 13:23

–Second time, Jesus gives the **“sop”** – John 13:26

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Items on the Passover Plate Exodus 12:8

“And they shall eat the flesh in that night,
roast with fire (1), and **unleavened bread (2)**; and with **bitter herbs (3)** they shall eat it.” (Exodus 12:8)

- This reminds us that Jesus did the additional customs of the day, such as the dipping of parsley in salt water and dipping the sop as they were not required.

Note – The Jewish people cannot do a **BIBLICAL** Passover Seder Today!



Required items:

1. Lamb roasted with fire
2. Unleavened Bread
3. Bitter Herbs

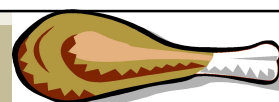
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1. Roasted Egg
2. Salad
3. Karpas – Parsley with salt water

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Items on the BIBLICAL Passover Plate - Exodus 12:8 –

1. Roasted Lamb



Roasted Lamb – It represents the Paschal or Passover lamb.

- The rabbis have changed it to just the bone with all the meat removed. It is the bone of the arm of the lamb signifying God's outstretched arm.

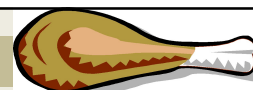
This speaks to Christians today of how devoid rabbinical Judaism is in its theology.

- With the Bible, nothing more than an empty shell, this form of Judaism has become ritualistic.
- Since 70 AD, when the Temple was destroyed, there have been no **PROPER Biblical** sacrifice.

This lack of an offering did not surprise God!

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Items on the BIBLICAL Passover Plate - Exodus 12:8 – 1. Roasted Lamb



- “For the children of Israel shall abide many days without a king, and without a prince, and **without a sacrifice...**” (Hosea 3:4).

Note: Getting a shank bone from a grocery store, as most Jewish people do today, is not the **proper Biblical procedure**. A family was to get a pure spotless lamb. Only the priests could designate a proper lamb at the time of Christ.

- The Passover Feast is clearly seen here as the **shadow** of the prophecy of the Messiah dying in our place.
- KEY: This “type” sets the **hermeneutical** foundation of ALL the feasts.
 - An Old Testament type MUST have a New Testament fulfillment!
 - If it isn't explained, people can make anything up...and they do.

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The Shadow (Type) – The Fulfillment

Exodus 12:3-11 Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them every man **a lamb**, according to the house of their fathers, a lamb for an house: (4) And if the household be too little for the lamb, let him and his neighbour next unto his house take it according to the number of the souls; every man according to his eating shall make your count for **the lamb**. (5) **Your lamb** shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take it out from the **sheep, or from the goats**: (6) And ye shall keep it up until the **fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening**...(11) And thus shall ye eat it; with your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat it in haste: it is the **LORD'S passover**.

- John 1:29 The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the **Lamb of God**, which taketh away the sin of the world.

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Items on the BIBLICAL Passover Plate - Exodus 12:8 – **2. Bitter Herbs**



Bitter Herbs: Horseradish and lettuce are used today.

- They represent the bitterness of 200+ years of Egyptian bondage and slavery.
- Some may ask, “How does lettuce represent bitterness?”
 - A farmer will tell you that if you grow lettuce that is not watered properly, it will be bitter to the taste.

This speaks to Christians today that the bitterness of sin causes slavery. The Mosaic law taught us what is **sin**:

- “What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, ‘Thou shalt not covet’.” (Romans 7:7).

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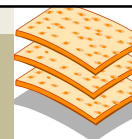
Items on the BIBLICAL Passover Plate - Exodus 12:8 – **2. Bitter Herbs**

But a Christian who is not under the washing of God's Word at church becomes bitter. **I call it spiritual cancer!** We are to be the "salt of the earth," and salt that has lost its flavor is **useless**. We are to let our "light so shine" so others might see our "good works" (Matthew 5:13,16).

- Matthew 5:13 Ye are the **salt of the earth**: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth **good for nothing**, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.
- Matthew 5:16 Let your **light so shine** before men, that they may see your **good works**, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

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Items on the BIBLICAL Passover Plate - Exodus 12:8

3. Unleavened Bread

Unleavened Bread (Matzoh): "Tradition" teaches that three pieces of Matzah were on the Passover table (there is *no biblical proof*).

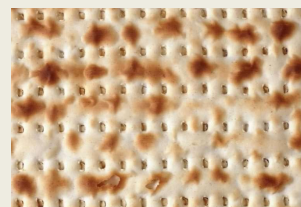
- While there is no agreement from the rabbinical perspective, the three pieces of Matzoh **could** represent the three groups of Jews today:
 - Cohens (priests from the tribe of Levi)
 - Levites
 - Israelites (all the other tribes together)
- "Thou shalt eat no **leavened bread** with it; seven days shalt thou eat **unleavened bread** therewith, even the **bread of affliction**; for thou camest forth out of the land of Egypt in haste: that thou mayest remember the day when thou camest forth out of the land of Egypt all the days of thy life." (Deuteronomy 16:3)
 - "**bread of affliction**" is what God gave Israel when they left Egypt.

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Items on the BIBLICAL Passover Plate - Exodus 12:8 - **3. Unleavened Bread**

Notice that the Matzoh is stripped and pierced!

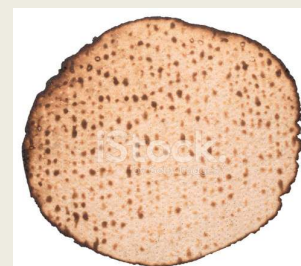
- Jesus was stripped by the Roman whips and pierced by the nails in his hands and feet and by the spear in His side.



- “But he was **wounded for our transgressions**, he was **bruised** [דָּכָא - dāka’ - crushed] for our iniquities” (Isaiah 53:5).

“bruised” is a flashback to the first Protoevangelium:

- Genesis 3:15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall **bruise** [שֹׁחַץ - shûph] thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.



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Messiah – bruised/crushed/death/cut off

Even though they are two different Hebrew words (dāka’ and shûph), both imply the same impact...death. **A third word also describes this event.**

- Daniel 9:26 And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be **cut off**, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.

“cut off” – inflective – קָרַע (root – קָרַע) *kāraṭ* - Verb: Niphal Imperfect 3rd Person Masculine Singular

- It is personal...a Messiah – to be cut off – the event is happening to him.

We will cover this a little more in a little bit.

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Items on the BIBLICAL Passover Plate - Exodus 12:8 - **3. Unleavened Bread**

It is questionable how the “tradition” of three pieces of Matzoh started.

- It is estimated that over 100,000 Jewish **believers** lived under Roman rule by AD 100.
 - Some have surmised that this group may have added this tradition to the service as a Gospel message to their Jewish brethren in the flesh!

Before the Passover Seder begins, the middle piece of Matzoh is broken, wrapped in a special bag, and hidden.

- Later, the Passover service is stopped, and the children look for the middle piece (some traditions do it differently).
 - As a child growing up, I remember my Grandfather promising a homemade chocolate milkshake to the child who found it.

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Jesus connects the manna (Passover) in the wilderness to Himself

Jesus fed the 5,000 (feast of Passover was “nigh” John 6:1-15), walked on the water in the Sea of Galilee (John 6:16-21), and goes to Capernaum (John 6:29-40).

- John 6:29 Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent. (30) They said therefore unto him, **What sign shewest thou then, that we may see, and believe thee?** what dost thou work? (31) **Our fathers did eat manna in the desert; as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat.** (32) Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you **not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven.** (33) For the **bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world.** (34) Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us **this** bread. (35) And Jesus said unto them, **I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.** (36) But I said unto you, That ye also have seen me, and **believe not.** ... (40) **And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life:** and I will raise him up at the last day.

It is an amazing/sad Rabbinical argument that Jesus never proclaimed His Messiahship.

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John the Baptist earlier and later John on Patmos, connects Jesus with the Passover Lamb.

- John 1:29 The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the **Lamb of God**, which taketh away the sin of the world.
- John 1:36 And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, Behold the **Lamb of God!**

Later, John on Patmos refers to Jesus as the Lamb nine times!

1. Revelation 5:6 And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a **Lamb** as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.
2. Revelation 7:17 For the **Lamb** which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

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3. Revelation 14:10 The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the **Lamb**:
4. Revelation 15:3 And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the **Lamb**, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints.
5. Revelation 19:9 And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the **Lamb**. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.

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6. Revelation 21:22-23 And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the **Lamb** are the temple of it. (23) And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the **Lamb** is the light thereof.
7. Revelation 22:1 And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the **Lamb**.
8. Revelation 22:3 And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the **Lamb** shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him:

While I have spoken of this in other files, I will again state for an Old Testament text to be considered a “type,” something in the New Testament must be literally connected to it Biblical. The Passover Feast gives us a clear presentation of this important teaching.

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3 Modern **Additions** on the Passover plate added by the Rabbis

I. Roasted Egg: The rabbis added this in the 13th century. It is of Babylonian origin and depicts (1) **death/destruction** and (2) **life**.

- This death represents the destruction of the temples.
 - After a funeral, the family eats a hard-boiled egg to show mourning/death.
 - It alludes to the lamb that died and was roasted at the Passover.
- It also represents new life in the springtime (birth).

This speaks to Christians today of that innocent and spotless Passover lamb, which pre-pictured or type of the Messiah and His death, which brings new life/birth to those who partake of it.

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Modern **Additions** on the Passover Plate added by the Rabbis – **Three Items**

2. Charoseth: It is a salad made with cooked apples, ground almonds, spices, and cinnamon.

- It represents the clay that was used by the Israelites to make bricks with which they built the Egyptian cities.

3. Karpas: Parsley represents the **hyssop** dipped into the lamb's blood and put on the doorpost and lintel of the house.

- A dish of salt water is placed next to the parsley, illustrating the Israelites' tears and sweat and the Red Sea.

This speaks to Christians today of the cross of Calvary where the “Lamb of God” died and shed His blood for the “sin of the world” (John 1:19). The Bible says that Christ “...sweat was as it were great drops of blood” when He was on the cross (Luke 22:44).

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Don't miss our teaching on “hyssop.”

See First Passover Pt. 3



Hyssop (sponge) speaks of purification (leper/people) in the Old Testament. King David said, “Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.” (Psalms 51:7).

- **As the blood of the lamb** was placed on the **hyssop** and applied to the door at the first Passover, as the **means for forgiveness through the blood of a sacrifice** (in this case, a spotless/pure lamb), So, the **hyssop was used at the crucifixion of our Saviour** to be applied so that all who accept Him as Saviour and through His sacrifice, will have atonement for his/her sins.

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Jesus: Meal is Eaten



Now let's focus on the 1st half of John 13:23-27

- John leaning on Jesus (John 13:23) –
 - “Now there was **leaning** on Jesus' bosom one of his disciples, whom Jesus loved.”
 - “**leaning**” - in rabbinic tradition means freedom
 - “And thus shall ye eat it; with your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat it in haste: it is the LORD'S passover.” (Exodus 12:11)

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John leaning on Jesus - “Now there was **leaning** on Jesus' bosom one of his disciples, whom Jesus loved.” (John 13:23)



How interesting, the one who leaned on Jesus' breast – John... now more fully understood “true freedom” and thus reminds us of Jesus' earlier words:

- “If the Son therefore shall make you free, **ye shall be free indeed.**” (John 8:36)
 - Freedom was a very important issue in Jesus' day.
 - Estimated: Half of the known world's population were Roman slaves.

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Passover was about Freedom – a very important issue in Jesus' day.

Paul proclaimed his Roman citizenship in Acts 22

- Acts 22:25-29 And as they bound him with thongs, Paul said unto the centurion that stood by, Is it lawful for you to scourge a man that is **a Roman**, and uncondemned? (26) When the centurion heard that, he went and told the chief captain, saying, **Take heed what thou doest: for this man is a Roman.** (27) Then the chief captain came, and said unto him, **Tell me, art thou a Roman? He said, Yea.** (28) And the chief captain answered, With a great sum obtained I this freedom. **And Paul said, But I was free born.** (29) Then straightway they departed from him which should have examined him: and the chief captain also was afraid, after **he knew that he was a Roman**, and because he had bound him.

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His speaking to Festus, appeals to Caesar.

- Acts 25:9-11 But Festus, willing to do the Jews a pleasure, answered Paul, and said, Wilt thou go up to Jerusalem, and there be judged of these things before me? (10) Then said Paul, I stand at Caesar's judgment seat, where I ought to be judged: to the Jews have I done no wrong, as thou very well knowest. (11) For if I be an offender, or have committed any thing worthy of death, I refuse not to die: but if there be none of these things whereof these accuse me, no man may deliver me unto them. **I appeal unto Caesar.**

His advice to Philemon about Onesimus.

- Philemon 1:1 **Paul, a prisoner of Jesus Christ**, and Timothy our brother, unto Philemon our dearly beloved, and fellowlabourer,

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Passover was about Freedom – a very important issue in Jesus' day.

As believers, we are to be His servants. The Old Testament background -

- Exodus 21:5 And if the **servant** shall plainly say, I love my master, my wife, and my children; I will not go out free:
 - “**servant**” - עֶבֶד - 'ebed – speaks of one who *voluntarily* pledges his allegiance to his master **and his family** for his entire life.

Many Old Testament leaders were called **servants** – **Abraham** (Genesis 26:24), **Joshua** (Joshua 24:29), **David** (2 Samuel 7:5) **Isaiah** (Isaiah 20:3), and even the **Messiah** (Isaiah 53:11).

- Genesis 26:24 And the LORD appeared unto him the same night, and said, I am the God of Abraham thy father: fear not, for I am with thee, and will bless thee, and multiply thy seed for **my servant Abraham's sake**.

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- Joshua 24:29 And it came to pass after these things, that **Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the LORD**, died, being an hundred and ten years old.
- 2 Samuel 7:5 Go and tell my **servant David**, Thus saith the LORD, Shalt thou build me an house for me to dwell in?
- Isaiah 20:3 And the LORD said, Like as **my servant Isaiah** hath walked naked and barefoot three years for a sign and wonder upon Egypt and upon Ethiopia;
- Isaiah 53:11 He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my **righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities**.

Only the Messiah/Jesus could **qualify** to bear the iniquities of mankind.

Note: What happened when Moses tried this!

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God's Relationship with Moses

16 Miracles Before Mt. Sinai

12 miracles came during the 10 Plagues:

- Rod became a snake (Ex. 4:3-4)
- Hand became leprous (Ex. 4:6-7)
- Water to blood (Exodus 4:9)
- Frogs, Lice, flies, livestock, boils, hail, locust, darkness, death of the first born,

After the Exodus – 4 More

1. Parting of the Red Sea,
2. Bitter water made sweet,
3. Water from the rock,
4. Victory over the Amalekites (Exodus 17:8)

One could add after Mt. Sinai another six more!

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Passover was about Freedom – a very important issue in Jesus' day.

Only the Messiah/Jesus could qualify to bear the iniquities of mankind. Note: What happened when Moses tried this!

Moses, on his **sixth trip** up Mt. Sinai, “they saw the God of Israel”

- Exodus 24:9-10 Then went up Moses, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel: (10) And **they saw the God of Israel:** and there was under his feet as it were a paved work of a sapphire stone, and as it were the body of heaven in his clearness.

“saw” – וַיִּרְאוּ (root - רָאָה) – H7200 - Verb: Qal Sequential imperfect 3rd Person Masculine Plural –

- Qal tense – Most used verb – present simple action,
- Sequential – because they went up, they saw – they gazed.

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Passover was about Freedom – a very important issue in Jesus' day.

Only the Messiah/Jesus could qualify to bear the iniquities of mankind. Note: What happened when Moses tried this!

Later, on his **seventh trip** up Mt. Sinai, Moses saw only God's "back parts."

- Exodus 33:20-23 And he said, Thou canst not see my face: for there shall no man see me, and live. (21) And the LORD said, Behold, there is a place by me, and thou shalt stand upon a rock: (22) And it shall come to pass, while my glory passeth by, that I will put thee in a clift of the rock, and will cover thee with my hand while I pass by: (23) And I will take away mine hand, and thou shalt see my **back parts**: but my face shall not be seen.

"back parts" – אַחֲרֵי (root - אָחַר) - Noun: Common Masculine Plural Construct –

- H268 41 times (other KJV translation: the back side, the rear)

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Passover was about Freedom – a very important issue in Jesus' day.

16 miracles, seeing God twice, Moses thought he had a special position.

It was his **seventh trip** up Mt. Sinai, as Israel had sinned with the golden calf, Moses had an "I" problem and sought to take the blame.

- Exodus 32:30-32 And it came to pass on the morrow, that Moses said unto the people, **Ye** have sinned a great sin: and now **I will go up unto the LORD; peradventure I shall make an atonement for your sin.** (31) And Moses returned unto the LORD, and said, Oh, this people have sinned a great sin, and have made them gods of gold. (32) **Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin; and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written.**

God's answer is very swift: Moses...YOU are NOT good enough!

- Exodus 32:33 And the LORD said unto Moses, **Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book.**

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The Eight Trips Moses Made to Mt. Sinai

1. God makes a covenant with Israel - Exodus 19:2-7

- Exodus 19:3 And Moses **went up** unto God, and the LORD called **unto him out of the mountain**, saying, Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel;
- Exodus 19:7 And Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid **before their faces** all these words which the LORD commanded him.

2. Moses gives the Lord the people's response

- Exodus 19:8 And all the people answered together, and said, All that the LORD hath spoken we will do. And **Moses returned the words of the people unto the LORD.**

3. I disagree with #3 (<https://www.gotquestions.org/Moses-on-Mount-Sinai.html>) as it is a continuation of #2.

- Exodus 19:10 And the LORD said unto Moses, Go unto the people, and sanctify them to day and to morrow, and let them wash their clothes,
- Exodus 19:14 And Moses **went down from the mount** unto the people, and sanctified the people; and they washed their clothes.

Your professor's guess is that they did not want to have "seven" trips, as many see the number 7 as a sign of completeness, and in this case, we are talking about the Mosaic law.

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The Eight Trips Moses Made to Mt. Sinai

4. Mt. Sinai belches smoke and fire

- Exodus 19:20 And the LORD came down upon mount Sinai, on the top of the mount: and the **LORD called Moses up to the top of the mount**; and Moses went up.

5. God gives Moses laws and the Promised Land (Chapter 21-23)

- Exodus 20:21 And the people stood afar off, and **Moses drew near unto the thick darkness where God was.**

6. We mentioned this one already.

- Exodus 24:1 And he said unto Moses, **Come up unto the LORD**, thou, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel; and worship ye afar off.

7. We mentioned this one already.

- Exodus 32:31 And Moses **returned unto the LORD**, and said, Oh, this people have sinned a great sin, and have made them gods of gold.

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The Eight Trips Moses Made to Mt. Sinai

8. God remakes the 10 Commandments

- Exodus 34:1-2 And the LORD said unto Moses, Hew thee two tables of stone like unto the first: and I will write upon these tables the words that were in the first tables, which thou brakest. (2) And be ready in the morning, and **come up in the morning unto mount Sinai**, and present thyself there to me in the top of the mount.
 - Moses was on Mt. Sinai 40 days and 40 nights – supernatural miracle
- Exodus 34:28 And he was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights; he did neither eat bread, nor drink water. And he wrote upon the tables the words of the covenant, the ten commandments.

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Could you make eight trips up to the top of Mt. Sinai?



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Passover was about Freedom – a very important issue in Jesus' day.

The New Testament picks up this understanding as **Paul** (Romans 1:1), **Timothy** (Philippians 1:1), **James** (James 1:1), **Peter** (2 Peter 1:1), and **Jude** (Jude 1:1) *continued* this understanding of the term **servant**.

- Romans 1:1 **Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ**, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God,
- James 1:1 **James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ**, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, greeting.
- 2 Peter 1:1 **Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ**, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ:
- Jude 1:1 **Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ**, and brother of James, to them that are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, and called:

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Passover was about Freedom – a very important issue in Jesus' day.

The key question is, "Are **YOU** or am **I** a servant...of the Lord"?

- Only YOU or I can answer that question.

BUT notice that this servant not only loved his master (Christ) BUT his family (wife and children) – Or other "Brothers and Sisters of Christ!"

Can't you hear the shout of this in the book of 1 John?

- 1 John 4:20-21 If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a **liar**: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? (21) And this **commandment** have we from him, **That he who loveth God love his brother also**.

Earlier, John clarifies the importance/impact of this teaching.

- 1 John 3:16 Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and **we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren**.

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Passover – Last Supper – Its Ending Matthew 26:26-29

And as they were eating, **Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it**, and gave it to the disciples, and said, **Take, eat; this is my body**. (27) And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, **Drink ye all of it; (28) For this is my blood of the new testament**, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. (29) But I say unto you, **I will not drink** henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you **in my Father's kingdom**.

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First Key Point: Last Supper - Ending of the Passover

Jesus Breaks the Middle Piece of Matzah



And as they were eating, **Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it**, and gave it to the disciples, and said, **Take, eat; this is my body**. (Matthew 26:26)

“And as they were eating” - **Ἔσθιόντων** δὲ αὐτῶν

- **δὲ** - conjunction – “And”
- **αὐτῶν** – “as they” - Personal / Possessive Pronoun – Genitive Plural Masculine - root αὐτός
- **Ἔσθιόντων** – “were eating” - Verb - Present Active Participle - Genitive Plural Masculine – root - ἐσθίω
 - Genitive - indicating possession or close association.
 - Emphasis - Placed in front of the sentence - “eating.”

Every Bible translation uses this same thought as they were eating.

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Last Supper: Jesus Breaks the Middle Piece of Matzah



And **as they were eating**, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. (Matthew 26:26)

My point – It closed out the meal, as Jesus picked up the bread.

- The hidden piece is called the “Afikoman” (אֶפִיקוֹמָן - Greek - ἐπὶ κῶμον epikomon).

It is the last food to be eaten for the night.

- The rabbis claim this was done during the Tabernacle, the First and Second Temples (*no Biblical basis*).
- The Mishnah (Pesachim 119b), states it is a **substitute** for the Passover sacrifice (*no Biblical basis* – Shows 3rd century AD teaching).

An Ashkenazi custom, it is hidden for the children to find.

- I personally grew up doing this.

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Last Supper: Jesus Breaks the Middle Piece of Matzah



Jesus gave it (Afikoman) to His disciples.

- Notice how the modern-day Passover connects the afikoman as a picture of Jesus:

Afikomen - **Jesus**

- Put in a cover (**Jesus was covered at death**)
- Hidden (**as Jesus was buried**)

– Matthew 27:59-60 And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a **clean linen cloth**, (60) And laid it in his own **new tomb**, which he had hewn out in the rock: and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed.

- Blessing when found (**Salvation**)

– Messianic Believers argue this tradition comes from the first century AD.



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Afikomen

Afikomen literally means “what comes after the meal” (*normally the dessert or refreshments. This was done in another room.*)

Jesus presents Himself as the Afikoman

- “Ceremony of Remembrance” - “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.” (Luke 22:19)
 – *What came after this Passover Feast? ...His **death** on the cross!*

Passover Feast - shadow (Hebrew – “moed” (seasons) as this feast was a dress rehearsal)

- Illustration in my first year of ministry with OTMI. – A couple asked if I did the Passover Feast.

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2nd Key Point: Last Supper - Ending Matthew 26:26-29

And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. (27) **And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; (28) For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. (29)** But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.

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This is the 3rd Cup (Tradition speaks of Four)

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Why is the blood needed for the New Testament?

Matthew 26:28 For this is **my blood** of the **new testament**, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

Yes, the Bible teaches that life is in the blood! Under Levitical law, Israel was not to eat blood.

- Leviticus 17:11 For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an **atonement for your souls**: for it is **the blood** that maketh an atonement for the soul.

But what was the **penalty** for eating blood?

- Leviticus 17:14 For it is the life of all flesh; the blood of it is for the life thereof: therefore I said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall eat the blood of no manner of flesh: for the life of all flesh is the blood thereof: **whosoever eateth it shall be cut off.**

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Interesting word choice used in Leviticus 17:14 - “cut off”

“cut off” - יָכַרַת – from כָּרַת - kârath - **BDB Definition:** 1) to cut, cut off, cut down, cut off a body part, cut out, eliminate, kill, cut a covenant

This same penalty “shall be cut off” is found 38 times. A **few** of them:

1. Unleavened Bread – Exodus 12:15, 19

- Exodus 12:15 Seven days shall ye eat unleavened bread; even the first day ye shall put away leaven out of your houses: for whosoever eateth leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, **that soul shall be cut off from Israel.**
- Exodus 12:19 Seven days shall there be no leaven found in your houses: for whosoever eateth that which is leavened, even **that soul shall be cut off** from the congregation of Israel, whether he be a stranger, or born in the land.

2. Sabbath – Exodus 31:14

- Exodus 31:14 Ye shall keep the sabbath therefore; for it is holy unto you: every one that defileth it shall surely be put to death: for whosoever doeth any work therein, that soul shall be cut off from among his people.

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Interesting word choice used in - Leviticus 17:14 - “cut off” - יָכַרַת – from כָּרַת - kârath

3. Peace Offering - Leviticus 7:20-21, 35; 19:8

- Leviticus 7:20-21 But the soul that eateth of the flesh of the sacrifice of peace offerings, that pertain unto the LORD, having his uncleanness upon him, even that soul shall be **cut off** from his people. (21) Moreover the soul that shall touch any unclean thing, as the uncleanness of man, or any unclean beast, or any abominable unclean thing, and eat of the flesh of the sacrifice of peace offerings, which pertain unto the LORD, even that soul shall be **cut off** from his people.

4. Blood – Leviticus 7:27

- Leviticus 7:27 Whatsoever soul it be that eateth any manner of blood, even that soul shall be **cut off** from his people.

5. Unlawful Sexual Relations – Leviticus 18:29; 20:17-18

- Leviticus 18:29 For whosoever shall commit any of these abominations, even the souls that commit them shall be **cut off** from among their people.

6. Uncleanliness – removed from God’s presence – Lev. 22:3

- Leviticus 22:3 Say unto them, Whosoever he be of all your seed among your generations, that goeth unto the holy things, which the children of Israel hallow unto the LORD, having his uncleanness upon him, that soul shall be **cut off** from my presence: I am the LORD.

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Here is the importance of Jesus' statement "my blood of the New Testament" Matt. 26:28

A covenant in the Bible was based on a sacrifice of blood.

Abrahamic Covenant –

- Genesis 15:9-10 And he said unto him, Take me an heifer of three years old, and a she goat of three years old, and a ram of three years old, and a turtledove, and a young pigeon. (10) And he took unto him all these, and **divided** them in the midst, and laid each piece one against another: but the birds divided he not.
- "**divided**" - וַיִּבְתֵּר (from בָּתַר) bāthar – Piel Sequential imperfect - 3rd Person Masculine Singular - **BDB Definition:** 1) to cut in two
– Piel - "intensive", "resultative", "causative"

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Importance of Jesus' statement - "my blood of the New Testament" Matt. 26:28

A covenant in the Bible was based on a sacrifice of blood.

Mt. Sinai – Mosaic Covenant

- Exodus 24:8 And Moses took the blood, and sprinkled it on the people, and said, Behold the **blood of the covenant**, which the LORD hath **made** with you concerning all these words.
- "**made**" - כָּתַת - the same word used in Leviticus 17:14 as we see the importance of the "blood of the covenant."

God "**made**" a blood covenant how? He cuts off...in the case of the Mosaic Covenant, the **blood** from the burnt and peace offerings of oxen.

- Exodus 24:5-6 And he sent young men of the children of Israel, which offered burnt offerings, and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen unto the LORD. (6) And Moses took half of the **blood**, and put it in **basons**; and half of the **blood** he sprinkled on the **altar**.

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A covenant in the Bible was based on a sacrifice of blood.

Notice now how the Old Testament specifically mentions that God "will make" a new covenant with Israel.

- Jeremiah 31:31 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will **make** a **new** covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:
- "**make**" – the same Hebrew word found in Exodus 24:8 – קָרַת

With the Old Testament use of animal sacrifices, God was using something that man could not make or create...an animal.

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This foundation goes back to Adam and Eve, who were covered (physically and spiritually) with the death of an animal...*probably* a lamb.

- Genesis 3:21 Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.
- Isaiah 61:10 I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; **for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness**, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels.

So how does that bring us to Christ as the sacrificial "Lamb"? Let's show the prophecy first and then go to the conclusion.

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The English word "Messiah" is only found twice in the Old Testament, and both times, it is found in the Book of Daniel (Daniel 9:25-26).

- Yet evidently, the concept was fully understood, as Daniel, without any explanation, speaks of the Messiah in his great prophetic chapter known as the 70th week of Daniel. (see *file #3*)

Daniel 9:26 And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be **cut off**..."

- "**cut off**" – same Hebrew word used in the Mosaic and Abraham concept – קָרַת

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Importance of Jesus' statement - "my blood of the New Testament" Matt. 26:28

Note: Cyrus (Isaiah 45:1) and King David (2 Samuel 22:51 and Psalms 18:50) were called "his anointed" - מָשִׁיחַ - māshîyach

- Isaiah 45:1 Thus saith the LORD to his **anointed**, to **Cyrus**, whose right hand I have holden, to subdue nations before him; and I will loose the loins of kings, to open before him the two leaved gates; and the gates shall not be shut;
- 2 Samuel 22:51 He is the tower of salvation for his king: and sheweth mercy to his **anointed**, unto **David**, and to his seed for evermore.
- Psalms 18:50 Great deliverance giveth he to his king; and sheweth mercy to his **anointed**, to **David**, and to his seed for evermore.

The word "anointed," along with many other prophecies, explains why Israel understood it and looked to His coming.

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Importance of Jesus' statement - "my blood of the New Testament" Matt. 26:28

The Book of Hebrews continues the Old Testament teaching of the need and importance of a blood sacrifice.

- Hebrews 9:22 And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and **without shedding of blood is no remission.**

Yet the writer of Hebrews clearly points out that the Old Testament animal sacrifice was just a shadow.

- Hebrews 9:13-14 For **if** the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the **purifying** of the flesh: (14) How much **more** shall the **blood of Christ**, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

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Only the blood sacrifice of the Messiah could be that final **sacrifice**.

- Hebrews 10:10 By the which will we are **sanctified** through the **offering** of the body of Jesus Christ **once for all**. (See Colossians 4)
 - Levitical offerings - Burnt; Meat; Peace; Sin; Trespass
 - Sabbaths, New Moon, Holy day
 - Colossians 2:16-17 Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days: (17) Which are a **shadow of things to come**; but the body is of Christ.

Jesus fulfilled all sacrifices on the cross.

- Matthew 26:28 For this is **my blood of the new testament**, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

The cry of John the Baptist when he saw Jesus came full circle.

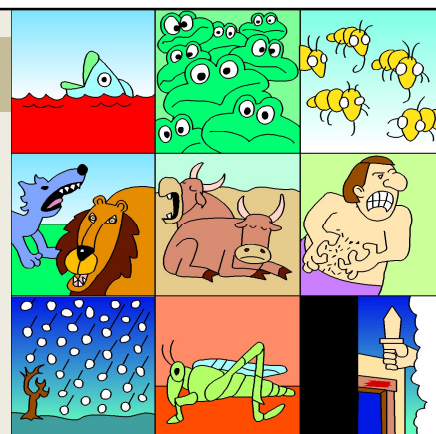
- John 1:29 The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, **Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.**

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Passover Story: Added **traditions** done today

Spill a drop of juice (represent blood) for each plague.

1. Blood; 2. Frogs; 3. Gnats (lice);
4. Flies; 5. Livestock; 6. Boils;
7. Thunder/Hail; 8. Locust
9. Darkness; 10. Slaying of the first-born

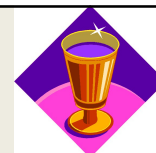


NOTE: Eight of the ten plagues are named in the Book of Revelation (two plagues are not mentioned—lice (3) and Flies (4) are the pestilence).

- Their purpose: “Evangelism” – “Who is the LORD that I should obey his voice...” (Exodus 5:2)

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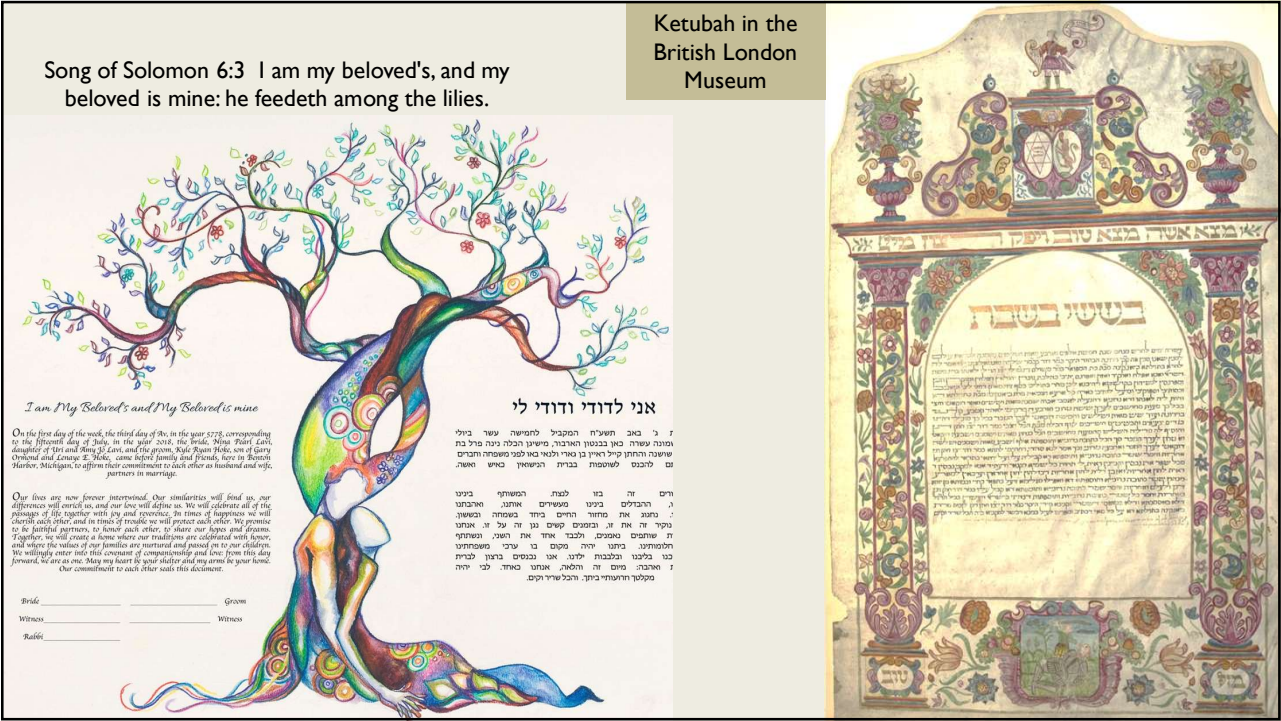
2nd KEY EVENT: 3rd cup



3rd Cup - Cup of Redemption (after the meal):

- “I will redeem you with a stretched out arm, and with great judgments:” (Exodus 6:6)
- “Likewise also the cup **after supper**, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you.” (Luke 22:20)
 - Significance of drinking from the cup – Agreement with the “contract” or covenant –
 - Jewish wedding ceremony – The contract is called a Ketubah.

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2nd KEY EVENT: 3rd cup

In the Old and New Testaments, when a couple wanted to get married, the parents would discuss the terms of the contract.

- Think “Fiddler on the Roof” when Tevya sat down with Lazar Wolf. Lazar Wolf seeks to marry Tevya’s oldest and places the drink before him.
- When the groom’s dad gave his best price for the marriage to take place, a cup would be put in front of the bride’s father. If it was to happen, he would pick up the cup to accept the terms. At the wedding ceremony, the contract is read, and the bride and groom drink from the cup, thus sealing the contract.

Jesus’ demonstration of the Passover is completed “forever” (Exodus 12:12) in the fulfillment of the Lord’s Supper. When we pick up the cup at the Lord’s Super service in our church, we are showing that we are in agreement with Christ and that we have eternal life through His death, burial, and resurrection. We are **confirming** our contract with God.

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This speaks to Christian believers of how only true believers, as servants of the Lord, are to be in **proper** fellowship with God, and **his** church (family) should partake of the Lord's Supper.

- This is called “closed**d**” communion, where only members can partake of communion in his or her church.

How would a **different** church know if the individual was in fellowship with his home church?

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Some who teach otherwise point to the stranger in the Passover who is allowed to participate in the Passover (known as “close” [as opposed to closed**d**] communion).

- Exodus 12:48 And when a stranger (Hebrew – “ger”) shall sojourn with thee, and will keep the passover to the LORD, let all his males be circumcised, and then let him come near and keep it; and he shall be **as one that is born in the land**: for no uncircumcised person shall eat thereof.

They imply that it teaches any believer in doctrinal fellowship may partake of communion at a church (e.g., a visiting member of a sister church).

- This misinterprets the relationship between the stranger and Israel. It also confuses Israel's **distinct** role from the church, as the two (Passover and Lord's Supper) are separate (standard Pre-Tribulation).

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It should be understood that the **Feast of Passover was only for the “congregation of Israel”!**

- Exodus 12:47 All the **congregation** of Israel shall keep it.

Exodus 12:43 commands that “*no stranger shall eat thereof.*”

- Exodus 12:43 And the LORD said unto Moses and Aaron, This is the ordinance of the passover: **There shall no stranger eat thereof:**
- “no stranger” - כָּל־בֶּן־נֹכַר - There / son/ stranger
 - כָּל - There
 - בֶּן - son
 - נֹכַר - stranger or foreigner

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This “stranger” (Hebrew: “נֹכַר”) of Exodus 12:43 was not a member of the congregation, thus not a believer. He would not have been from Israel and so was seen as a foreigner.

In Exodus 12:48, a different “stranger” is called a “גֵּר” (ger), which has a different meaning. This individual, who was **not a Jew**, was allowed to participate in the Passover as long as they had been circumcised. He was a Gentile but was a **believer** in the God of Israel.

- Exodus 12:48 And when a **stranger** [“גֵּר” ger] shall sojourn with thee, and will **keep the passover** to the LORD, let all his males be **circumcised**, and then let him come near and keep it; and he shall be **as one that is born in the land**: for no uncircumcised person shall eat thereof.

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This “ger” [גֵּר] is also found in Numbers 9:14.

- Numbers 9:14 And if a **stranger** shall sojourn among you, and **will keep the passover** unto the LORD; according to the ordinance of the passover, and according to the manner thereof, so shall he do: **ye shall have one ordinance**, both for the stranger, and for him that was born in the land.

The word “ger” was used to show a person's relationship to God. A gentile “ger” was regarded as a **proselyte** and required to do everything that an Israelite did.

- He had come to faith in Jehovah, the coming Messiah, and essentially became an Israelite in all respects **except** his blood lineage.

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The New Testament used the Greek word “proselyte” to illustrate Gentiles who worshipped with the Jews.

- Acts 13:43 Now when the congregation was broken up, many of the Jews and religious **proselytes** followed Paul and Barnabas: who, speaking to them, persuaded them to continue in the grace of God.

This proselyte's involvement with God included:

- 1. Day of Atonement** - Leviticus 16:29 And this shall be a statute for ever unto you: that in the seventh month, on the tenth day of the month, ye shall afflict your souls, and do no work at all, whether it be one of your own country, or a **stranger** (“ger”) that sojourneth among you:
- 2. Feast of Tabernacles** – Deut. 16:14 And thou shalt rejoice in thy feast, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy manservant, and thy maidservant, and the Levite, the **stranger** (“ger”), and the fatherless, and the widow, that are within thy gates.

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This proselyte's involvement with God included:

- 3. Burnt offering or sacrifices** (Meat, peace, sin, trespass (Leviticus 1-5) - Leviticus 17:8 And thou shalt say unto them, Whatsoever man there be of the house of Israel, or of the **strangers** which sojourn among you, that offereth a burnt offering or sacrifice,
- 4. Forbidden to eat blood** - Leviticus 17:10 And whatsoever man there be of the house of Israel, or of the **strangers** that sojourn among you, that eateth any manner of blood; I will even set my face against that soul that eateth blood, and will cut him off from among his people.
- 5. Cleansed with the ashes of the red heifer** - Numbers 19:10 And he that gathereth the ashes of the heifer shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the even: and it shall be unto the children of Israel, and unto the **stranger** that sojourneth among them, for a statute for ever.

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This proselyte's involvement with God included:

- 6. Remain sexually pure** - Leviticus 18:26 Ye shall therefore keep my statutes and my judgments, and shall not commit any of these abominations; neither any of your own nation, nor any **stranger** that sojourneth among you:
- 7. Israel** was to treat **strangers** (ger) nicely because they were sojourners from Egypt.
 - Exodus 22:21 Thou shalt neither vex a stranger, nor oppress him: for ye were **strangers** in the land of Egypt.
 - Exodus 23:9 Also thou shalt not oppress a **stranger**: for ye know the heart of a **stranger**, seeing ye were strangers in the land of Egypt.

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8. An Israelite was called a “ger” when compared with nonbelievers in the land of Egypt.

- Genesis 15:13 And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a **stranger** in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years;

9. Moses flees Egypt and at Midian marries Zipporah, Reul's daughter. He names his son Gershom, which means **stranger**.

- Exodus 2:22 And she bare him a son, and he called his name Gershom: for he said, I have been a **stranger** in a strange land.

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10. It depicted Israel before God chose them.

- Leviticus 25:23 The land shall not be sold for ever: for the land is mine; for ye are **strangers** and sojourners with me.
- 1 Chronicles 29:15 For we are **strangers** before thee, and sojourners, as were all our fathers: our days on the earth are as a shadow, and there is none abiding.

11. It also pictured a believer who is backslidden - David

- Psalms 39:12 Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear unto my cry; hold not thy peace at my tears: for I am a **stranger** with thee, and a sojourner, as all my fathers were.
- Psalms 119:19 I am a **stranger** in the earth: hide not thy commandments from me.

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12. When Israel was deep in sin, Jehovah was called a stranger “ger.”

- Jeremiah 14:8 O the hope of Israel, the saviour thereof in time of trouble, why shouldest thou be as a **stranger** in the land, and as a wayfaring man that turneth aside to tarry for a night?

There was only one thing a “ger”/ “stranger” could do that Israel was not allowed to do.

- Deuteronomy 14:21 Ye shall **not** eat of any thing that **dieth of itself**: thou shalt **give** it unto the **stranger** that is in thy gates, that he may eat it; or thou mayest **sell it unto an alien**: for thou art an holy people unto the LORD thy God. Thou shalt not seethe a kid in his mother's milk.

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Abraham's descendants were to become a great nation, “I will make of thee a great **nation**” (Genesis 12:2).

- “**nation**” (גוֹיִם) - “goyim” meaning Gentiles.

God chose Israel to be an outreach to the Gentiles.

- Isaiah 42:6-7 I the LORD have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for **a light of the Gentiles**; (7) To open the **blind eyes**, to **bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house**.

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So, a “believing” stranger could partake of the Passover Feast, but one **cannot** make that leap with the Lord's Supper.

- The Passover Feast was just a *shadow* to illustrate how the death of the Pascal lamb spoke of the coming death of the Messiah.

– It did NOT **require** the Israelites to be a believer in the coming Messiah. If you didn't, when God passed over, the death of the firstborn happened.

The Lord's Supper, faith in Christ, and His return were **required** by all.

- The Lord's Supper is a local church ordinance, and only believers (Jews or Gentiles) can partake in it. **Nationality** is not the issue.

One **similarity** is seen in this point: The Old and New Testaments kept believers' nationality **distinctive**. A Gentile was never called a Jew!

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The Old and New Testaments kept believers' nationality **distinctive**.

But you say, what a minute. Does not the Bible state:

Galatians 3:22-29 But the scripture hath concluded **all under sin**, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe. (23) But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed. (24) Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be **justified by faith**. (25) But **after that faith is come**, we are no longer under a schoolmaster. (26) For ye are **all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus**. (27) For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. (28) There is neither **Jew nor Greek**, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are **all one in Christ Jesus**. (29) And if ye be Christ's, **then are ye Abraham's seed**, and heirs according to the promise.

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The Old and New Testaments kept believers' nationality **distinctive**.

Summing up Galatians 3:22-29

1. **all under sin**, that the promise by **faith** of Jesus Christ

Galatians 3:22-29 is not speaking of nationality but on **faith**.

2. But before faith came, we were kept **under** the law,

The purpose of the law is to reveal our lost nature.

3. The law is our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be **justified by faith**.

Faith comes (the schoolmaster brought the student to school) to Christ.

4. But **after that faith is come**, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.

Once saved, the law (shadow) has been fulfilled – Colossians 2:16-17

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Summing up Galatians 3:22-29

5. For ye are **all the children of God by faith** in Christ Jesus.

Nationality plays no part in Salvation – ONLY **faith** in Christ!

6. There is neither **Jew nor Greek...all one in Christ Jesus**.

So, is this where one loses his nationality?

- **If so, you have fallen for the LGBT view as the complete teaching states, "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.**

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The Old and New Testaments kept believers' nationality **distinctive**. Summing up Galatians 3:22-29

7. All one in Christ Jesus. then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Again, being of Abraham's seed makes you a Jew? No, it talks about Abraham in the context of his salvation made all who come by **faith**.

- Genesis 15:6 And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness.
- Romans 4:3 For what saith the scripture? **Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.**
- Romans 4:16 Therefore it is of **faith**, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the **faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all,**

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Agreeing with the Contract – Lord's Supper

The stewardship of the Lord's Supper is given to the local church (along with baptism).

- We suggest the pastor have a pitcher filled with the "fruit of the vine," pour each deacon's cup, and then break one large piece of unleavened bread into pieces that is given to each deacon.
 - Note: "fruit of the vine" – γέννημα - gennēma is different from Jesus' miracle of turning water into wine in John 2:9 - οἶνος – oinos.
- The church can have both items prepared for the entire congregation ahead of time, but this allows for all to see the clear picture of one Savior, one death.

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4th Cup: Cup of His Coming Kingdom



Exodus 6:7 And **I will take you to me for a people**, and I will be to you a God: and ye shall know that I am the LORD your God, which bringeth you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.

- Jesus has **not** drunk the 4th cup ... yet.

Some take Jesus' statement in the Garden for the 4th cup.

- "...O my Father, if it be possible, let **this cup** pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt." (Matthew 26:39)

No, "**this cup**" has **nothing** to do with the Passover Feast.

- When He **left the upper room** singing the Hallel Psalms, **THAT** was the official ENDING of the Passover.
– Matthew 26:30 And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives.

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4th Cup: Cup of His Coming Kingdom



After the Passover service, the disciples, "And when they had sung an hymn, they went out" (Matthew 26:30).

The Mishnah, a commentary (200 AD), mentions these hymns were Psalms 113-118.

- Psalm 118:22 The stone which the builders refused is become the **head stone** of the corner.
- Jesus quoted this verse in Mark 12:10, and they should have made the Passover connection when Jesus said:
– "And have ye not read this scripture; The stone which the builders rejected, is become the head of the corner." **Jesus is that Chief Cornerstone.**

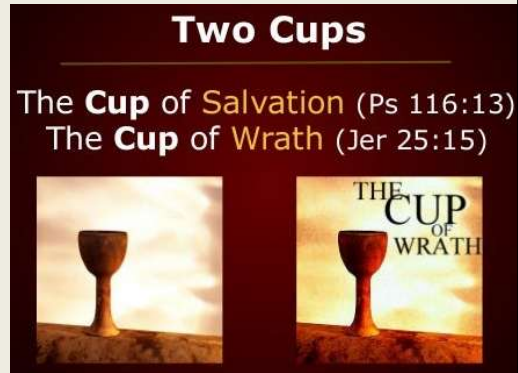
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As mentioned in a previous file, this was the second-highest illustration of Jesus' humanity. God gave man a desire to live.

- So, what was the cup that Jesus said, "let this cup pass from me?" if it had nothing to do with the Passover?

It is the cup of God's wrath!



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Imagery of **Three Cups** in the Bible Deals With Man and Your Destiny

I. "The Cup of Devils" – The Devil seeks to allure mankind into debauchery by the things of the world.

- Revelation 17:4 And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a **golden cup** in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication:
- I Corinthians 10:19-21 What say I then? that the idol is any thing, or that which is offered in sacrifice to idols is any thing? (20) But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils. (21) **Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils:** ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils.

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I. "The Cup of Devils" –

The Devil seeks to allure mankind into debauchery by the things of the world.

- I John 2:15-16 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. (16) 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.

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2. The Cup of Damnation – This is the **cup that Jesus drank!**

- Psalms 75:2-8 When I shall receive the congregation I will judge uprightly. (3) The earth and all the inhabitants thereof are dissolved: I bear up the pillars of it. Selah. (4) I said unto the fools, Deal not foolishly: and to the wicked, Lift not up the horn: (5) Lift not up your horn on high: speak not with a stiff neck. (6) For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south. (7) But God is the judge: he putteth down one, and setteth up another. (8) **For in the hand of the LORD there is a cup**, and the wine is red; it is full of mixture; and he poureth out of the same: but the dregs thereof, all the **wicked of the earth shall wring them out, and drink them.**

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- Isaiah 51:17 Awake, awake, stand up, O Jerusalem, which hast **drunk at the hand of the LORD the cup of his fury**; thou hast drunken the dregs of the cup of trembling, and wrung them out.
- Isaiah 51:22 Thus saith thy Lord the LORD, and thy God that pleadeth the cause of his people, Behold, I have taken out of thine hand the cup of trembling, even the dregs of the **cup of my fury**; thou shalt no more drink it again:
- Jeremiah 25:15-18 For thus saith the LORD God of Israel unto me; Take the wine **cup of this fury at my hand**, and cause all the nations, to whom I send thee, to drink it. (16) And they shall drink, and be moved, and be mad, because of the sword that I will send among them. (17) Then took **I the cup at the LORD'S hand**, and **made all the nations to drink**, unto whom the LORD had sent me: (18) To wit, Jerusalem, and the cities of Judah, and the kings thereof, and the princes thereof, to make them a **desolation**, an astonishment, an hissing, and a curse; as it is this day;

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- Ezekiel 23:31-34 Thou hast walked in the way of thy sister; therefore will I give her **cup** into thine hand. (32) Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou shalt drink of thy sister's **cup** deep and large: thou shalt be laughed to scorn and had in derision; it containeth much. (33) Thou shalt be filled with drunkenness and sorrow, with the **cup of astonishment and desolation**, with the cup of thy sister Samaria. (34) Thou shalt even drink it and suck it out, and thou shalt break the sherds thereof, and pluck off thine own breasts: for I have spoken it, saith the Lord GOD.
- I Corinthians 11:27-29 Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and **drink this cup of the Lord**, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. (28) But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and **drink of that cup**. (29) For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

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2. The Cup of Damnation – this is the **Cup that Jesus drank!**
- Revelation 14:9-10 And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, (10) **The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God**, which is poured out without mixture into the **cup of his indignation**; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:
 - Revelation 16:19 And the **great city** was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great **Babylon** came in remembrance before God, **to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath.**
 - Revelation 18:6 Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: in the **cup** which she hath filled fill to her double.

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2. The Cup of Damnation – this is the **Cup that Jesus drank!**
- Jesus drank this cup for **all** mankind by going to His death upon the cross.
- Matthew 20:22 But Jesus answered and said, Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to **drink of the cup that I shall drink of**, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? They say unto him, We are able.
- He willingly partook of the cup (aka NOT a Martyr!)
- John 18:10-11 Then Simon Peter having a sword drew it, and smote the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus. (11) Then said Jesus unto Peter, Put up thy sword into the sheath: **the cup which my Father hath given me, shall I not drink it?**

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3. Cup of Deliverance

- Psalms 16:5 The LORD is the portion of mine inheritance and of **my cup**: thou maintainest my lot.
- Psalms 23:5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; **my cup runneth over**.
- Psalms 116:13 I will take the **cup of salvation**, and call upon the name of the LORD.
- I Corinthians 10:16 The **cup of blessing** which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?
- I Corinthians 11:25 After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, **This cup is the new testament in my blood**: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.
- Matthew 26:27-28 And he took the **cup**, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; (28) For this is **my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins**. (see also Mark 14:23-24; Luke 22:20)

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3. Cup of Deliverance

KEY Point: A lost person is *spared* from God's wrath and partakes of His blessings when **accepting Christ as his/her Saviour (salvation)!** His fellowship with God will indeed runneth over.

Believers – Jesus has drunk the cup of wrath for you!

- Revelation 2:11 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that **overcometh** shall not be hurt of the **second death**.
- Revelation 20:6 Blessed and holy is he that hath **part in the first resurrection**: on such the **second death hath no power**, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

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2nd Key Point: This is why the lost (refused God's gift of salvation) are judged one last time at the Great White Throne of Judgment.

- Ephesians 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the **gift of God**:

They are judged, and because they rejected Christ, they will drink that cup of God's Wrath/Damnation, which is the second death.

- Revelation 20:14 And **death** and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the **second death**.
- Revelation 21:8 But the **fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars**, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the **second death**.

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3rd Key Points: Fourth Cup - Matthew 26:26-29

And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. (27) And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; (28) For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. (29) But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.

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When will Jesus drink the Fourth Cup?

Matthew 26:29 and Luke 22:16 give us the timing of when this event will take place.

- “For I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, **until** the **kingdom of God** shall come.” (**Luke** 22:16)
- Matthew 26:29 But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until **that day** when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.

We know it (the “kingdom of God”) is **NOT** now as we are in the church age. The Rapture is next—“**shout**” of I Thessalonians 4:16.

- I Thessalonians 4:16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a **shout**, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

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Rapture: This is when we meet Christ in the air (not the Second Coming). Our sins were forgiven at the **cross**. Our bad deeds have become wood hay and stubble and have been burned up.

- I Corinthians 3:12-13 Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, **wood, hay, stubble**; (13) Every man's work **shall be made manifest**: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.

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When will Jesus drink the Fourth Cup?

At the end of the Seven-Year Tribulation period, we who have put our faith and trust in Him will rejoice as we are finally a fitting bride:

- “Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: **for the marriage of the Lamb is come**, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the **marriage supper of the Lamb.**” (Revelation 19:7-9)

After the Marriage Supper, Jesus with His bride, Old Testament Saints, and Tribulational Martyrs, come with Him at His Second Coming to rule and reign with Him during the Millennial Kingdom.

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Fourth Cup - Cup of His Coming Kingdom:

“I will take you to me for a people.” (Exodus 6:7)

So that you understand the impact of this final cup, I need to set the stage with this illustration:

If the Bible had said, “The Messiah is going to come today,” whatever the date is today, **BUT did not state the year**, how would you react if it did?

- Note: The Bible **DOES NOT** SAY this, but please understand how the Jewish people view this part of the Passover service.
- Wouldn't that Sunday church service be an **exciting time** with much soul-searching? Do you think your church would be packed out in attendance at that service each year?

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- Would you get it straightened out if you have ill feelings with a church member on that day?
- Would it bother you if the church service lasted an entire day?
- Would you care how much you had in your bank account or what was happening to your favorite sports team?
- If you knew you had been doing something wrong, would you not go forward during the invitation to confess your sins to God?

It shows us that though we say the "rapture" could come anytime, we do not really believe it in our practice.

- Let us truly practice what we preach! Remember, the world says our **actions speak so loudly that they can't hear what we say!**

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Fourth Cup - Cup of His Coming Kingdom: *"I will take you to me for a people."*

The closing prayer of the Passover is one of true pathos. The burden of being scattered and living in a world of suffering is almost too much to bear. But the hope is finally announced: God will speedily restore Israel to His favor, and therefore, may our family celebrate the Passover "next year in Jerusalem." This is why it is such an exciting time (note my earlier illustration).

- Again, this speaks of the end of the ages, as the hope that next year will be the year that the Messiah comes, and all Jews return to their only homeland - Israel in peace!

The Bible speaks of this time, which is called the Millennial Kingdom, as Israel will once again be at the forefront of God's plan, just like it was in the Old Testament (next slide).

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Fourth Cup - Cup of His Coming Kingdom: Israel will once again be at the forefront of God's plan.

Jeremiah 31:31-36 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a **new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:** (32) Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD: (33) But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; **After those days,** saith the LORD, I will put my law in their **inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.** [takes place at the end of the Seven-Year Tribulation period]

Note: Romans 11:26-28 And so all **Israel shall be saved:** as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: (27) For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins. (28) **As concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes:** but as touching the election, they are beloved for the fathers' sakes.

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Fourth Cup - Cup of His Coming Kingdom: Israel will once again be at the forefront of God's plan.

But how do we **know** these verses are speaking about what will take place during the **Millennial Kingdom**? Well, keep reading!

Jeremiah 31:34-36 And **they shall teach no more every man his neighbour,** and every man his brother, saying, **Know the LORD:** for they shall **all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD:** for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more. (35) Thus saith the LORD, which giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar; The LORD of hosts is his name: (36) If those ordinances depart from before me, saith the LORD, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me for ever.

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Fourth Cup - Cup of His Coming Kingdom: *"I will take you to me for a people."*

Unfortunately, the rabbis readjusted their view of a personal "messiah" in the 11th Century (Rashi), debating Catholic leaders as a sport for the king. They now argue for an "age of peace," or that it speaks of Israel and not an individual/Messiah.

Maimonides – 12th century – 13 articles of the Jewish faith speak of:

- #12 - The belief in the arrival of the Messiah and the messianic era.
 - Note: This view led to the Oslo I (1993) and Oslo II (1995) Peace Accords with the PLO and later Egypt and Jordan.

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It speaks to Christians today of Christ, which comes from the Greek word "christos," a noun meaning "anointed one," from the Hebrew word "Moshiach," meaning "Messiah."

The Messianic line would come from King David!

- 2 Samuel 7:13 He shall build an house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever.

The New Testament begins with these words:

- Matt. 1:1 The generation of Jesus Christ, the son of Abraham, the son of **David**."
- What a sad picture, for 2,000 years, the Jewish people have been looking for Elijah to announce, "The Messiah is here."

The Messiah did come, Jesus of Nazareth, from the seed of David.

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Elijah's Appearance is Expected (Malachi 4:5)

During this final part of the Passover service, Elijah is expected to appear (Malachi 4:5).

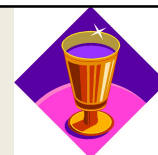
- “Behold, I will **send you Elijah the prophet** before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD: (Malachi 4:5)

Jesus in reference to John said:

- “And he shall go before him in the **spirit and power of Elias**, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; **to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.**” (Luke 1:17)

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Elijah's Appearance is Expected - (Malachi 4:5)



The rabbis long for Elijah to announce, “**The Messiah is here!**”

- This is why the rabbis later added an extra cup on the table, known as “Elijah's cup.”

As a young boy, I remember the excitement and the electricity as my brother would walk to the front door to open it with the hope that this would be the year that the **Messiah would come!**

- My dad would recite a prayer of longing, that we wait for God to fulfill the promise of His return. After a few seconds, the deep lump in your throat would turn to bitter disappointment upon the realization that it would **not** be this year that the Messiah would come and the door would be closed. I remember Dad, to break our unhappiness, commenting that Elijah had come and taken a bigger sip from his cup, so his return must be getting closer.

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Fourth Cup - Cup of His Coming Kingdom: *"I will take you to me for a people."*

In closing, my dad, in an attempt to dissuade me from my faith in Jesus as my personal Savior and Messiah, asked, "If Jesus is the Messiah, why was Elijah's cup (which represents the hope and coming of the Messiah) on the Passover table?" Though I did not know the answer, later I was able to explain its meaning. There was only **ONE** cup on the table, and Christ picked it up and said:

- Matthew 26:26-29 And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. (27) **And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them,** saying, Drink ye all of it; (28) For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. (29) But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.

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The comparison of the two covenants (Old and New) is brought into contrast and completion.

- Exodus 24:8: And Moses took the blood, and sprinkled it on the people and said Behold the blood of the covenant which the LORD hath made with you concerning all these words.

The blood of bulls and goats illustrates the coming of that "Final Lamb of God."

- Hebrews 10:10 By the which will we are sanctified through the **offering** of the body of Jesus Christ **once for all**.

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Fourth Cup - Cup of His Coming Kingdom: *"I will take you to me for a people."*

The two great questions in the Old Testament:

1. **"Where is the lamb?"** Isaac asked Abraham as they looked forward to the coming Messiah.
 - Genesis 22:7 And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here am I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but **where is the lamb for a burnt offering?**
2. What was the **"new covenant"** (Jeremiah 31:31)?
 - Jeremiah 31:31 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a **new covenant** with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:

Answer: **"Behold the Lamb"** John replied upon seeing Jesus (John 1).

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Fourth Cup - Cup of His Coming Kingdom: *"I will take you to me for a people."*

The question must be asked of you, dear reader/listeners, have you made Jesus your chief Cornerstone? When you meet God face to face at the judgment seat, will you rely on your heritage or good deeds to enter Heaven? Or will He see you under the blood of "the Lamb of God" that took the cup of God's wrath for your sins as illustrated by the 10th plague of the exodus and fulfilled by Christ? **Let me invite you** to put your faith and trust in the Chief Cornerstone, the Messiah Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of your sins.

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Jesus' Final Message to His disciples Before His Death on the Cross

Wouldn't you love to have been there at this last Passover to hear this final message?

- You can...I have found a transcript of it...wait for it...wait for it...wait...wait...if you have not gone to the end of this sentence...do it...NOW...it is buried in your Bible!

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Jesus Final Message to His disciples Before His Death on the Cross – John 14

“Let not your heart be **troubled**: ye believe in God, believe also in me. (2) In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. (3) And if I go and prepare a place for you, **I will come again**, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.” (John 14:1-3)

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John 14 also has a very important announcement to His disciples!

Thomas questioned Jesus on where He was going as they now fully realized He was going to His death.

- John 14:5-7 Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? (6) Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. (7) If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.

Philip asked Jesus to reconfirm who God is:

- “Philip saith unto him, **Lord, shew us the Father**, and it sufficeth us.” (John 14:8)

Jesus quiets their fears with several monumental statements:

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John 14 also has a very important announcement to His disciples!

“Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, **Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father**; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?” (John 14:9)

- But here is the “**Bombshell**” announcement:

“And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another **Comforter**, that he may abide with you for ever” (John 14:16)

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Lord's Supper (a Passover Seder) was the "official" or Grand Opening of the visible/local "church"!

By definition, the church is a "called out group of believers who are baptized and **assemble themselves together** to serve the Saviour."

- Modern update includes "live stream." (joking)

It had to **begin** BEFORE Pentecost (Acts 2):

- Acts 2:41 Then they that **gladly received his word were baptized**: and the same day there were **added** unto them about three thousand souls.
 - "added" - Προστίθῃμι - prostithēmi - Verb - Aorist Passive Indicative - 3rd Person Plural – a continual action with the action on those who were saved.
 - To add, means there was a church already.

Two sentences: "gladly received his word...were baptized"

- This was the beginning of the Church Age, not the church!

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The second reason the church began **before** Acts 2 (Pentecost)

- Jesus said to Peter at Caesarea Philippi, "The church will be built on this rock," Christ will build it. (speaking on Jew/Gentile – see earlier file.)
- Matthew 16:18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon **this rock I will build my church**; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.
 - By Acts 2, Jesus had left 10 days earlier.

A universal (derived from the word "Catholic") church with the Pope as the head was an RCC view.

- Martin Luthor argued that the "universal" church was correct, but Christ is the head.

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Lord's Supper (a Passover Seder) was the “official” or Grand Opening of the visible/local “church”!

As Baptist, we would disagree, as the church is the visible, local institution found by Christ Himself.

Only the church was given two ordinances:

1. Baptism – Instituted by Jesus when John baptized Him (Matthew 3:13-16)
2. Lord Supper – Instituted at the Feast of Passover

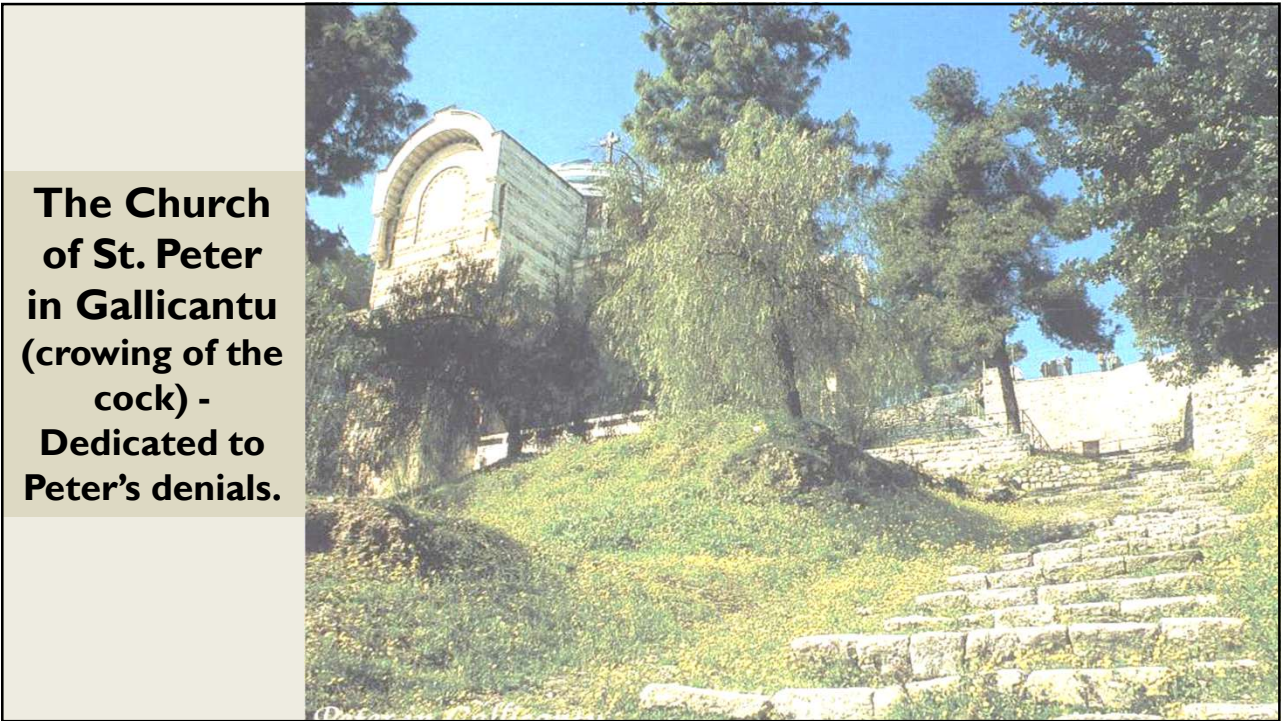
Please do not fall for the TV Evangelist who asked you to send \$25, and they will send unleavened bread and grape juice to take the Lord's Supper.

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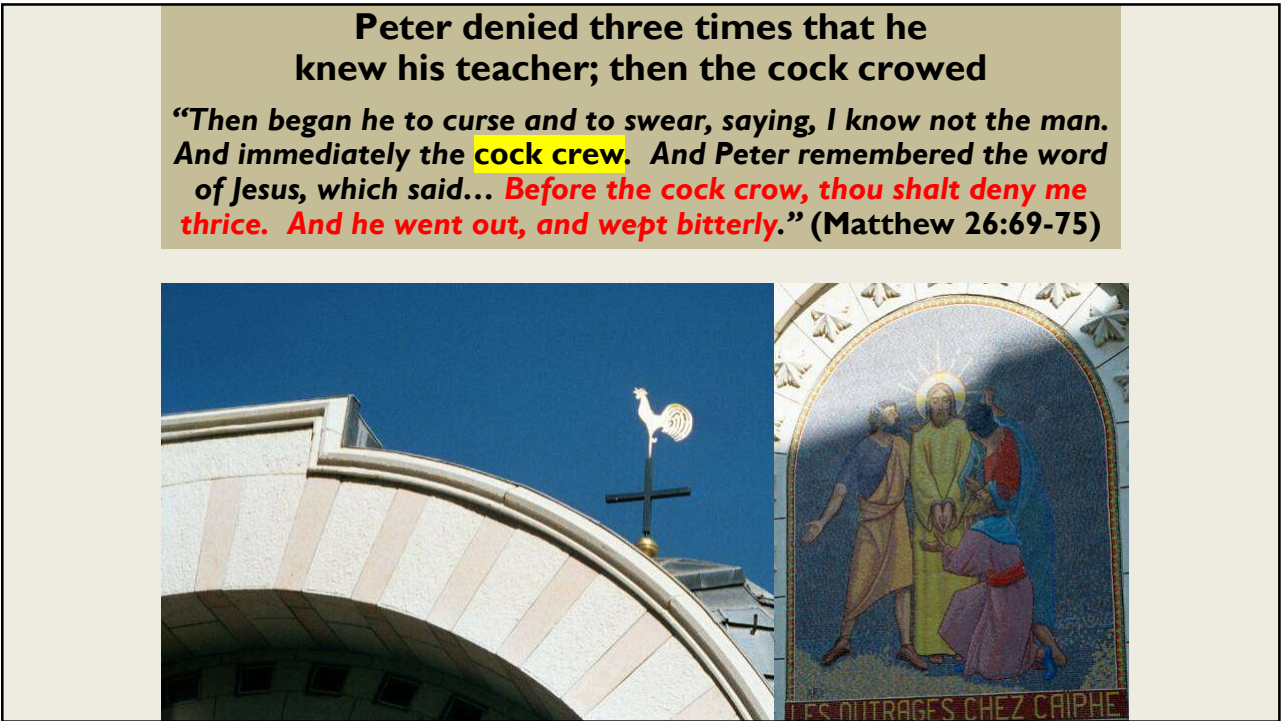
**Yet Peter and the disciples
struggled with this Understanding –
Jesus came to DIE!**

Even after being taught by the greatest
Teacher, the world has ever known!

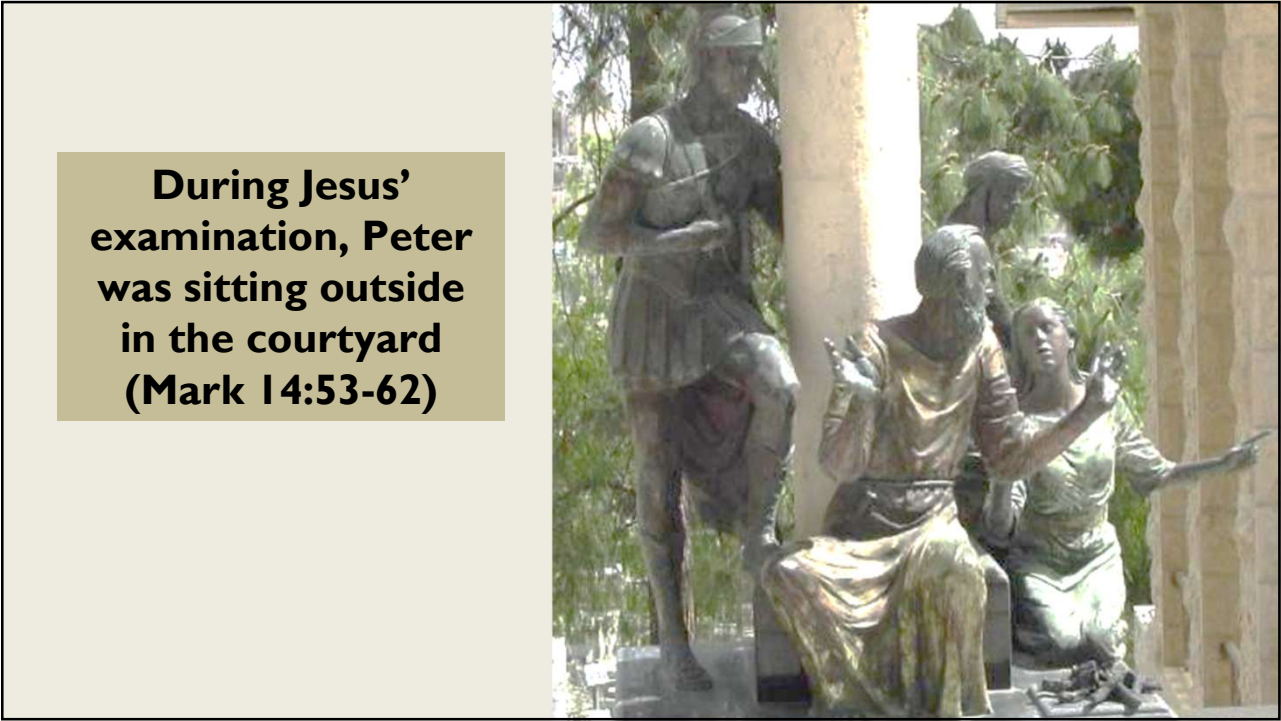
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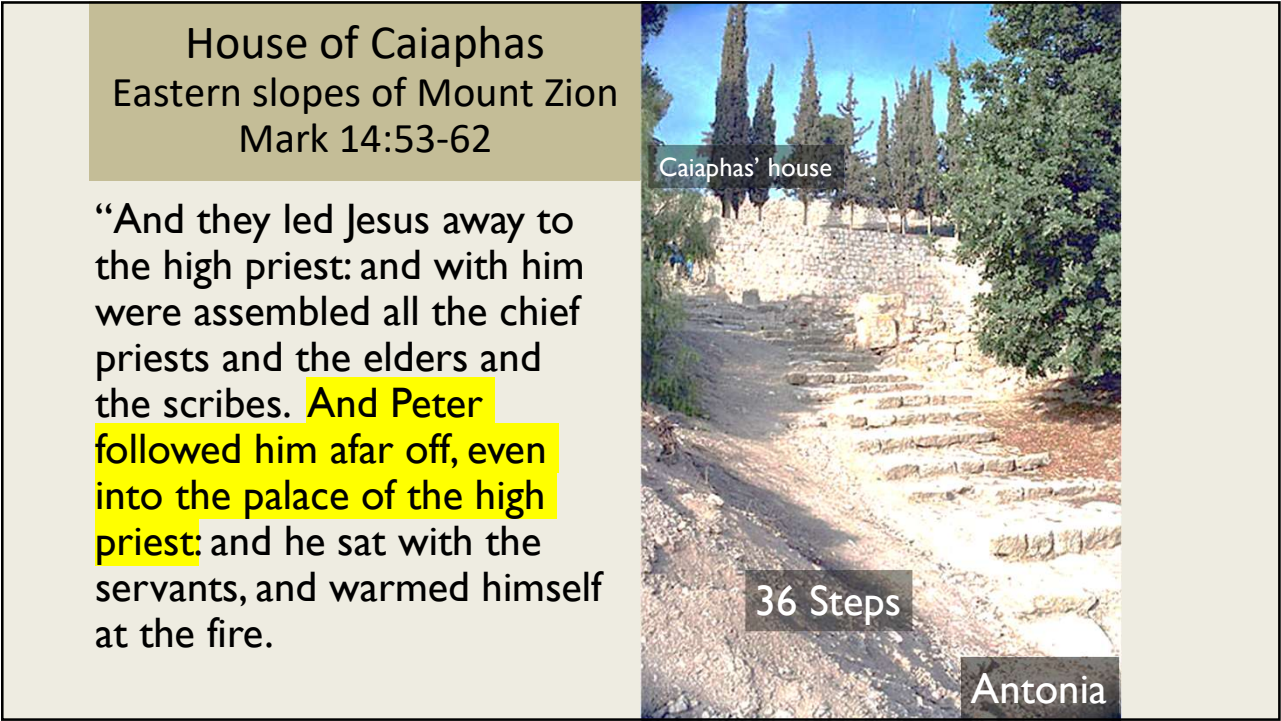
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4th Cup - Cup of His Coming Kingdom

Jesus goes out singing a “hymn” (Psalms 113-118) to the Mount of Olives (Matthew 26:30)

- “And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives.” (Matthew 26:30)
- “The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner.” (Psalms 118:22)

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4th Cup - Cup of His Coming Kingdom

Mount of Olives:

- “which was on the east side of Jerusalem; and was the place where the high priest stood, and burnt the red heifer, and sprinkled its blood” - Gill



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Tradition:
At the end of the
Passover service these
words are spoken in
Hebrew: “next year in
Jerusalem”

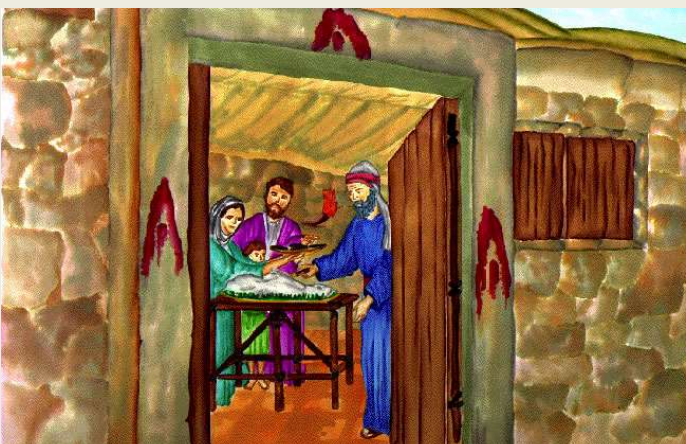


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Where are you on this calendar?

The Believer's responsibility in connection with the Messiah - “**our** *passover*” - I Cor. 5:7

- Israelites had to trust God from divine judgment by putting blood on the doorpost.



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Where are you on this calendar?

Today, **YOU** must trust Jesus as Christ (Messiah) to escape divine judgment as His blood is placed on the “doorpost” of our **hearts** (Jer. 31:31-34).



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