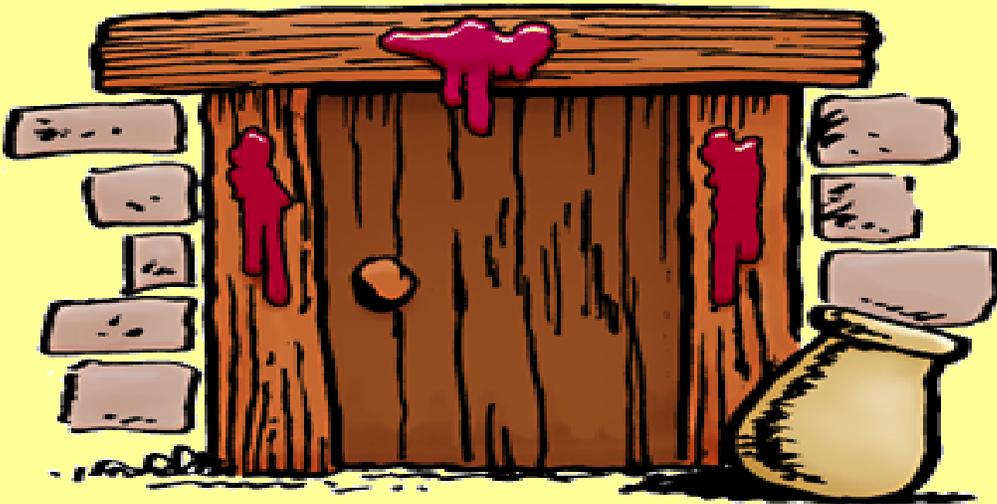


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**Exo 12:7** *And they shall take from the blood, and put it on the two side doorposts and on the upper doorpost, on the houses in which they eat it.*

**Exo 12:13** *And the blood shall be a sign to you, on the houses where you are. And I will see the blood, and I will pass over you. And the plague shall not be on you to destroy, when I strike in the land of Egypt.*

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## Personal.....

Greetings and shalom in the wonderful names of Yahweh and Yahshua. Once again, it is the time of year where spring is budding over the winter frost and Yahweh's elect are preparing for another important Passover.

As time is winding down in Satan's evil immoral world, I truly wonder how many more Passovers we will be blessed to celebrate, before our Saviour returns. It is truly a blessing to be able to meditate and focus at this time of year to the wonderful plan of salvation that Yahweh has prepared for His elect; those that love Him and keep His commandments.

And yet, Passover is so much more than just that. It has to do with our loving Creator, loving us "*while we were yet sinners*" and sending His only Son to die for the penalty of our sins.

In the so called, free world where slavery and submission are thought of as dirty words, it is so hard for us to truly grasp what it means to be a slave to Yahshua. It is easy to understand that He died for my sins, but not so easy to understand the consequences if He didn't.

None of us wants to think about ourselves as lustful, evil, murdering sinners, but that is exactly the state, that each and every one of us was in before we accepted Yahshua as Master of our lives, and gave our life over to Him.

***1Co 6:19 Or do you not know that your body is a sanctuary of the Holy Spirit in you, which you have from Yahweh, and you are not of yourselves?***

***1Co 6:20 You were bought with a price; then glorify Yahweh in your body, and in your spirit, which are of Yahweh.***

Do we realize that without Yahshua's sacrifice being applied to our death sentence, we would be going to the lake of fire at the soon coming judgment day? We must start to fully realize that our sins are not only forgiven but paid for, and that paying for our sins came at a great price. The very blood and life of the Son of Yahweh, and in return for His life that He gave on the torture stake, He requires our life as a living sacrifice to Him daily, as He lives in us through the Holy Spirit.

***Rom 12:1 Therefore, brothers, I call on you through the compassions of Yahweh to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, pleasing to Yahweh, which is your reasonable service.***

***Rom 12:2 And be not conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, in order to prove by you what is the good and pleasing and perfect will of Yahweh.***

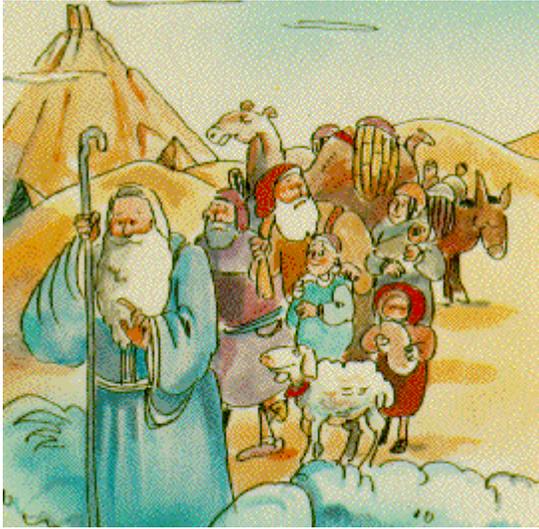
As we draw ever so close to the day of His return, let us focus on being humble servants and truly remember daily and live for Him who died for us.

B'Shem Yahshua,

Don

# Why Do we Keep the Passover?

By Don Esposito



Aviv (Spring) is here again and another year has passed. As you start to get older you see that the yearly cycle starts to go by faster and faster and you even start to think that something that happened 3 or 4 years ago happened last year. That is the reason that our Heavenly Father gave us His set apart Holy Days to remind us all year long, every year, of His wonderful plan of salvation through the perfect life and death and resurrection of His Son Yahshua.

Passover is the very beginning of that plan for us as His creation, to be begotten, and eventually born again, at Yahshua's return. It is only when we repent of our sins, and in faith, accept the blood of Yahshua for the forgiveness and removing of the penalty of those sins, and then are baptized, that we enter covenant relationship with Yahweh through Yahshua's blood of the everlasting covenant.

Repentance and faith are the requirements to enter covenant relationship with Yahweh, and in any covenant relationship there is a requirement on the sides of both parties

who are making the covenant. Once we repent and accept Yahshua's sacrifice for the penalty of our sins, then we are baptized as the outward physical sign of the commitment we are making. Then, Yahweh, in turn, through His ordained ministry, has the ordained Elder lay hands on the newly baptized member for the literal imparting of His Ruach H' Chodesh (Holy Spirit). It is only at that point that the newly baptized member receives Yahweh's spirit and becomes a literal child of His and a first fruit and if found faithful till the end will also reign with Messiah for the thousand year millennium and forever. *(Please see lesson one of our Bible course called joining the New Covenant).*

**Act 2:37 And hearing, they were stabbed in the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, Men, brothers, What shall we do?**

**Act 2:38 And Peter said to them, Repent and be baptized, each of you on the name of Yahshua Messiah to remission of sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.**

**Act 2:41 Then truly the ones gladly welcoming His Word were baptized. And about three thousand souls were added that day.**

**Act 2:47 praising Yahweh, and having favor with all the people. And the Master added to the congregation, the ones being saved from day to day.**

**1Pe 3:20 to disobeying ones, when once the long-suffering of Yahweh waited in the days of Noah, an ark having been prepared, into which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water.**

**1Pe 3:21 Which antitype now also saves us, baptism (not a**

putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward Yahweh through the resurrection of Yahshua Messiah;

**Act 8:12** But when they believed Philip preaching the gospel, the things concerning the kingdom of Yahweh, and the name of Yahshua Messiah, they were baptized, both men and women.

**Act 8:13** And Simon (Magus) himself also believed, and being baptized was continuing steadfastly with Philip. And seeing miraculous signs and mighty works happening, he was amazed.

**Act 8:14** And the apostles in Jerusalem hearing that Samaria had received the Word of Yahweh, they sent Peter and John to them,

**Act 8:15** who going down prayed concerning them so that they may receive the Holy Spirit.

**Act 8:16** For it had not yet fallen on any one of them, but they were only being baptized in the name of the Master Yahshua.

**Act 8:17** Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

**Act 8:18** But Simon having seen that the Holy Spirit is given through the laying on of the hands of the apostles, he offered them money,

**Act 8:19** saying, Give to me also this authority that to whomever I may lay on the hands he may receive the Holy Spirit.

**Rom 8:9** But you are not in flesh, but in Spirit, since the Spirit of Yahweh dwells in you. But if anyone has not the Spirit of Messiah, this one is not His.

**Rom 8:11** But if the Spirit of the One having raised Yahshua from the dead dwells in you, the One having raised the Messiah from the dead will also make your mortal bodies live through the indwelling of His Spirit in you.

**Rom 8:14** For as many as are led by the Spirit of Yahweh, these are sons of Yahweh.

**Rom 8:15** For you did not receive a spirit of slavery again to fear, but you received a Spirit of sonship by which we cry, Abba! Father!

**Rom 8:16** The Spirit Himself witnesses with our spirit that we are children of Yahweh.

**Rom 8:17** And if children, also heirs; truly heirs of Yahweh, and joint-heirs of Messiah, if indeed we suffer together, that we may also be glorified together.

So very clearly, we see from scripture that to become begotten with the spirit of Yahweh and be a literal child of His, and have the hope of eternal life with Yahshua our King, we need to repent of our sins, have full faith in Him, and then enter covenant relationship by being baptized in the name of Yahshua. Then, also after being immersed in water, we need to have an ordained Elder of Yahweh lay hands on us for the imparting of His Holy Spirit.

So what does this have to do with the Passover? As mentioned, it is repentance, faith and being immersed in the name of Yahshua that puts us into covenant relationship with Him and Yahweh. But Yahweh's covenant, although if we are faithful lasts forever, is conditional to us on being obedient to His word and keeping the faith that enabled us to join that covenant.

**Heb 10:26** For if we are wilfully sinning after receiving the full knowledge of the truth, there remains no more sacrifice concerning sins,

**Heb 10:27** but a certain fearful expectation of judgment and "zealous fire being about to consume the adversaries."

So, the Passover is a yearly renewal of that covenant or contract agreement. That is what makes the Passover so extremely important. Satan the devil has

hoodwinked most of Christianity to believe that you can take the symbols of the Passover (bread and wine) every day, every week, every month, or when ever you want to; but what does scripture say?

**Luk 22:19 And taking a loaf, giving thanks, He broke, and gave to them, saying, This is My body being given for you. This do to My remembrance.**

**Luk 22:20 And in like manner the cup, after having supped, saying, This cup is the New Covenant in My blood, which is being poured out for you.**

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

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

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

**1Co 11:26 For each time that you may eat this bread, and drink this cup, you solemnly proclaim the death of the Master, until He shall come.**

Scripture is very clear that the Passover is a **MEMORIAL!** It is not something that we do whenever we want to, but it is to be, observed “*in its season only once a year*”.

**Exo 13:10 You shall therefore keep this ordinance (Passover) in its season from year to year.**

Everyday that we live, when we leave our home, we should be proclaiming the life of the Messiah who saved us from our old sinful nature. When we share Yahshua as the Son of Yahweh and Savior of the world, we proclaim a living Messiah, for who would want to believe

in a dead messiah. However, once a year on the beginning of the 14<sup>th</sup> day of the first month of the year Aviv, according to Yahweh’s calendar, we remember a dying Messiah. We remember the suffering and beating and sorrow that our Savior Yahshua had to go through, not for Himself, but for each one of us who are blessed by Yahweh to join His covenant and receive His Holy Spirit.

That is what the Passover is all about; it is a time each year of reflection and sombreness that we have gone another year of our life under the covenant promises of Yahweh through Yahshua our Messiah.

It is also an extremely serious time of the year because it is a time that we are supposed to reflect on that covenant relationship that we made at our baptism and strive to focus on how we can be even better servants of our Master Yahshua in the upcoming year. The actual Passover service is a fairly short, sober service that is meant for us to renew that commitment that we made on the day of our baptism and try to do so with an even greater zeal than the year before. So important is this yearly reflection that some brethren were even getting sick and dying because they were not taking serious this yearly self- reflection that is required to take the symbols of the bread and wine and enter another year of covenant relationship with Yahweh and Yahshua.

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

**1Co 11:28 But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread, and let him drink of the cup;**

**1Co 11:29 for he eating and drinking unworthily eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the body of the Master.**

***1Co 11:30 For this reason many among you are weak and feeble, and many sleep.***

***1Co 11:31 For if we discerned ourselves, we would not be judged.***

One could not make such self-examination and have it have true meaning, if it had to be done every day, or week, and Yahweh does not put that burden on us. If we had to make such self examination each day, our life would be more focused on the death of Messiah and be filled with grief, always focusing on His death, instead of His life. For we are forgiven by His death, but we are saved by His life (Ro 5:10). Yahweh wants our focus to be on the new life that He has given us through the perfect life of His Son. He wants us to focus on beginning that new creation that now we can become through the indwelling of His Holy Spirit. And He also wants us through His spirit to put to death our old sinful human nature with all the lusts of the flesh that came along with the old man who was buried at our baptism, and to live to the new man we are becoming through the indwelling of His spirit.

That is why at the Passover service besides taking the symbols of the unleavened bread and wine, we also do the ceremony of the foot washing with each other. The foot washing is symbolic that any member of the body of Messiah is humble enough to kneel down and wash another member's feet, but there is even more meaning than that.

When Yahshua knelt down to wash John's feet, John refused and said to Him that He would never allow Him to wash His feet. Then Yahshua answered and said if He did not wash Peter's feet that he had no part in Him. So naturally Peter goes on to say if that is the case, then wash his whole body and look at Yahshua's answer.

***Joh 13:10a Yahshua said to him, The one having been bathed has no***

***need other than to wash the feet, but is wholly clean.***

This saying is very symbolic, as Yahshua is saying that he that is washed (baptized) does not need to wash his whole body (be baptized again) but only needs to wash his feet. We do not need to get re-baptized every year, as there is one baptism, one faith, and one spirit that we receive when we have a legitimate baptism and the laying on of hands from a qualified Elder who has been properly ordained. As we are still humans and still unwittingly sin each year, the foot washing is also symbolic of the little sins that we still need to wash out of our life. Hopefully, year by year we are growing and maturing in the faith and are trying to get out every spot and blemish so as to be a perfect bride, ready for Messiah at His return.

The Passover is the most important solemn day of the year for a baptized covenant believer in Yahshua. So important is this day for a covenant believer that if the believer does not partake of the Passover, he would be cut out of the covenant of Yahweh and would no longer be a first fruit.

***Joh 6:53 Then Yahshua said to them, Truly, truly, I say to you, Except you eat the flesh of the Son of Man, and drink His blood, you do not have life in yourselves.***

***Joh 6:54 The one partaking of My flesh and drinking of My blood has everlasting life, and I will raise him up at the last day.***

***Joh 6:55 For My flesh is truly food, and My blood is truly drink.***

***Joh 6:56 The one partaking of My flesh and drinking of My blood abides in Me, and I in him.***

***Joh 6:57 Even as the living Father sent Me, and I live through the Father; also the one partaking Me, even that one will live through Me.***

***Joh 6:58 This is the Bread which came down out of Heaven, not as your fathers ate the manna and***

**died; the one partaking of this Bread will live forever.**

**Num 9:2 Also the sons of Israel shall prepare the Passover in its appointed season.**

**Num 9:3 In the fourteenth day of this month, between the evenings, you shall prepare it according to all its statutes, and according to all its ordinances.**

**Num 9:13 But the man that is clean, and is not on a journey, and has failed to prepare the Passover, even that person shall be cut off from his people, because he did not bring the offering of Yahweh in its appointed season, that man shall bear his sin.**

So important is the Passover that in the case that someone is either sick, or physically somewhere that it is just impossible to keep it on the proper day (14<sup>th</sup> of the first month Aviv) that Yahweh put a second Passover so that the person would not be cut off from Him.

**Num 9:10 Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, If any man of you or of your generations shall be unclean by reason of a body, or be in a distant journey, yet he shall keep the Passover to Yahweh.**

**Num 9:11 In the second month, on the fourteenth day at dusk, they shall keep it; they shall eat it with unleavened bread and bitter herbs;**

It also stands to reason that if the Passover is a memorial of the covenant that a believer entered at baptism than no unbaptized, non covenant member may eat of the Passover.

**Exo 12:43 And Yahweh said to Moses and Aaron, This is the ordinance of the Passover. No stranger may eat of it.**

**Exo 12:44 And every man's slave, a purchase of silver, you shall circumcise him (enter covenant relationship), then he may eat of it.**

**Exo 12:45 A foreigner and a hired servant may not eat of it.**

Clearly, only covenant members may eat of the Passover. Some have wrongly misinterpreted that someone has to be circumcised to eat of the Passover from the above scripture, but it is not being circumcised, but being in covenant relationship, which is required. And since circumcision was the sign of the Old Covenant, as baptism is the sign of the New Covenant, then of course in the Old Covenant one would have had to be circumcised to join that covenant and partake of the Passover, the same way one would have to be baptized in the New Covenant to partake of the Passover.

You would not rededicate yourself to a covenant that you never joined in the first place. It is like someone telling you please come to our wedding anniversary party, and you ask when did you get married, and they answer, we never got married, but we celebrate an anniversary each year. It just would not be logical. You would not rededicate to a covenant that you never joined or belonged to.

There is another point of confusion that needs to be explained, due to the incorrect Passover Seder that modern Judaism performs. There is the solemn Passover ceremony, having been celebrated in the Old Covenant with the Passover lamb, and in the New Covenant is done with the symbols of the bread and the wine. This is done after sunset, between the evenings on the beginning of the 14<sup>th</sup> day of Aviv, the first month of Yahweh's biblical calendar.

So you would take the symbols on the beginning of the 14<sup>th</sup> day of Aviv, and then the next morning after you have taken the symbols of the covenant with Yahweh through the blood of Yahshua, then you would remove all the leaven out of your home on the daylight period of the 14<sup>th</sup> of Aviv or Passover. Remember that Yahweh's days go sunset to sunset, not midnight to midnight as the modern Roman calendar does.

Then after you remove all the leaven from your quarters on the daylight portion of the 14<sup>th</sup> of Aviv, then at sunset of that day, when the 15<sup>th</sup> of Aviv and the 1<sup>st</sup> Holy day of unleaven bread is beginning, that is what scripture calls "*The night to be observed*".

This is the night of celebration when the Israelites left Egypt. This is the night after the Passover when we have a celebration meal and a festive night because the previous night we were blessed to take the Passover symbols and continue our covenant relationship with Yahweh for another year.

***Exo 12:41 And it happened, from the end of four hundred and thirty years, it happened on this day, all the armies of Yahweh went out from the land of Egypt.***

***Exo 12:42 It is a night of celebration to Yahweh, for bringing them out from the land of Egypt. This night is a celebration for all the sons of Israel to their generations.***

Remember they could not have left on the night of the 14<sup>th</sup>, as that was the night of the Passover when the death angel was passing, and all were told not to leave their houses until morning (Ex 12:22). Certainly, the night of the Passover and death angel was not a celebration, but the next night was when they were leaving Egypt. Scripture also clearly says that the children of Israel did not leave Egypt on the night of the Passover, which was the 14<sup>th</sup>, but the next night on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

***Num 33:3 And they pulled up stakes from Rameses in the first month on the fifteenth day of the first month. On the next day after the Passover the sons of Israel went out with a high hand, before the eyes of all the Egyptians.***

These are two different celebrations. One was a solemn celebration called Passover, which signified being a firstfruit of Yahweh and passing from death to life, and the second was a celebration for taking the leaven (represents sin) out of our lives and leaving our old life in Egypt and starting a new life in the wilderness in full faith of Yahweh. What Judaism did was incorrectly combine both of these ceremonies into one Passover Seder on the 15<sup>th</sup> of Aviv instead of the 14<sup>th</sup>.

I pray that you are able to see the importance of the Passover ceremony and have a greater understanding to why it is so important and is a yearly memorial and not a weekly occurrence. The Passover is the most important day of the year to a covenant believer. We should be preparing weeks in advance reading our bibles and meditating on the great sacrifice that both Yahweh and Yahshua made on our behalf.

Then, the next day after we take the Passover symbols on the beginning of the night of Aviv 14, we should remove all leaven from our quarters, as we only have the strength to remove the leaven (sin) after receiving the symbols of the bread and wine (Messiah living in us). And after we remove all the leaven from our lives when sunset comes and the Holy Day on the beginning evening of Aviv 15, we get together for the night to be observed and celebrate the redemptive work that Yahweh is doing in us through the blood of His son.

What a wonderful plan of salvation that Yahweh has laid out for us each and every year through His Holy Days, and it all starts with the Passover, and death and resurrection of His Son Yahshua.

## **DON'T DECEIVE YOURSELF (reprint)**

*“But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves”* Ja 1: 22.

Now let us apply it to ourselves, individually, as members of the body of Messiah – since it is direct instruction from Almighty Yahweh through His apostle James to us.

### **Self Deception**

It does not matter how much knowledge you have concerning Yahweh’s plan of salvation, if you don’t live according to that knowledge.

Knowing that the world is going to end in catastrophe as described by the startling prophecies revealed in your bible and yet not doing anything about it to ensure your safety from that end time destruction is desperately dangerous. Elohim has revealed the truth to us concerning this end time turmoil and His coming Kingdom as a warning!

The knowledge of these things is only the initial incentive to shock us into recognition of reality and an understanding that we personally must change OUR lives – OUR DAILY LIVING!

Yet many times, we kid ourselves. We accept the outstanding changes that Yahweh requires of us, such as Sabbath keeping and abstaining from unclean meats, but do not go beyond that surface change to completely renew ourselves, to scour out our minds and renew the very way we think. Self-deception is a subtle and a bitter enemy. We think we are doing all right because of the knowledge we have. This is a dangerous prelude to Laodicean thought and no action.

Knowing the schedule of prophetic events, we sometimes enjoy smugly talking to our friends and warning them of what is going to take place in Europe – of how the US is on its way down and out.

...Few pay attention to a man on the railroad but he quietly assures himself, saying, Just wait, you’ll see who was right when the train comes with sudden fury, 90 miles an hour, bearing down with incredible, awe inspiring speed that freezes him in his tracks despite the fact that he knew the train was coming! He tries vainly to leap out of the way – now he is spurred to desperate action! But his action is too late and too little. He dies under the relentless onslaught of the train, though he knew the schedule! He had knowledge that the train was coming. He believed in this knowledge. He was convicted of it. He tried to tell others, to warn them to get out of the way – but he himself refused to budge!

### **A Present Problem**

An excerpt from one report reads:

“Family dissensions continue to present problems, but the scourge of SELF RIGHTEOUSNESS is probably the most prevalent!”

Good habits of prayer, bible study coupled together with faith have been established, yet the expected change in their lives is not evident. They appear to feel that once they have fulfilled the letter requirements, they can then proceed to worldly pursuits such as acquisition of material goods, obtaining social status and careering to the physical senses. They need to be jolted into realizing the “letter” requirements are only the basis for desirable growth in the fruits of the spirit!

Many millions following the different ideologies in the world today consider themselves to be the ones who are living correctly.

Those of us who have been called out of this world by Yahweh's Holy Spirit have had that deception stripped from our eyes! We are no longer deceived into thinking that any other way but Yahweh's way is the right way. If we now allow the pull of human nature to deceive us – if we just hear the good news of Yahweh's kingdom, even if we understand and believe that we must live according to Yahweh's government and His ways – and yet do not completely change clear to the core by active overcoming of self, we will end up in the same destruction prophesied for this deceived world!

Yahweh's warning to us is: *"Wherefore let him that thinks he stands take heed lest he fall."* The one who is so shocked by his own weaknesses and infirmities that he is driven to cry out and ask Yahweh's constant strength and help to battle daily His Own carnality, the world around him and satan the devil!

Don't let yourself think for once that you have got it made!

Since we just are that way, of ourselves, we desperately need Yahweh's holy spirit actively working in us continually every minute of every day – and we will never be able to say "it is done" until we stand born as Yahweh's very sons, divine spirit beings!

### **Self-righteousness**

The very essence of the carnal mind and the influence of this world around us which makes us callous to wrong and evil brings this representative report of the tours: We are still running into a great deal of self-righteousness. People just don't seem

to see that their sins are very great. Our human mind tends to lull us into the false security that we are right, that we are not too bad! It puts us into an attitude of lackadaisical obedience that grieves Yahweh and His Holy Spirit!

### **Realize the enormity of sin**

If you had lived in the same time when Yahshua walked the earth as a man, could you picture yourself as the one who – while He hung on the tree in agony after long hours of physical and mental anguish – callously seized a Roman spear, and violently thrust it into the heart of our Savior?

Oh, no! You could have not done such a thing like that!

Brethren, let us understand the enormity, the horror of our personal responsibility in the death of our Savior, Yahshua, and also the extend of the filth and the mire in which we all sunk before Yahweh redeemed us of our sins and accepted us before His throne as His children through the blood of Yahshua! *"Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that Yahweh hath made that same Yahshua, whom you have crucified, both master and Savior."* Acts 2: 36

Peter was here talking to more than 3000 men, many of them devoutly religious, coming to Jerusalem from all over the world to observe one of Yahweh's holy days! There were undoubtedly some, if not many, in the crowd that He was speaking to who had personally said just a few weeks prior to this sermon, "Crucify Him! Crucify Him! In reference to the very Yahshua that Peter was preaching. Yet, surely not all of these men were personally responsible for the crucifixion of Christ! None of them had personally seized the spear that ended His life. None of them had helped nail Him on the tree! Yet, Peter said to them, ...."whom ye have crucified" Acts 2: 36

It's been nearly 2000 years since Yahshua shed His blood here on this earth. But this does not excuse us from our responsibility for His death.

We have been just as much a part of this crucifixion as was Pilate, the Sanhedrin or the Jewish mob that cried for Him to be crucified, or the Roman soldier who thrust Him through with the spear!

By the action of placing our sins on Yahshua of accepting Him as our personal sacrifice we crucified Him.

If no other individual had ever lived but you, the sacrifice of Yahshua, His death, and His bearing of your sins on the stake in His body, the pouring out of His lifeblood, would have been necessary for you alone to enter into eternal life!

The penalty for sin is death! Sin is the transgression of the law! The same law that says that "*Thou shall do no murder*" says, "*Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy!*" "The same law that says, "*Thou shall not commit adultery*" says "*Honour your father and mother!*" One sin requires the same penalty as another!

Yet, because we are human, we tend to look upon Sabbath breaking as far less an accusation against our character before Yahweh than murder. We tend to soften the attitude of disobedience we had toward our parents and not think to compare it to the act of adultery! In weighing our sins in this human balance, we misunderstand the enormity of our own personal transgressions of the laws of our divine judge!

### **The physical type of Yahshua's sacrifice**

Let us understand the way in which the sin offering of the Old Testament pictured the sacrifice of Yahshua for us. All the way through Leviticus 4 you will notice that whether it was the priest of verse 3, the elders of

verse 15, the rulers of verse 22 or even one of the common people of verse 27 who had committed a sin against Yahweh, it was necessary for that individual to slay the sacrifice!

*"And if any of the common people sin through ignorance, while he does somewhat against any of the commandments of Yahweh concerning things which ought not to be done, and be guilty, or if his sin which he has sinned, come to his knowledge then he shall bring his offering, a kid of the goats, a female without blemish, for his own sin. And he shall lay his hand upon the head of the sin offering in the place of the burnt offering"* Lev 4:27 – 29.

*"For He has made Him to be a sin offering for us".* 2Cor 5: 21

When we repent, we recognize our sins and accept the sacrifice of Yahshua to pay for them. This is as much a recognition on our part that the sacrifice of Yahshua is necessary for the payment of our sins. Our sins, then directly caused the deathblows to fall on our Savior!

In Luke 7, beginning in verse 36 there is an account telling of a time that Yahshua went to have dinner with a certain Pharisee. This Pharisee's name was Simon, and he was a Jar maker. There was also a woman present at this dinner who was an obvious sinner – perhaps a street woman, a harlot! *"And stood at His feet behind Him weeping, and began to wash His feet with rears, and wiped them off with the hairs of her head, and kissed His feet, and anointed them with the ointment"* verse 38. Now the Pharisee, obviously a religious man, shrank at the thought of Yahshua allowing this obvious sinner even to touch Him! Reasoning in his own mind, he said, *".....This man, if He were a prophet, would have known who and what*

*manner of woman this is that touches Him: for she is a sinner”* verse 39.

### **An important parable**

Yahshua perceived this attitude of Simon’s and gave him advice through the following parable: “

*Lk 7:40 - 47 “And answering, Yahshua said to the man, Simon, I have a thing to say to you. And he said, Teacher, speak. There were two debtors to a certain creditor: the one owed five hundred denarii and the other fifty. But they not having a thing to pay, he freely forgave both. Then which of them do you say will love him most? And answering, Simon said, I suppose the one to whom he freely forgave the most. And He said to him, you have judged rightly. And turning to the woman, He said to Simon, Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give water for My feet, but she washed My feet with tears and wiped off with the hairs of her head.*

*You gave Me no kiss, but she from when I entered did not stop fervently kissing My feet.*

*You did not anoint My head with oil, but she anointed My feet with ointment.*

*For this reason I say to you, her many sins are forgiven, for she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, he loves little”.*

Let’s understand its present day meaning for you. There is a deep meaning: Simon was a jar maker and a Pharisee. He was obviously a man well off, perhaps rich as he was able to entertain Yahshua and as well because of the type of parable that He used. He was self-satisfied, he was self-deceived, self-righteous!

He could see no imperfection in himself but was slightly indignant to others. He would not deign to classify himself as a “real” sinner! He could not realize the immensity of his sin nor the immensity of the sacrifice that

would be needed to pay for that sin on the part of his Savior!

The woman, on the other hand, because her sins were obvious, recognized to be sins by both man and Yahweh, could readily see and eagerly repent of them. She knew she was a sinner and she knew an awful price would have to be exacted to pay for those sins, therefore she was deeply grateful and expressed it in outgoing love to her Savior. Each one of us needs to weigh and measure the immensity of our sins by Yahweh’s scale and not by our own! We should realize how they look in the sight of Yahweh, and how overwhelming a sacrifice it was that Yahshua made for us individually.

Once we had achieved this viewpoint, we should not only be deeply thankful for the sacrifice of Yahshua but recognize the weighty responsibility that the application of that sacrifice places on us once it has been applied! This makes us abhor and shrink back into terror from committing again the things which displease our Creator and grieve His Holy Spirit.

### **A Carnal Pitfall**

Once you understand the meaning of the above parable you will be able to avoid the favorite carnal pastime that your mind is eager to engage in. (2 Cor 10: 12)

Pointing out someone else’s sin often makes you feel more righteous, when you are able to stand back from someone else’s life objectively and pick out his faults and mistakes and describe these to yourselves or to others around you, the fact that you do not practice these same sins makes you feel superior!

Here is how it works:

1 – In your conversation you explain what is the right way to do a thing;

2 – You also add incidentally that you show how someone else has done it a different way, proving him wrong;

3 – And at the same time proving yourself right, and more righteous, then the clincher:

4 – You say with shocked, open faced, indignant innocence that you do not understand how this other person could have done the thing he did the way he did! Our physical friends are dangerous – if the reason for your association is mainly physical. In order to overcome this, you need to be close to Yahweh in prayer, consciously asking for His help so that you will not make these careless statements about other people.

And by all means do not ascend to be someone else's stooge! If this type of downgrading another person is being practiced in your ear, have the spiritual fortitude to suggest another topic of conversation.

### **Spiritual Pride**

Yahweh says: *Ecc 7:16 "Do not be too much righteous, nor make yourself overly wise; why destroy yourself?"* The Pharisees of Yahshua' day had added sixty-five do's and don't' to the keeping of the Sabbath. They had reduced the spirit of keeping the Sabbath holy into carnally understood and physically defined laws of their own. This is why there was such a stir when Yahshua went through a wheat field one day and plucked a few ears of grain to eat. The reason the Pharisees were disturbed was because according to one of their rules it was permissible to pluck one ear of grain but to pluck two or more would be considered reaping and therefore work, which was banned on the Sabbath day. They even went to the extreme of declaring that it was unlawful to catch a flea on the Sabbath day, with the added that if the

flea would bite you then you were free to catch him and exterminate him.

They wondered when they saw Yahshua eating with and talking to Publicans. They couldn't understand a holy man would think of associating himself with a sinner. Yahshua's plain answer to them was that answer which He can apply in our lives today: *"I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance Lk 5:32."* That is, those who recognize that they are sinners!

The natural minds that we are born with cause us to have self-righteous tendencies today, we tend to equate that which we can understand physically. We begin to reason with our carnal minds and leave Yahweh out of the picture. Our carnal minds dwell on such things as fastings and diet rather than allowing Yahweh's spirit to keep our thoughts on healing and forgiveness.

### **Religious Reasoning**

Here is an example OF REAL LIFE. "We should give everything we can to the work of Yahweh." This statement is true. No one would dare deny the fact. But the reasoning that is used to exemplify this spiritual sounding phrase was incorrect totally!

The reasoning is, "It is wrong for brother x to give more support to his divorced wife then he gives to the work of Yahweh." This whole situation gives a spiritual sounding reason for the sounding reason for the individual to be more righteous than Elohim himself! Yahweh has demanded ten percent of the increase that He blesses us with for His work He asked us in addition to his to give generous offerings.

But a wife in Yahweh's eyes, divorced or not, and specially if demanded by the laws of the state, is to be supported which would probably

amount to more than ten percent. Only discontent and hard feelings can come from reasoning's such as this, which stem from spiritual pride. One of the easiest ways for the carnal mind to justify itself is to believe that it is "misunderstood".

At one counselling meeting, an individual spoke Spanish, but understood English good enough to get to the point. However, to justify his own carnal feelings about a subject, he said that he did desperately wish he could speak in Spanish, because he knew that if he could but express himself in his native tongue he would be understood. This minister then answered him in Spanish and said that he would be glad to discuss the matter. Another 45 minutes ensued in the Spanish language, going on over the same points, until the carnal mind was again trapped but then the excuse was that the minister was too young and could not understand how difficult it was for an older man to get a job!

Yahweh will never be satisfied with the excuse: You just don't understand!

### **Pure Religion**

*Jas 1: 26, 27 If anyone thinks to be religious among you, yet not bridling his tongue, but deceiving his heart, this one's religion is vain. Pure and undefiled religion before Yahweh and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their afflictions, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.*

You will notice that as you turn to this scripture that we have quoted the 22<sup>nd</sup> verse of this scripture of James before. Here, in the last portion of James 1, is an overall summary of both the problems that face us, and the solution that comes by applying this scripture directly to ourselves as individuals.

You will notice that neither hearing the truth, as verses 22, and 26 explain,

is what Yahweh considers to be pure religion. Only the actual fruit of selflessness, of giving of yourself to others in outgoing love, a witness of your own actions, not of your lips a changing of the complete man from the very inner – being – this is what Yahweh considers to be pure religion! There are many pitfalls that we fall into as human beings because of the downward pull of our human nature. Perhaps going over these few in this article will give you a more specific idea of what to look for, to fight against in your own carnal nature. Don't stop here, but go on with the help of Yahweh's spirit to discover the other tactics that your carnal mind uses against you to bring you into subjection, to bring you to death, to deceive you.

Really, dedicate yourself wholeheartedly to overcoming your "self". The power of Yahweh's Holy Spirit is the only power that can overcome your problems. So, don't forget to be instant in prayer, to constantly think first of Yahweh and ask silently or out loud as the occasion permits for personal direct contact with the other power and the mind of Almighty Yahweh who chose you out of this world to become a new creature!

Notice that pure religion as defined by Yahweh through his apostle James also includes that the individual must "...keep himself unspotted from the world" Ja 1: 27

The second great enemy that we have, in fighting our way in this battle of overcoming in the "total war" of becoming perfect, is that of overcoming this world, its society, its ways of thinking, and the pulls it has on us to detract us from our goal, to fight us in every way to keep us from becoming the born sons of Yahweh.

You need to recognize this enemy in order to be able to fight it with

Yahweh's power in a way that will make you more than a conqueror.

## Why We Don't Sacrifice and Eat Passover Lambs Today

Scripture tells us that the Passover day is a memorial for all generations. ***Exo. 12:14- And the day shall be a memorial for you. And you shall celebrate it as a feast to Yahweh, for your generations. You shall celebrate it as a law forever.*** Notice it is the *day* and not the killing of a *lamb* that is a memorial and to be remembered for all generations. Although the day stays the same, Yahweh as the Creator has the right to change the symbols of this ceremony, which He did on the last Passover Yahshua celebrated.

***As they were eating the Passover supper "Yahshua took (unleavened) bread and blessed it..... and gave it to the disciples and said, Take eat, this is (represents) My body. And He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it, for this is (represents) My blood of the New Testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sin" (Matt 26:26-28).***

To understand the true significance of this scripture, we need to review several Old Testament scriptures and some of Yahshua's own statements made during His ministry prior to this Passover night. Notice first that the prophet Isaiah understood that the Passover lamb was a *type* of Messiah. He wrote, regarding the death of the Messiah: ***"...He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter" (Is 53: 7).***

John the Baptist understood that Lamb had come. ***"The next day John sees Yahshua coming unto him, and says, Behold the Lamb of Yah, which takes away the sin of the world" (Jn 1:29)*** A little later John again spoke of Yahshua specifically to two of His disciples, Andrew the brother of Peter and the Apostle John: ***"Behold the Lamb of Yah!" (verse 36).*** These two disciples immediately began following Yahshua.

Later, but before He died as our Passover lamb, Yahshua publicly alluded to the New Testament Passover and the new symbols of bread and wine He would institute. He said, ***"I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live forever: and the bread that I will give is My flesh, which I will give for the live of the world.....Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink His blood, ye have no live in you" (Jn 6:51, 53).***

Eating this "*flesh*", unlike eating merely the physical lamb, would identify the eater with the eternal life of the Lamb of Yahweh. And along with it was the blood, not in the "*flesh*", but separate from it, for it had been all poured out from His body, which cleared the way for all mankind to receive eternal life by making possible the remission of sins.

Although many turned back from this saying (vs66), Peter and John and the rest of the twelve, except for Judas Iscariot, were willing to accept it (*even though they didn't fully understand it until the Holy Spirit revealed it to them – John 14: 26*) and were thus better prepared to accept His statement at the close of His last Passover supper, ***"This is my body."***

The Levitical system with all of its sacrifices that could never take away sin (Heb 10:1-4), but merely remind the people that they were sinners, was added because of Israel's sin (Gal 3:19) and was merely a substitute system until Yahshua, the Eternal Son of Yahweh would come (Gal 3:20-22).

***Heb 10:4 for it is not possible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.***

***Isa 53:5 But He was wounded for our transgressions; He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His wounds we ourselves are healed.***

***Isa 53:6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have each one turned to his own way; and Yahweh made meet in Him the iniquity of all of us.***

***Isa 53:7 He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, but He did not open His mouth. He was led as a lamb to the slaughter; and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so He opened not His mouth.***

***Isa 53:8 He was taken from prison and from justice; and who shall consider His generation? For He was cut off out of the land of the living; for the transgression of My people, the stroke was to Him.***

Yahshua did not enter a manmade sanctuary but actually entered heaven itself to prove that the Levitical priesthood was only a shadow, but His priesthood (Melchizedec) was an Eternal order.

***Psa 110:4 Yahweh has sworn and will not repent: You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.***

Truly, Yahshua was the lamb of Yah, who takes away the sins of the world, and since His sacrifice is in perpetuity and ongoing there is no reason to have a physical lamb as a second sacrifice any longer, since the true sacrifice has come.

***Heb 10:8 Above, saying, "You did not desire nor were pleased with sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and sacrifices concerning sins," (which are offered according to the (levitical) Law),***

***Heb 10:9 then He said, "Lo, I come to do Your will, O Elohim." He takes away the first in order that He may set up the second;***

***Heb 10:12 But He, offering but one sacrifice for sins, "sat down" in perpetuity "at the right hand" of YHWH,***

***Heb 10:13 from then on expecting "until His enemies are placed as a footstool" of His feet.***

***Heb 10:14 For by one offering He has perfected in perpetuity the ones being sanctified.***

***1Co 5:7 Then purge out the old leaven so that you may be a new lump, even as you are unleavened. For also Messiah our Passover was sacrificed for us.***

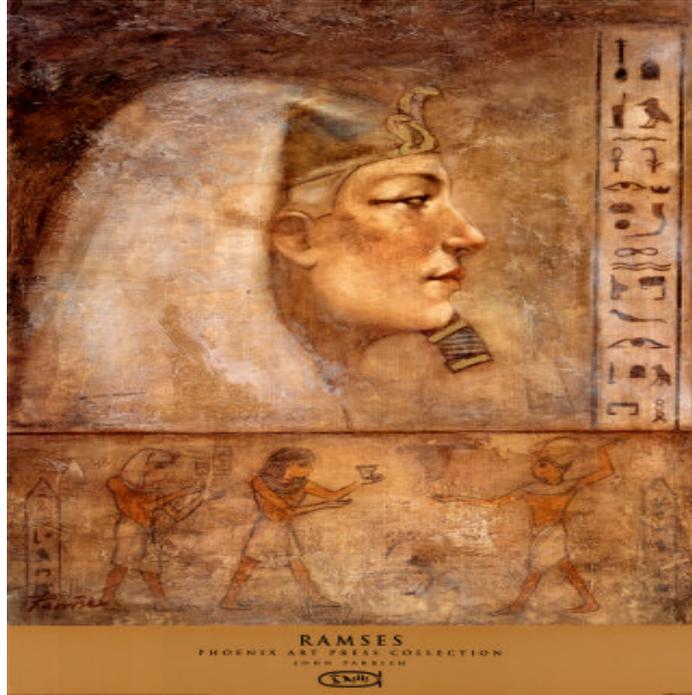
The new emblems were a substitution for – *not an addition to* – the physical lamb. In 1 Cor 11: 20 the Apostle Paul further elaborates: ***"When ye come together therefore in one place, this is not to eat Yahshua's supper."*** 1Co 11:21a ***For each one takes his own supper first in the eating;*** 1Co 11:22a ***For do you not have houses in which to eat and to drink?*** The supper – a full Passover meal – was no longer the manner of observing the Passover, as each person would eat his own supper first, in his own house, before gathering together with the brethren to take the emblems. Paul then went on to clearly state

that the simple emblems of bread and wine, and not a full meal with a sacrificed lamb were taken on the Passover every year (verses 23 – 25).

We keep the Passover today because it is commanded by Elohim forever (Ex 12: 17, 24). But no longer do we kill a lamb and eat it, since the “Lamb of Yahweh” – (*Yahshua*) – has been sacrificed once for all: “*Yahshua (who was foreshadowed by the literal Passover lamb) was once offered to bear the sins of many: and unto them that look for Him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation*” (*Heb 9: 28*). Instead, we take the unleavened bread, symbolizing Yahshua’s broken body, and the wine, symbolizing His shed blood, as a memorial, looking back to our Saviour’s suffering and death for our sins. Since then Yahshua’s sacrifice is ongoing (Heb 10:14), then also it is clear that Yahshua (*not a lamb*) is our Passover (1 Cor 5:7) in Yahweh’s congregations today.

***Heb 10:18*** *Now where there is forgiveness of these things, there is no longer an offering concerning sin.*

## Pharaohs of the time of the Exodus



In 1898, local felaheen – Egyptian peasants – drew the attention of Loret, the French archaeologist, to a remarkable find in the Valley of the Kings.

It was an ancient tomb, carved long ago into the sandstone cliffs of the Theban hills opposite Luxor by the Nile.

As an exited Loret entered the tomb, he found a corridor, rough and undecorated, leading downward, deep into the hills. Following the sloping corridor, Loret eventually arrived at what proved to be a false burial chamber, created by ancient architects to confuse tomb robbers.

In the floor of this chamber, the archaeologist found a stairway descending into the actual tomb chamber, a large room supported by six pillars.

The false burial chamber had obviously failed in its purpose, for the stairway had been uncovered in ancient times by tomb robbers.

As he entered the funerary chamber, Loret found a magnificent quartzite-sandstone sarcophagus (stone coffin). The sarcophagus was all that ancient grave robbers had left when they plundered the chamber long ago.

Inside the sarcophagus lay a mummy, festooned and garlanded. Loret quickly read the hieroglyphs to discover the identity of the mummy.

This was the tomb of Amenhotep II, a pharaoh of Egypt's Eighteenth Dynasty!

The find was significant. It was the first tomb ever opened in which a pharaoh was found where he had been laid, undisturbed by tomb

robbers. And the burial chamber proved to be one of the most beautiful and impressive in the entire Valley of the Kings.

Few scholars suspected the full significance of this monumental discovery. For, unknown to Loret and his colleagues, the French archaeologist had entered the tomb of the Exodus – the very king who confronted Moses more than 33 centuries earlier!

Needless confusion exists regarding the historical setting of the biblical Exodus.

Most Bible scholars, ignoring or rejecting the explicit chronological information of 1 Kings 6: 1, have not properly understood the time scheme of the Exodus. They have



placed that great event around 1290 B.C. or somewhat later, during the reign of Ramses the great

of Egypt's Nineteenth Dynasty – a full century and a half later then it actually occurred! This late date must be rejected!

A careful consideration of all biblical and extra-biblical evidence reveals that the Exodus occurred in the middle of the 15<sup>th</sup> century B.C. – specifically, in the year 1443, during the reign of Amenhotep 2, whose tomb Loret excavated. He was the Pharaoh who ruled from Thebes in Upper Egypt when the Egyptians would not let Israel go.

This date – 1443 – was 430 years after the covenant with Abraham, made in the spring of 1873 B. C. (Gen 17: 1, Ex 12: 40-41, Gal 3: 17). And it was in the 480th year before the laying of the foundation of the Temple in Solomon's fourth year (940 B. C.), as required by 1 Kings 6:1. An Exodus date of 1443 also harmonizes nicely with the Amarna Letters of ancient Egypt, which tell of "Habiru" (Hebrew) incursions into Canaan around 1400 B. C. – after the 40 years of wandering in the wilderness.

Now notice what Egyptian records say about this remarkable king and his dynasty.

### **Eighteenth Dynasty**

The dynasty that enslaved Israel is known in Egyptian history as Dynasty XV111, inaugurated by Pharaoh Ahmose about 1570 B. C. Amenhotep 11 – a descendant of Ahmose – was the sixth pharaoh of this dynasty.

Moses (born in 1523) was brought up as a prince of this ruling family. "The daughter of pharaoh" (Ex 2: 5) who raised him and would therefore be known in Egyptian history as Hatshepsut. She was the daughter of Pharaoh Thutmose 1, a son in law of Ahmose.

Notice that the word "*mose*" – meaning "child" or "son of" – often appears as a part of royal names of this dynasty. Ahmose, for example, means "son of Ah" (the god of light). Thutmose means "son of Thoth" (the moon god).

The Hebrew child drawn from the Nile by Hatshepsut was called simply Mose or Moses – for his parentage was unknown.

Amenhotep (the greek form is Amenophis) was the son and successor of the great empire-builder Thutmose 111, "the

Napoleon of ancient Egypt.”  
Thutmose – perhaps the greatest of the Pharaohs of ancient Egypt – would therefore be the biblical “pharaoh of the oppression.”

In 1483 B.C., Moses was exiled from Egypt by this Thutmose upon the death of Hatshepsut, Moses’ foster mother and protector. Hatshepsut (Thutmose 111’s aunt) had governed as regent for Thutmose III while he was a minor. But Thutmose and his aunt had been bitter rivals. Upon the death of Hatshepsut, Thutmose 111 - in a fury of revenge – purged her name and image from everything she had built throughout Egypt.

It was during Thutmose’ long reign that Moses lived in Exile in distant Midian, tending the flocks of his father-in-law Jethro.

#### “The master of glories”

In the later part of 1453 B.C. as the long lived Thutmose 111 felt his strength failing, he named his son, Amenhotep 11, as his coregent. Their reigns thus overlapped somewhat.

Upon the death of Thutmose in 1450, Amenhotep assumed the sole leadership of the country. By his side was his beautiful queen Taa. Egyptologist Sir Flinders Petrie (1853 – 1942) estimated that Amenhotep was about 18 years of age at the time of his accession.

Now see what the ancient records reveal about this pharaoh. Amenhotep was a worthy son of the great Thutmose 111. Physically, Amenhotep was a powerful man. Inscriptions reveal that no one in Egypt was his equal.



To illustrate: Amenhotep had a great bow, a bow so powerful that none of his soldiers was strong enough to use it. Only Amenhotep himself could draw it. This symbol of the pharaoh’s unparalleled strength remained at this side throughout his reign, and was buried with him upon his death in 1425 B.C.

The fact of his unrivalled strength goes far in illuminating the character of this pharaoh who refused to “knuckle under” to Moses god. Never in his life had Amenhotep been required to submit to anyone! He was accustomed to getting his own way. He was second to none. A man of great pride and given to boasting, he is referred to in ancient inscriptions as “the lord of glories”.

Amenhotep’s upbringing was carefully planned by his warrior father. Great emphasis was placed on athletic development and skills of warfare. Amenhotep was an apt pupil.

Supremely confident in his strength and skills as a warrior, the newly crowned Amenhotep quickly set out to establish his renown. He personally led his forces in battle. Two campaigns to quell uprisings in Palestine occurred early in his reign. During the first campaign, the proud Amenhotep displayed his archery skills before the people of Kadesh on the Orontes, a key north Syrian city.

These and other of Amenhotep's personal exploits are chronicled in the Temple of Amon at Karnak. We are informed that

Amenhotep "was as a terrible lion" against his enemies. Scenes of him slaying his foes are found on numerous monuments. A scarab inscription calls him "*the good god, lion over Egypt, lord of might, giving life like the sun.*"

### **Hard heart**

Yahweh of course knew of the great pride and stubbornness of Amenhotep. In Midian, Yahweh warned Moses, "I am sure that the king of Egypt will not let you go" (Ex 3: 19). It would be necessary for Yahweh to reveal Himself and His power and authority to His unresilient pharaoh in a series of devastating plagues.

Time and time again, Amenhotep grudgingly conceded to Moses' demands – but only temporarily. His pride and stubbornness would quickly reassert themselves and he would change his mind – "harden his heart," as the bible says. The carnal mind is indeed "*enmity against Yahweh; for it is not subject to the law of Yahweh, nor indeed can it be*" (Ro 8: 7).

And pharaoh Amenhotep refused to humble himself. Only the death of his firstborn son got his full attention. With his once proud and powerful nation shattered, Pharaoh at least ordered the Israelites out. But even then, he afterward changed his mind and pursued them to the red sea.

As mentioned earlier, the Exodus occurred 1443, 40 years after Moses' exile in 1483 (Acts 7: 30).

This was at the beginning of Amenhotep's 10<sup>th</sup> year (as counted from his appointment as ruler in 1453).

The destruction of Amenhotep's armies in the sea at that time is indirectly reflected in the Egyptian records. Not surprisingly, there are no further records of foreign wars recorded following the time of the Exodus. There is little information of any kind about Amenhotep's later years.

"Of the remainder of his reign we know nothing," Petrie observes. Egypt is silent about its great defeat by a foreign Elohim.

The Egyptians obviously did not wish to record their misfortunes.

### **More corroboration**

The events of that momentous year are well known from the biblical record, and need not be recounted in detail here. However, a few additional historical notes will prove of interest.

Egyptian history reveals that Amenhotep II was not himself a firstborn. Likewise, Amenhotep's son and successor- known to history as Thutmose IV, was not Amenhotep's firstborn. Thutmose IV was not at first designated to be his father's successor.

Historians do not know why Thutmose IV, a second born son, succeeded to the throne instead of his older brother. The bible reveals the answer. Amenhotep's firstborn son died in the 10<sup>th</sup> and final plague on Egypt; the death of the Egyptian firstborn on the night of the Passover (Ex 12:29-30)

Also of interest from a biblical standpoint is a wall painting dating

from early in Amenhotep's reign, found in the tomb of the high ranking official Rekh-mi-Re in the tombs of the Nobles at Thebes. The remarkable painting shows captive foreign laborers, including bearded Semites, making mud bricks (compare Exodus 5).

### **Pharaoh's future**

Contrary to the common notion about the Pharaoh of the exodus, Amenhotep II did not drown in the Red Sea with his army. Read carefully Exodus 14:23-31. Ancient records reveal that Amenhotep II's reign lasted no less than into his 26<sup>th</sup> year. This has been corroborated by a wine jar docket dated in his 26<sup>th</sup> year that was discovered in Egypt near the beginning of the twentieth century. Sixteen of those 26 years followed the exodus.

Upon Amenhotep's death in 1425 B.C., he was interred like his

ancestors in the Valley of the Kings. There he laid undisturbed until Loret's discovery in 1898.

A controversy then arose as to whether Amenhotep's mummy should be left on site or whether it should be removed to the Egyptian museum in Cairo. It was finally allowed to stay in situ, but with an armed guard to protect it.

But three years later, in November 1901, when the guards backs were turned, the tomb was robbed and the mummy was damaged by looters seeking overlooked treasures in the folds of the cloth wrappings. Amenhotep's body, much the worse due to the wear, was then quickly removed to Cairo, where it rests to this day. His limbs now thin and withered were in life robust and muscular. How true the saying to dust we come and to dust we shall return.

## Lessons to Learn from the Exodus



The Israelites are finally free. After escaping the bondage of slavery, multiple thousands begin a jubilant march out of Egypt. After a few exhausting days of travel they reach an area near the Red Sea, free from the harsh Pharaoh.

But then Pharaoh decides to pursue them with his mighty army. On the sixth day the Egyptians overtake the Israelites. But to the armies dismay, a cloud supernaturally separates them from the Israelites.

That night, Moses steps to the shore of the sea, stretches his hand over it, and a strong wind supernaturally begins to blow. By morning, walls of water form and dry land appears. The Israelites march across the dry path way to safety.

But the Egyptians are less fortunate when they try to follow. Their chariot wheels fall off and the walls of water come crashing down, drowning the men and their horses. In safety on the opposite shore, the Israelites rejoice over their deliverance.

You have probably heard of these events since childhood. But what does this story have to do with your life?

### **Symbolic Events**

Let's consider the meaning of these events that took place more than 3,000 years ago as they apply to us today. First, Israel leaving Egypt is symbolic of believers coming out of sin. Both Egypt and leavened bread represent types of sin (1 Cor 5:7-8, Heb 11:24-27). Pharaoh represents Satan and the slavery of sin (Ro 6:16-18).

In contrast Moses foreshadows and symbolizes Messiah, our deliver from sin (Acts 3:20-22) The Israelites picture believers and the promised land that they are striving to reach symbolizes Yahweh's Kingdom (Heb 4:8-9).

But more than just understanding what these events picture, what are some of the lessons that we should learn from the last day of unleavened bread in 1443 B.C.

- **Satan does not want us to escape from sin and will come after us.**

Just as those newly freed Israelites were pursued by Pharaoh, so Satan pursues newly baptized covenant believers, (as well as older ones). He is angry that we are escaping sin, and wants us back under his evil dominance (1 Pe 5:8-9).

- **We May want to return to sin**

Does this surprise you? It shouldn't, as scripture tells us the carnal mind is hatred to the law of Yahweh, and even after conversion we still have to live with and fight our human nature that loves sin. When Pharaoh appeared with his army what did Israel want to do? Return to Egypt where their surroundings were familiar and less threatening (Ex 14:10-12). Many times we return to sin, because we are comfortable with it, and we know no other way. It takes faith in Yahweh to leave this former way of life back in Egypt and start new.

That is why it is important for a new believer to change his old patterns. Maybe even get a new job, move to a new neighbourhood, where the enticements of sin are not there as they were before his conversion. Remember, under temptation, we can easily want to sin because we are far more accustomed to leaning toward our own carnal human ways, than disciplining ourselves toward righteousness and holy living.

- **Yahweh can deliver us from sin**

By themselves the Israelites had no way to escape from Pharaoh and his army. They were trapped by the mountains and the Red Sea. But Yahweh made a way of escape that led to the promised land.

Likewise we ourselves are unable to overcome sin (Ro 8:7) But with the help of Yahweh we can overcome. He can give us strength of mind and character to resist evil (1 Cor 10:13)

For the Israelites it was a watery grave that destroyed their adversaries. For us it is a watery grave (baptism) that helps us to conquer our adversaries and leave behind our sinful way of life.

More importantly, Yahweh gives us the power of His spirit to overcome temptation (Ro6:4, 6, acts 2:38). However, this overcoming does not happen automatically. We must diligently call upon Yahweh; then put forth the effort to do the right thing.

- **Our deliverance from sin brings happiness**

The pursuing Egyptians were dead. The Israelites were finally free. Read Exodus the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter to capture their feelings of immerse joy and jubilation.

For us, deliverance from sin brings much happiness, too. No longer must we eat the bitter fruit of sin and suffer its consequences. No longer do we need to suffer the pangs of guilt or deny ourselves the joy of righteousness from being one with Yahweh through faith in Him and obedience to His word.

Our life is much different, much better. And the end result is our promised land-eternal life in the physical land of Israel with Yahshua our King.

“ But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of Yahweh, you have your fruit toward holiness, and the end everlasting life” (Ro 6:22). No longer are we slaves to sin, but now we are servants to the Great Elohim who will guide us.

So think about it! Those momentous events of almost 3500 years ago have a lot to do with you and Yahweh's plan of salvation. Allow Yahweh to free you from sin so you can enjoy the fruits of righteousness, now and forever.

# Are you in a foot washing attitude?



Here is what you should learn from the foot washing ceremony at the Passover service.

Have you listened to your feet lately? Yahweh made you feet for more than walking. He made them for teaching too. Feet teach humility.

## A ceremony for feet

Did you realize that Yahweh created a ceremony just for feet? It's true! We call it the foot washing ceremony.

Each year at the Passover service believers, follow the example Yahshua set almost 2,000 years ago.

***Joh 13:1*** *And before the Feast of the Passover, Yahshua knowing that His hour had come that He should move from this world to the Father, loving His own in the world, He loved them to the end.*

***Joh 13:2*** *And supper having occurred, the Devil having put already into the heart of Simon's son Judas Iscariot that he should betray Him,*

***Joh 13:3*** *Yahshua knowing that the Father has given all things into His hands, and that He came out from Elohim, and goes away to Elohim,*

***Joh 13:4*** *He rose up from the supper and laid aside His garments. And taking a towel, He girded Himself.*

***Joh 13:5*** *Then He put water into the basin and began to wash the feet of the disciples, and to wipe off with the towel with which He was girded.*

We wash one another's feet the way Yahshua washed His disciples feet.

Why? Because before we can partake of the Passover symbols of unleaven bread and wine, picturing Messiah's body and blood, our attitude must reflect the essence of His life (Joh 13:6-17).

Paul warns, "*For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Master's body*" (1Cor 11:29).

What is a worthy Passover attitude? Paul says "Let this mind be in you which was also in Yahshua Messiah, who ..... made Himself of no reputation taking the form of a servant" (Phil 2:5-7)

The attitude you need before Passover is humility. Messiah was a humble servant. Yahweh, in His wisdom placed the footwashing ceremony before the rest of the Passover service. Before you go to the Passover service this year, look at your feet and learn humility.

## Important Lessons

- **Feet are lowly.** Your feet are the lowest part of your body. They must look up to all the other members. Do you have the same approach to the other members of the body of Messiah? Your feet tell you to esteem others

better than yourself (Phil 2:3). When you do you are free of pride. And when the body of Messiah is free of pride, there is harmony and oneness and peace. In addition, most peoples feet are the not the most attractive part of the body. Many times, we have disjointed or mangled toes and it teaches us that beauty is fading and real beauty is in our heart in how humble we are and how much we esteem others.

\* **Feet are dirty.** Have you noticed how much dirt your feet collect? They are simply collecting what you are made of- DIRT! Remembering what Yahweh created you from will keep you humble.

Dirty feet also remind you of dirty sins. It is humbling to have your sins stare you in the face. When you see the dirt on you feet, humbly realize how much you need a washing of your heart by the blood of Yahshua Messiah.

If you humbly repent before our maker, He says to you, "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow" (Is 1:18).

- **Feet are meek.** Your feet go where your head tells them to go. They do not stop you as you are about to turn right and tell you they want to go left. Are you as meek (teachable) as your feet? Do you follow judicial order of those that Yahweh has placed over you in His body?

Our Head, Yahshua, Messiah, wants all the members of His body to respond uniformly to His leadership. Yahshua set the example for us by being meek and fully responsive to His Father (John 5:30).

- **Feet serve.** They carry the weight of your entire body all day long. They transport you wherever you want to go. They do so many things for you. Your feet point to the example of Messiah, who said, *The Son of man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many*" (Math 20:28).

Humbly serve the rest of the members of Messiah's body the way your feet serve you. Carry their overloaded burdens (Gal 6:2).

And remember just as your busy feet serve you, you should be busy serving in the work of Yahweh. Yahshua spent His life doing the work of Yahweh and said, "*My food is the do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work*" (Joh 4:34).

You can learn many other lessons of humility from your feet. Think about the many things that they do, and how those things relate to your role as a believer.

Are you ready to take the Passover? Do you have the footwashing attitude? You will if you look down at your feet and learn from them. Remember: **FEET TEACH HUMILITY!**

## **Hayahad Bible School now accepting applications for the school semester starting in October of 2009.**

We are very happy to announce that this year will be the very first year that we will be blessed by Yahweh to be performing the program on our very own brand new campus that Yahweh blessed us with.

The word Hayahad means the togetherness. This was the name that was used in the Dead Sea Scrolls to describe their community. The sense of community has been greatly lost in the western world today, but was of immense importance in the ancient biblical world. This is not a theological school per se, but a higher learning institution for the bible student who wants to take his calling to the next level. We are truly focused on training our students in leadership, (young and old it makes no difference) and about community living and preparing to be a leader today for Yahweh's soon coming Kingdom. The art of Discipleship has been truly lost in our western world today. Most are doing their own thing and judicial order has been thrown out the window. If you are going to disciple others, you must first learn what it is to be disciplined yourself.

Our curriculum is made up of classes such as The Covenants of Israel, Messianic Apologetics, Early Christianity, becoming the complete believer, functional thinking, Leadership and all from a Hebraic mindset.

At Hayahad, Biblical archaeology is the cornerstone to proving to the sceptic the truth of scripture. We have had some of the top archaeologists in Israel as lecturers at our school. Our students will also be blessed to see first hand ancient pottery, glass and other pieces of antiquity and to visit the ancient sites of actual digs.

Our goal at Hayahad is not only to teach our students to understand the scriptures but how to truly live by them. We are committed to get our students away from thinking from a western Greek mindset and thinking like an ancient Israelite. We will be focusing on teaching men how to be leaders in their communities and women on how to be modest holy women, like Sarah of old. So many people will spend years of their life going to worldly learning institutions to learn secular skills that most will not even be used in the Kingdom age, don't you think it is worth this short time to learn skills that you will take into our Heavenly Father's Kingdom?

The school so far has been a major success and has become not only an experience to the students but literally a life changing experience that will always be a part of them. So if anyone was thinking of participating in the program please consider so this year. Please apply early as we will be limiting the amount of students to give more personal care to each one attending.

**Please write for a full brochure and tuition cost or  
download at [www.coYHWH.com](http://www.coYHWH.com)**

## **Feast of Sukkot (Tabernacles) 2009**

It is truly one of the most exciting experiences that you will have in your life, to be blessed to spend a feast in Israel and take a Pilgrimage in the land. After reading the Holy Scriptures for so many years, to be able to see it all with your own eyes will be a life changing experience. After spending the feast in Jerusalem you will never want to spend it anywhere else. As it states in

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

Before Sukkot you will arrive in the **Old City** and we will build our Sukkah before the opening night of the feast. Then, during Sukkot we will travel several days around the **Old City of Jerusalem** and you will get to see the **Mount of Olives**, **The City of David**, as well as **David's tomb** and the **room of the last supper**, and also the remains of the **House of Caiphas** where they still have today the remains of the scourging room where Yahshua would have been held the night before His crucifixion. We also hope to possibly go to **Bethlehem** during Sukkot and if we have time maybe even go down to the **Dead Sea and the Gomorrah Ashes**, as well as take you to a biblical park that will teach you everything there is to know from a Hebrew perspective on the harvest fruits of Sukkot and the land of Israel.

After Sukkot we will stop at the **Valley of Elah** where David fought Goliath, before stopping to see the remains of **Askelon**, one of the 5 cities of the Philistines. From there we will visit Beersheva where Abraham made covenant with Yahweh and the well he dug with his own hands. Then we will go to the wilderness of Kadesh Barnea where you will get to ride a camel and spend the night sleeping in a Bedouin tent in the wilderness just as the children of Israel did and eat an authentic middle eastern dinner in a Bedouin tent sitting on pillows and end the day sitting around a camp fire and discussing scripture just as our ancient relatives did. The next day we will head north via Ashkelon and see a 4,000 year old Philistine road and how those people lived. From there we will stop at **Caesarea** on the Mediterranean Sea, and will end the day on **Mount Carmel** where Elijah fought the priests of Baal and sleep in Mount Carmel where you will see one of the most magnificent views.

The next day we will travel in the north and you will be blessed to see **Gideon's spring**, where he chose his army, **The Tel of Megiddo** where the last battle of mankind will be fought, **The Jezreel valley** where Ahab's Palace was and **Beit Shean** one of the largest restored archaeological parks in Israel and then end the day visiting the **Jordan River baptism site** and take a **boat ride on the Sea of Galilee**, the very water that Yahshua walked on.. The last day of the pilgrimage we will see **Capernaum** and the remains of a synagogue from the days of Yahshua, as well as Peter's mother in laws house, and the go north to **tel Dan**, **Caesarea Philippi**, and see **Mount Hermon** and the Golan Heights area, then we will head back to our hotel and a early departure in the morning for the airport if you are not coming to the bible school.

This would include **15 days and 14 nights** during the feast and the tour, **NOT including airfare but including** all touring costs during and after Sukkot with two meals daily. We have been given a very good price of **\$1299 per person based on double room occupancy**. Children under 2 are free and Children between 2 and 11 are **25% off**, and child 12 and over are full price. You can download all feast information and applications at [www.coYHWH.com](http://www.coYHWH.com) .

**The price is \$1299 per person based on double room occupancy and is only available until May 15<sup>th</sup> 2009.**