

## ***Passover: The Path to Salvation***

Passover is also called “the preparation day;” but, preparation for what? It was actually the preparation day for the Feast of Unleavened Bread, and by that name, we can know that that signifies the removal of leaven, which is a symbol of sin. So, how does one prepare, through the Passover, for sin to be removed? Here, we will examine the essential parts of that preparation, and see the accompanying scriptures that apply.

In 1 Corinthians 5:7-8, we're told, *“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: 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.”*

What are the steps to doing that?

### **1. *Baptize: Ceremonial cleansing for redemption.***

- John 3:5 *Christ answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of Yah.*
- John 15:3 *Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.*
- John 11:55 *And the Jews' passover was nigh at hand: and many went out of the country up to Jerusalem before the passover, to purify themselves.*
- Ephesians 5:26 *That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word (logos).*

### **2. *Remove All Leaven: Remove Sin by Confession.***

- 1 Corinthians 11:28 *But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup.*
- 1 John 1:9 *If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*
- Romans 2:16 *In the day when Yah shall judge the secrets of men by Yahoshua the Messiah according to my gospel.*
- James 5:16 *Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.*

### **3. *Sacrifice the Lamb: Identify with the Lamb.***

- Matthew 10:32 *Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.*
- Luke 12:8 *Also I say unto you, Whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of Yah.*
- Romans 10:9 *That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Messiah Yahoshua, and shalt believe in thine heart that Yah hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved (future tense).*

The three steps above are what are taught through the Passover meal, called the Seder, which merely means “order.” So, the meal lays out the order of the preparation for salvation,

or being declared righteous, which is to be free from the sin of disbelief—the unpardonable sin—or, the leaven whereby one is deemed eternally unrighteous by Yah.

### **Passover Begins**

1 Corinthians 6:11 *And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Messiah Yahoshua, and by the Spirit of our God.*

1 Corinthians 6:17 *But he that is joined unto Christ is one spirit.*

Romans 2:28-29 *For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of Yah.*

Hebrews 10:15-17 *Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after that he had said before, This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith Yah, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.*

Romans 3:25 *Whom Yah hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of Yah.*

Note: The Greek for “propitiation” refers to the atonement cover on the Ark of the Covenant, also called the Mercy Seat (see Leviticus 16:15-16).

Romans 3:31 *Do we then make void the law through faith? Yah forbid: yea, we establish the law.*

### **The Passover Seder**

**Father Opens the Door:** The father opens the door as an invitation for the prophet Elijah to proclaim Messiah has come.

- Revelation 3:20 *Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.* [Passover meal]

**Lighting of the Candle** (Spirit of Yah): The bride of the house lights the candle and says a prayer inviting the Spirit into her and the house.

- Romans 8:9-11 *But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of Yah dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of him that raised up Yahoshua from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.*
- 1 John 5:12 *He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of Yah hath*

*not life.*

**Cup of Sanctification** (Cleansing): Cup of Joy—Mix water (water cleanses) and wine (alcohol purifies) in the cup, which represents the Holy Spirit.

The father of the house says a prayer.

- John 17:17-19 *Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.*
- Ephesians 5:26 *That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word [Holy Spirit].*

**Washing of the Hands:** Purification

- Titus 2:14 *Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.*
- 1 John 3:2-3 *Beloved, now are we the sons of Yah, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.*

**Herbs are given and dipped in salt water:** First fruits of new life. Passing through the Red Sea from the world (Egypt). Salt is a symbol for covenant.

- Mark 9:49-50 *For every one shall be salted with fire, and every sacrifice shall be salted with salt. Salt is good: but if the salt have lost his saltness, wherewith will ye season it? Have salt in yourselves, and have peace one with another.*

(note: we must be seasoned and powered by Yah, both to be acceptable sacrifices unto him: and also that we, being knit together, may season one another.)

- 2 Corinthians 5:17 *Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.*
- Romans 7:6 *But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter.*
- Romans 8:21 *Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of Yah.*

**Three Loaves of Bread:** Prayer, showing the Matzah Tash (linen pouch with three sections), and the three loaves of bread (Yah the Father, Son, and Spirit). Remove the middle loaf of bread and break it into two pieces. Return the smaller part of the loaf back to the pouch. The larger piece is wrapped in linen (this larger piece is called the Afikoman, which is eaten after dinner) and it is hidden somewhere in the house (burial).

- 1 John 5:7a *For there are three that bear record in heaven*

### **Show the Lamb on the Seder Plate.**

- Philippians 2:6-8 *Who, being in the form of Yah, thought it not robbery to be equal with Yah: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross (stake).*
- Hebrews 2:9 *But we see Christ, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of Yah should taste death for every man.*
- John 19:33 *But when they came to Yahoshua, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs:*
- John 19:40 *Then took they the body of Yahoshua, and wound it in linen clothes with the spices, as the manner of the Jews is to bury.*
- Mark 15:45-47 *And when he knew it of the centurion, he gave the body to Joseph. And he bought fine linen, and took him down, and wrapped him in the linen, and laid him in a sepulchre which was hewn out of a rock, and rolled a stone unto the door of the sepulchre. And Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses beheld where he was laid.*
- Matthew 28:7 *And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you.*
- Revelation 2:17 *He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches [the called out ones: the people who have the Holy Spirit indwelling them]; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it.*

Note: The word ekklesia was used 114 times in the NT and was replaced with “church”. Not everyone that goes to church is called out (has the Holy Spirit).

**Cup of Justification:** Deliverance. Prayer, and the telling of the deliverance story (this is called the **Haggadah**—which was the telling, or testimony, of being physically brought out of Egypt. That was a foreshadow of the real substance, which is the telling, or testimony, of one’s confirmation from the Holy Spirit, through dreams and/or visions, that one was spiritually brought out of the world.)

- Romans 8:16 *The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of Yah: [more later about the actual Greek word for “beareth witness with”]*
- Romans 8:33 *Who shall lay any thing to the charge of Yah's elect? It is Yah that justifieth.*

- Romans 4:24-25 *But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Yahoshua our Messiah from the dead; Who was delivered for our offenses, and was raised again for our justification.*
- Romans 5:1 *Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with Yah through our Messiah Yahoshua:*
- 1 John 5:10-12 *He that believeth on the Son of Yah hath the witness in himself [the witness is the Holy Spirit]: he that believeth not Yah hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record [Holy Spirit] that Yah gave of his Son. And this is the record, that Yah hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of Yah hath not life.*

### **The story of the four sons:**

The first son is wise and wants to know all about the Passover in detail.

The second son is indifferent, but asks in general terms about all that he sees at the Passover table.

The third son is rebellious and wicked and wants no part of the Passover and does not need it. Additionally, he challenges the others and asks why they do it.

The fourth son is young and does not know enough about the Passover to ask questions and is instructed in all the teachings of the Passover.

Note: this is just as prevalent today as it was during the Old Testament, as these are still the typical responses to the Passover as well as the other traditions of Yah.

**Take a piece of the middle loaf with herbs:** Symbols of slavery and the misery of sin.

- Hebrews 2:14-15 *Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.*

**Break a piece of the upper or lower loaf with Lamb:** Prayer. All make a sandwich of the bread and bitter herbs (this is called the **hillel**).

- John 6:53 *Then Yahoshua said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.*

This shows how the GOD Head was involved in your redemption.

- Galatians 1:4 *Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of Yah and our Father:*
- John 3:16 *For Yah so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that*

*whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

**Find the hidden loaf:** (“This is My Body”) The children look for the previously hidden loaf and whoever finds it brings it to the father to redeem a reward—money.

- Matthew 26:26 *And as they were eating, Yahoshua took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body.*
- Luke 22:19 *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.* (\*Yahoshua was speaking of the Passover)
- Revelation 4:10-11 *The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created. [We will lay down our crowns and receive eternal life.]*

**Cup of Redemption:** (“This is My Blood”) Prayer. This is the New Covenant. “*I will not drink until we are in my Father’s Kingdom.*” Yahoshua did not drink. He did not need to be redeemed.

- Matthew 26:27-28 *And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; for this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.*
- Ephesians 1:7 *In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;*
- Hebrews 9:12 *Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.*

**Cup of Unification, Restoration:** Elijah cup, prayer, eat nuts and fruit dessert. We will drink this cup with Christ in our Father’s House.

- 1 Peter 3:18 *For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to Yah, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:*
- John 17:21 *That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.*
- Revelation 4: *The Throne in Heaven*
- Revelation 5: *The Scroll and the Lamb*

**Cup of Glorification:** Prayer. This cup will be presented at the revealing of the Bride (those who receive the Holy Spirit from after Christ's resurrection until the rapture)

- Romans 8:30 *Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.*

Note: Yah knew us before time and knew who would respond to His voice and believe.

- Revelation 21: *A New Heaven and a New Earth, The New Jerusalem, the Bride of the Lamb*

### **Singing of Songs and Hymns**

- Matthew 26:30 *And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives.*
- Revelation 5:9 *And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to Yah by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;*

### **Items for the Passover meal:**

- Unleavened Bread
- Herbs, horseradish
- Fruit, nuts, or dessert
- Lamb or lamb shank
- Wine