**Jesus and The Feast of Passover**

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**1 Corinthians 5:7-8**

**Sunday Morning**

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7 Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us. 8 Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Saints, Passover has been the principal feast of the Jewish people for 3,400 years, since the Jewish people left Egypt.  Passover is a fore-glimpse of the redemption of mankind, for those who will accept redemption Through Jesus Christ!

**This Thursday Through Saturday Sundown April 6 - 8, 2023 all around the world The Passover Feast is celebrated around the world. On the Biblical calendar it is Nissan 14-15, 5783. It’s when Jesus was crucified, died and was buried in his tomb. But even more profound is This Saturday April 8, 2023 on Nissan 17, 5783**

**Jesus Rose from the Dead!**

**John 19:14-16**

14 Now it was the Preparation Day of the Passover, and about the sixth hour. And he said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" 15 But they cried out, "Away with Him, away with Him! Crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar!" 16 Then he delivered Him to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus and led Him away.

**John 19:17-18**

17 And He, bearing His cross, went out to a place called the Place of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha, 18 where they crucified Him, and two others with Him, one on either side, and Jesus in the center.

**John 19:31-34**

31 Therefore, because it was the Preparation Day, that the bodies should not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away.

32 Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who was crucified with Him. 33 But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. 34 But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out.

**John 19:40-42**

40 Then they took the body of Jesus, and bound it in strips of linen with the spices, as the custom of the Jews is to bury. 41 Now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. 42 So there they laid Jesus, because of the Jews' Preparation Day, for the tomb was nearby.

**7 Feasts Chart> Slide**

**Saints, God spoke to Moses regarding The Passover Feast**

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**Exodus 12:3-13**

3 Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying: 'On the tenth day of this month every man shall take for himself a lamb, according to the house of his father, a lamb for a household. 4 And if the household is too small for the lamb, let him and his neighbor next to his house take it according to the number of the persons; according to each man's need you shall make your count for the lamb.

5 Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats. 6 Now you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month. Then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it at twilight. 7 And they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses where they eat it.

8 Then they shall eat the flesh on that night; roasted in fire, with unleavened bread and with bitter herbs they shall eat it. 9 Do not eat it raw, nor boiled at all with water, but roasted in fire--its head with its legs and its entrails. 10 You shall let none of it remain until morning, and what remains of it until morning you shall burn with fire.

11 And thus you shall eat it: with a belt on your waist, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. So you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD's Passover. 12 For I will pass through the land of Egypt on that night, and will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the LORD.

13 Now the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you; and the plague shall not be on you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

**Leviticus 23:2**

And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them, Concerning the **Feasts** of the LORD, which you shall proclaim to be holy **convocations**, even these are my feasts.

The Hebrew word for Feasts is also **MOED** meaning appointed times.

The Hebrew word for convocation is **MIQRA** meaning a dress rehearsal.

The Passover Lamb was to be a male without defect. All of the people must slaughter the Passover Lamb. There is deliverance for those people who are covered by the Blood of the Passover Lamb. Nothing of the Passover Lamb was to be left till morning. The Passover Lamb was to have no broken bones. The same regulations apply to (Gentiles and Jewish people).

**The Parallels of Passover and Jesus Christ our Savior.**

**1. As Israel was in Bondage to Egypt, so Man is a Slave to Sin.**

For 430 years, the Hebrew people served the Egyptians. They had no choice. Every day they made bricks, built pyramids and served their masters. If they disobeyed they were beaten. If they rebelled, they were killed. Such is the life of a slave.

**2. Each of us was born into this world as a slave to sin.**

**Romans 5:18-21**

18 Therefore, as through one man's offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man's righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life. 19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous.

20 Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more, 21 so that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Romans 3:23-25**

23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed…

**3. Why can’t we simply stop sinning?**

Have you ever got on a diet only to get off again? Have you ever started an exercise program and abandoned it? More importantly, have you ever tried to clean up your life and miserably failed? We can’t stop sinning because by nature we are slaves to sin.

**Romans 6:20-23**

20 For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. 21 What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. 22 But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life. 23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**4. Just as the Hebrew people could not just leave Egypt, we cannot simply leave our sin.**

The Hebrews needed God to deliver them. We need God to deliver us from our sin. As the Firstborn of Egypt Died, so Death comes to All Men.

**2 Corinthians 1:9-10**

9 Yes, we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves but in God who raises the dead, 10 who delivered us from so great a death, and does deliver us; in whom we trust that He will still deliver us,

**5. God promised that the firstborn in Egypt would die.**

As surely as the firstborn died in Egypt, death comes to all. The Bible plainly says what is obvious to everyone,

**Hebrews 9:27-28**

27 And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, 28 so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.

Saints, note that word "**appointed**." It’s very similar to "appointment." We all have an appointment with death. Some have an early appointment, some have a late appointment but never forget that we all have an appointment.

**6. Some 1500 years later a prophet named John The Baptist was preaching about the coming Kingdom of God.**

He baptized people as they repented of their sins. As he looked up from the river, he saw a man coming toward him and knew exactly who he was.

**John 1:29**

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

**7. As the Blood of the Lamb Saved the Hebrews, so the Blood of Christ Saves Us!**

**1 John 1:5-10**

5 This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. 6 If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. 8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

Saints, in the Garden when Adam & Eve sinned God had to kill an animal to cover their nakedness. Something had to die and shed blood for the sin that was committed against God.

**Genesis 3:21-24**

21 Also for Adam and his wife the LORD God made tunics of skin, and clothed them. 22 Then the LORD God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever"—

23 therefore the LORD God sent him out of the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken. 24 So He drove out the man…

Saints, in Hebrews 9:22 it says…

**Hebrews 9:22**

“And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission”

Saints, God used animal sacrifices in the Old Testament for a specific purpose….

**Leviticus 17:11**

“For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul”

Saints, God needed to emplace a permanent sacrifice once and for all!

**Hebrews 10:4-10**

4 For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins. 5 Therefore, when He came into the world, He said: "Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, But a body You have prepared for Me.

6 In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You had no pleasure. 7 Then I said, 'Behold, I have come-- In the volume of the book it is written of Me-- To do Your will, O God.' " 8 Previously saying, "Sacrifice and offering, burnt offerings, and offerings for sin You did not desire, nor had pleasure in them" (which are offered according to the law),

9 then He said, "Behold, I have come to do Your will, O God." He takes away the first that He may establish the second. 10 By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

**1 Peter 1:18-19**

18 knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

Saints, as the Hebrews were Saved by Applying the Lamb’s Blood, so We are Saved by Applying Christ to our Lives.

By Faith Moses Kept the Passover Feast as mentioned in:

**Hebrews 11:27**

“By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, lest he who destroyed the firstborn should touch them.

And by Faith we have received Jesus Christ!

**Ephesians 2:8-9**

8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast.

**Luke 24:44-49**

44 Then He said to them, "These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me." 45 And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures.

46 Then He said to them, "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, 47 and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

48 And you are witnesses of these things. 49 Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high."

**Nissan 17 Chart**

Saints, Soon and Very soon, Jesus is about to appear, we are almost out of here!

**1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

13 But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus.

15 For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. 16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.

17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. 18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.

**1 Corinthians 15:50-54**

50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. 51 Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed-- 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. 54 So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory."

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**Acts 2:38-39**

38 Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."

**Let’s Pray! Benediction**

**"May The LORD bless you and keep you, May The LORD make His face shine upon you, May The LORD be gracious to you, May The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, and give you His (Shalom) peace.” In Jesus Name!**