

Jesus Christ in the Passover

What is the significance for us today?



It has all been a part of G-d's plan from the beginning; His plan to bring salvation to all mankind, with the establishment of a people, a nation to be His. G-d established this nation to be a priesthood to the nations. Through this chosen people, G-d would establish His commandments and instructions for proper conduct, behavior, ethics and G-d would teach through this nation who He is, how to worship Him properly and how to draw close to Him. Through this nation G-d would provide His only begotten Son, the Messiah to redeem all of mankind from the sin and the sentence of death because of sin. Initially during the beginning, G-d had a temporary wall between Himself and this nation, which as a nation separated, a temporary wall between them and the nations. But it has always been G-d's plan and purpose to break down that middle wall, the dividing partition. Of course that nation is the nation of Israel and the people we today know, as Jews and the nations are everyone else, the non-Jews also known as Gentiles. It has been G-d's purpose and fulfilled plan to tear down that wall, the partition dividing Jews and Gentiles and make us one in the Body of Messiah through His sacrifice. All well and good you think (at least some of you), but what does that have to do with Jesus Christ? By the way His correct name in His native tongue and heritage, is Yeshua and added to that is HaMashiach (meaning the anointed one or Messiah). The first prophesy and promise concerning the Messiah and G-d's promised redemption to bring back mankind to their original relationship and walk with G-d:

Genesis 3:15 (NKJV) ¹⁵ And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel."

- a. The woman, G-d's chosen people, we know as Israel.
- b. The woman's seed – the Messiah, Jesus Christ, Yeshua HaMashiach
- c. The serpent represents Satan
- d. Satan's seed, all those not of G-d and ultimately, the Anti-Christ.

Revelation 13:9 (NKJV) ⁹ *If anyone has an ear, let him hear.*

Revelation 13:9 (CJB) ⁹ *Those who have ears, let them hear!*

Revelation 13:9 (TEV) ⁹ *"Listen, then, if you have ears!"*

G-d Almighty, our Heavenly Father, chose Israel to be a nation set apart, to teach all nations about Him, to be witnesses to His existence and His being the one and only true G-d. Israel was chosen for the lineage of the Messiah who would deliver salvation to all of mankind, including the Jews.

Through Israel came the holy writings, the Word of G-d, the promises and covenants of G-d and the promised Redeemer, Yeshua HaMashiach, Jesus Christ the Messiah. Every thing that we know about G-d and His Son, came through the chosen people, Israel, the Jews.

Everything that happened and that was given to Israel has a direct and undisputable bearing on all of G-d's people today. The Apostle Paul wrote:

1 Corinthians 10:11 (NKJV) ¹¹ Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.

The history of Israel shows us the hand of G-d Almighty guiding, directing and showing His expectations of His people. The history is not merely stories and folklore it is real.

Through the history of Israel, G-d is teaching all of mankind:

1. of the unsatisfactory condition of the human heart and thoughts;
2. of His want and willingness to forgive and restore;
3. of the manner in which He has provided for all people to be able to come to Him;
4. of His faithfulness and consistent love.

In a nutshell; G-d chooses Abraham and from his loins, formed this people, the Jews.

1. G-d called Abraham out of paganism and idolatry;
2. G-d established Abraham's seed to be a great nation:
3. G-d established this great nation to be the example to the Gentiles:
4. G-d gave His people the Law and His land:
5. G-d established through Israel, His Feasts to be observed in thankfulness for His blessings and love;
6. G-d gave Israel and the rest of mankind the Messiah, the promised Redeemer through His people, the Nation of Israel, the Jews.

The Feasts of G-d, have a threefold meaning or significance:

1. They were in the natural, seasonal celebrations based on the agricultural based society at that time:
2. They reminded Israel of G-d's dealings with them, His love and provisions and most important, a reminder to trust and believe G-d for His provisions
3. These are a prophetic foreshadowing of His future promises.

*"It is an inescapable teaching and fact of Scripture, of G-d's Word;
The Jews are G-d's chosen people."*

This little statement is quite disconcerting to many, Jewish and Non-Jewish alike. Many of the Jewish people themselves are confused by this election by G-d. For such a high Honor of being chosen, how do a people live up to it.

"Why us?" This chosen status has meant persecution, suffering and scattering of the people. Many feel it would have been better not to be chosen. However, G-d did not choose His people in order to pamper them, nor did He chose them to be singled out for persecutions and distress, either! It was a blessing because of one man's heart for and worship of G-d.

John 4:19-22 (NKJV) ¹⁹ The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. ²⁰ Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you *Jews* say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship." ²¹ ***Jesus said to her,*** "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. ²² You worship what you do not know; ***we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews.***

John 4:19-22 (CJB) ¹⁹ "Sir, I can see that you are a prophet," the woman replied. ²⁰ "Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, but you people say that the place where one has to worship is in Yerushalayim." ²¹ ***Yeshua said,*** "Lady, believe me, the time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Yerushalayim. ²² You people don't know what you are worshipping; ***we worship what we do know, because salvation comes from the Jews.***

Just as G-d set the order of the universe and set the order of the seasons, He ordained times and seasons to usher in His plans and purposes for mankind. He set in motion His plan of salvation for the entire human race. The Feasts of G-d showed us in stages, G-d's plans for mankind and the culmination and completion of the plan of salvation through Yeshua HaMashiach, Jesus Christ the Messiah!

We are one today and because of that Jew and Gentile share a rich heritage, a heritage of G-d's plans and purposes! The heritage of the people of Israel and all that G-d did to reveal Himself through His chosen people, the prophets and the patriarchs of faith.

Because of Messiah, all believers now share this rich heritage:

Ephesians 2:11-22 (NKJV) ¹¹ Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh--who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands-- ¹² ***that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.*** ¹³ ***But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.*** ¹⁴ For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, ¹⁵ having abolished in His flesh the enmity, *that is*, the law of commandments *contained* in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man *from* the two, *thus* making peace, ¹⁶ and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. ¹⁷ And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. ¹⁸ ***For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.*** ¹⁹ Now, therefore, ***you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,*** ²⁰ ***having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone,*** ²¹ ***in whom the whole building, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord,*** ²² ***in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.***

Romans 11:9-21 (NKJV) ⁹ And David says: "Let their table become a snare and a trap, A stumbling block and a recompense to them. ¹⁰ Let their eyes be darkened, so that they do not see, And bow down their back always." ¹¹ ***I say then, have they stumbled that they should fall? Certainly not! But through their fall, to provoke them to jealousy, salvation has come to the Gentiles.*** ¹² Now if their fall is riches for the world, and their failure riches for the Gentiles, how much more their fullness! ¹³ For I speak to you Gentiles; inasmuch as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry, ¹⁴ if by any means I may provoke to jealousy *those who are* my flesh and save some of them. ¹⁵ For if their being cast away is the reconciling of the world, what *will* their acceptance *be* but life from the dead? ¹⁶ **For if the firstfruit is holy, the lump is also holy; and if the root is holy, so are the branches.** ¹⁷ And if some of the branches were broken off, and *you, being a wild olive tree, were grafted in among them, and with them became a partaker of the root and fatness of the olive tree,* ¹⁸ do not boast against the branches. But if you do boast, **remember that you do not support the root, but the root supports you.** ¹⁹ You will say then, "Branches were broken off that I might be grafted in." ²⁰ Well *said.* Because of unbelief they were broken off, and you stand by faith. ***Do not be haughty, but fear.*** ²¹ ***For if God did not spare the natural branches, He may not spare you either.***

We are here to look at one aspect of that redemption and heritage, the Passover. Through that physical redemption, G-d wove in a picture of a far greater redemption. From the bondage and slavery of Egypt, representative of SIN and DEATH, to our Passover Lamb, Jesus Christ.

Look at the first Passover account briefly: Israel was in bondage and G-d had promised to deliver them from this situation. He raised up Moses to deliver His message to let His people go. Pharaoh was not inclined to listen therefore G-d set up to teach Him and the world. G-d set up 10 plagues to get Pharaoh's attention. You remember the story. Isn't G-d's power and mercy just awesome?

Now Israel was exempt from the first nine plagues, in other words they did not suffer, as Egypt did, even though they were in Egypt. Scripture tells us the Jewish people were living in a section of Egypt called Goshen. For example, the plague of darkness, Exodus 10:23 tells us all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings. When the cattle of Egypt were plagued, the cattle of the Israelites were spared as seen in Exodus 9:4.

Yet, the tenth, the most powerful plague and the most terrifying plague was only exempt to Israel under certain conditions. Israel was not automatically exempt from the tenth plague. There were caveats to being exempted or saved from the tenth plague. This is where we will pick up the account in Exodus:

Exodus 12:5-8 (NKJV) 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.

Exodus 12:11-15 (NKJV) 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. ¹⁴ So this day shall be to you a memorial; and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD throughout your generations. You shall keep it as a feast by an everlasting ordinance. ¹⁵ Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread. On the first day you shall remove leaven from your houses. For whoever eats leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that person shall be cut off from Israel.

That is the historical beginning of Passover! Israel was to continue to celebrate Passover as a lasting ordinance.

Over time, there have been addition symbols and traditions added to help remember that initial Passover. Most of the symbols and traditions were in use at the time that Jesus and the Apostles celebrated the Passover. There is a lot of preparation that goes into the celebration. Remember Jesus sent Peter and John ahead of Him to Jerusalem in order prepare for the Passover celebration.

Luke 22:7-8 (NKJV) ⁷Then came the Day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover Lamb must be killed. ⁸And He sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat."

The preparation involved many things, but specifically what G-d had commanded them back in Egypt. The households were to be cleansed of all leaven. We know what leaven represents don't we? It represents Sin and therefore must be cleansed out for redemption.

G-d's Prophetic Lesson

How do you impress indelibly on the minds of people the Lord's redemption of Israel? How do you do it, so it is stamped on the hearts and minds of all future generations, Jew and Gentile alike? G-d, our Great Master Teacher knew exactly how!

G-d did not merely have it put to paper, which seems to lose it's meaning over time, no He did more than that. G-d established the remembrance, the celebration of redemption as HIS celebration, His festival to be observed by all future generations. Not only is it HIS celebration, He gave it as an object lesson, with reenactment of that first Passover Night. It would be a celebration to appeal to the senses through the everyday actions of seeing, hearing, smelling, tasting and touching.

Almighty G-d would not be denied. The plagues continued and the entire nation of Egypt suffered greatly for Pharaoh's hardheaded stubbornness. During the last plague, G-d killed, in judgment, the first-born of all humans and animals in the land of Egypt.

G-d had automatically exempted Israel from the other plagues, but this last plague that was not the case. Yet G-d did provide a way to escape the destruction. It took faith and took action on that faith through the instructions given to Israel. Through G-d's provision of substitution, a perfect "Passover lamb" could take the place of the first-born in the family.

Moses gave G-d's specific, very specific instructions to Israel so G-d's punishment would pass over their homes that night. They were to sacrifice a perfect lamb, marking the doorframes of their homes, make unleavened bread and gather bitter herbs. The Israelites were commanded and did eat this meal standing up, ready to leave Egypt at any moment. This day and celebration of G-d, is what we know as Passover. Why, because G-d's Angel of Death passed over the homes marked with the blood of the sacrificial lamb, or ***in other words passed over the homes covered by the blood of the sacrificial lamb!***

Of note, is the fact, that many Egyptians and others stood with Israel, even leaving Egypt with them, a prophetic shadow of the future "grafting in" all believers into the commonwealth of Israel as pointed out by the Apostle Paul.

Exodus 12 contains the instructions given the people of Israel, through Moses concerning Passover:

EXODUS CHAPTER 12

CHRIST THE MESSIAH

{NKJV-New King James Version, CJB-Complete Jewish Bible, TEV-Today's English Version}

12:1-2 A New Beginning, a New Year all according to G-d's way, plans and purposes.

(NKJV) ¹ Now the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, ² "This month *shall be* your beginning of months; it *shall be* the first month of the year to you.

12:5-6 A male lamb in its first year was taken into the home on the tenth of Nisan. While there it was closely inspected to see if there were any blemishes or disfigurements and if without defect was sacrificed on the fourteenth of Nisan

(NKJV) 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.

12:6 All, the "whole community" of G-d's people were required to participate in the sacrifice:

(NKJV) 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.

In **Christ**, every believer is a New Creation, the old things and the old life are a thing of the past!

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NKJV) ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

Christ was closely inspected and none could find any fault in him.

Closely inspected by:

Pilate (Matthew 27:11-26, Luke 23:1-6, 13-25, John 18:28-19:16)

Herod (Luke 23:8-12)

Annas (John 18:12-13; 19-24)

Caiaphas (Matthew 26:57)

As Christ is the "lamb without blemish or defect" no one could find fault in him:

1 Peter 1:19 (CJB) ¹⁹ on the contrary, it was the costly bloody sacrificial death of the Messiah, as of a lamb without defect or spot.

All who want to be a part of G-d's Kingdom must accept the sacrifice of Christ:

Romans 3:21-26 (NKJV) ²¹ But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, ²² ***even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe.*** For there is no difference; 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, ²⁶ **to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.***

12:7, 12, 22 The blood of the sacrificial lamb was applied to the doorframe (the lintel {top} and side posts. Because the blood of the sacrificial lamb covered the home, the family was spared and "passed over" by the plague of death – G-d's judgment / punishment

12:7 (CJB) ⁷ They are to take some of the blood and smear it on the two sides and top of the door-frame at the entrance of the house in which they eat it.

12:12 (CJB) ¹² For that night, I will pass through the land of Egypt and kill all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both men and animals; and I will execute judgment against all the gods of Egypt; I am Adonai.

12:22 (CJB) ²² Take a bunch of hyssop leaves and dip it in the blood which is in the basin, and smear it on the two sides and top of the door-frame. Then, none of you is to go out the door of his house until morning.

12:46 G-d commanded the children of Israel not to break any bones of the sacrificial lamb.

Exodus 12:46 (NKJV) ⁴⁶ In one house it shall be eaten; you shall not carry any of the flesh outside the house, nor shall you break one of its bones.

As the blood of the sacrificial lamb covered those who were in the house with the blood of the sacrificial lamb on the doorframe, the blood of Christ will cover us. First we as the children of Israel, we must take action. We must accept Christ as the Passover Lamb, the Redeemer and believe, repenting and starting a new.

Romans 3:23-24 (TEV) ²³ everyone has sinned and is far away from God's saving presence. ²⁴ But by the free gift of God's grace all are put right with him through Christ Jesus, who sets them free.

Romans 5:9 (CJB) ⁹ Therefore, since we have now come to be considered righteous by means of his bloody sacrificial death, how much more will we be delivered through him from the anger of God's judgment!

This is accomplished through the lamb of G-d that takes away the sins of the world:

John 1:29 (NKJV) 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!"

As the day was growing late, the Roman soldiers wished to speed up the death of Christ, so they went to break his legs. But they found he was already dead and in fulfillment of another prophecy, they pierced his side to prove he was dead. Therefore the perfect Lamb of G-d did not have any broken bones!

John 19:32-34 (NKJV) 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.

12:14 G-d commanded the Passover to be kept and observed forever!

Exodus 12:14 (NKJV) ¹⁴ So this day shall be to you a memorial; and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD throughout your generations. You shall keep it as a feast by an everlasting ordinance.

Exodus 12:14 (CJB) ¹⁴ "This will be a day for you to remember and celebrate as a festival to Adonai; from generation to generation you are to celebrate it by a perpetual regulation.

Exodus 12:14 (TEV) ¹⁴ You must celebrate this day as a religious festival to remind you of what I, the LORD, have done. Celebrate it for all time to come."

Christ celebrated and ate the Passover meal with His Apostles in the room we know as the upper room.

Christ DID NOT tell the Apostles this was the last Passover, nor did He tell them they did not need to celebrate it any more.

NO CHRIST gave them something new and additional, which He added at the end of the seder meal.

We call it the Lord's Supper or Communion. It is an extremely powerful addition in fulfillment of His role as the Sacrificial Passover Lamb of G-d.

It is also one celebration, which has a time frame to it, while the other feasts of the Lord do not.

Luke 22:14-20 (NKJV) ¹⁴ When the hour had come, He sat down, and the twelve apostles with Him. ¹⁵ Then He said to them, "With *fervent* desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; ¹⁶ for I say to you, I will no longer eat of it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." ¹⁷ Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, "Take this and divide *it* among yourselves; ¹⁸ for I say to you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." ¹⁹ And He took bread, gave thanks and broke *it*, and gave *it* to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me." ²⁰ Likewise He also *took* the cup after supper, saying, "This cup *is* the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you.

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THE LAMB OF G-D THAT TAKES AWAY THE SIN OF THE WORLD,
G-D'S FINAL MEANS OF ATONEMENT AND REDEMPTION!***

**NONE OTHER THAN
JESUS CHRIST,
YESHUA HAMASHIACH!**

There are many professed believers who are taken back by the thought of blood spilling in sacrifice, even of animals. Since Adam and Eve, there have been animal sacrifices. Yes, G-d killed or sacrificed animals to make clothes for Adam and Eve after they had sinned; the animal sacrifice gave covering after losing their innocence when they sinned. So why did G-d use animal sacrifice, which he first commanded with the Passover Lamb?

Animal sacrifices were commanded by G-d so that the individual could experience forgiveness of sin. The animal *served as a substitute*—that is, the animal died in place of the sinner, *but only temporarily*, which is why the sacrifices needed to be offered over and over and over again. Animal sacrifices for redemption of sin are no longer needed with Jesus Christ, Yeshua HaMashiach.

Animal sacrifices foreshadowed Christ's sacrifice on our behalf. The only basis on which an animal sacrifice could provide forgiveness of sins is Christ who would sacrifice Himself for our sins, providing the forgiveness that temporary animal sacrifices could only illustrate and foreshadow.

Jesus Christ was the ultimate sacrificial substitute once for all time and is now the only mediator between God and humanity:

Hebrews 7:24-28 (NKJV) ²⁴ But He, because He continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood. ²⁵ Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them. ²⁶ For such a High Priest was fitting for us, *who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens;* ²⁷ who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people's, *for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself.* ²⁸ *For the law appoints as high priests men who have weakness, but the word of the oath, which came after the law, appoints the Son who has been perfected forever.*

1 Timothy 2:5-6 (CJB) ⁵ For God is one; and *there is but one Mediator between God and humanity, Yeshua the Messiah, himself human,* ⁶ *who gave himself as a ransom on behalf of all,* thus providing testimony to God's purpose at just the right time.

Let us sacrifice a couple of "scared cows" in the thoughts of some believers! There is only one covenant, not a covenant for salvation for the Jews and separate one for everyone else. The covenant made with Israel and the which was fulfilled by Jesus Christ, Yeshua HaMashiach, is still the original covenant, with the amendments from Jesus Christ. That is why it is described as a new covenant. Before the new covenant, Jews did not have full eternal salvation any more than anyone else. They had temporary forgiveness for their sins with the sacrifices at the Temple, but until the once and for all sacrifice of the Lamb of G-d, they could not claim everlasting salvation for their obedience. Of course, they have to follow the rules of the "new covenant" just like any one else in that they have to believe and accept Jesus Christ, Yeshua HaMashiach and His Sacrifice. It is the same covenant, but with the Sacrifice of the Messiah, Jesus, Yeshua fulfilled G-d's covenant with us, because no man could!

Next let us take a look at a common justification for "anti-Semitic" attitudes. You all have heard it – "the Jews killed Jesus".

Ready for revelation from G-d Almighty. The Jews had no choice in the matter, whether they believed in Jesus or not! That is correct and guess what, G-d Almighty follows His own rules and commandments. Confused, well, not to worry.

In the Torah, the "Law of Moses", the books of Moses, is the book of Leviticus. Leviticus is a book of specifics for the priesthood, the Tabernacle of G-d and the laws and guidance for all the sacrifices and Feasts of the Lord.

G-d gives very strict laws and instructions in this book. It is the book most people think about when they think of the "the law" and the covenant, whether they realize it or not.

G-d's prescribed manner for sacrifice in Leviticus was unbendable and strict, not open to "poetic license". In a nutshell; the **people** brought the animal for sacrifice to the tabernacle, later the Temple, **to the priests and the High Priest**. The priests then did their duty with the sacrificial rituals for the people. The difference in the Passover Lamb was that once the Lamb was sacrificially slaughtered and the blood sprinkled on the altar, the carcass was given back to the family so they could roast it and eat it for Passover. This is G-d's Law, His instructions and what He followed himself with Jesus Christ, the Lamb of G-d, who takes away the sin of the world.

The **people**, an angry mob **had the Priests and High Priest take Jesus to court**, to Pontius Pilate **to be put to death**. Christ was examined and no fault or defect was found with him (the Passover Lamb without blemish). Jesus was the perfect Lamb of G-d who was put to sacrificial death, with his blood spilled in the process.

Do you understand, it had to go this way? Regardless of what they felt, they had to do it this way ***to follow the Law of G-d regarding sacrifices for atonement. The people brought the Lamb of G-d to the Priests, who offered him up as sacrifice, causing His blood to be spilled in sacrificial death.***

All according to the "Law of Moses", the Levitical commands for sacrifice and atonement, because it was G-d's law and He himself followed it in offering up His only begotten Son so that all mankind could be redeemed if they believed and accepted Jesus Christ, Yeshua HaMashiach.

Passover was commanded as a celebration and remembrance, a time of thanksgiving for G-d Almighty's acts of salvation for His people, paving the way for the ultimate Passover and Passover Lamb, through the covering of the blood of the Lamb of G-d, Jesus Christ, Yeshua HaMashiach.

Jesus added another important element to the Passover we know as the Lord's Supper or Communion.

Observance of this is a time of remembrance and thanksgiving:

Luke 22:19-20 (CJB) ¹⁹ Also, taking a piece of *matzah*, he made the *b'rakhah*, broke it, gave it to them and said, "This is my body, which is being given for you; do this in memory of me." ²⁰ He did the same with the cup after the meal, saying, "This cup is the New Covenant, ratified by my blood, which is being poured out for you.

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 (CJB) ²³ For what I received from the Lord is just what I passed on to you — that the Lord Yeshua, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; ²⁴ and after he had made the *b'rakhah* he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this as a memorial to me"; ²⁵ likewise also the cup after the meal, saying, "This cup is the New Covenant effected by my blood; do this, as often as you drink it, as a memorial to me." ²⁶ ***For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord, until he comes.***

The Lord's Supper as Passover is called many times, is a time for refreshing and communion:

1 Corinthians 10:16-17 (NKJV) ¹⁶ The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? ¹⁷ For we, *though* many, are one bread *and* one body; for we all partake of that one bread.

Romans 5:8-11 (NKJV) ⁸ But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. ¹⁰ For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. ¹¹ And not only *that*, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

The Lord's Supper as Passover is called many times, is a time for anticipation and recommitment:

1 Corinthians 11:26 (CJB) ²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord, until he comes.

1 Corinthians 11:28-29 (NKJV) ²⁸ But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹ For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

Because of the foundation of the Passover, the Passover Lamb of G-d, Jesus Christ, Yeshua HaMashiach, the addition given to the celebration by our Messiah and Redeemer, the Lord's Supper or Communion take on a very deep and important facet to G-d's plan of salvation for mankind.

The following Blessing was in use at the time Jesus and without doubt was used by Jesus, Yeshua in blessing the bread and the wine:

*Man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD
(Deut 8:3)*

The *HaMotzi Lechem* is the blessing said before eating bread and is one of the most frequently said of the Hebrew blessings, used for Shabbat, holidays and other occasions:

Wording in blue has been added to now include the Messiah:

Traditional Blessing Over the Bread

HaMotzi Lechem

***Barukh attah Adonai Eloheynu melekh ha-olam, Ha-motzi
lechem min ha-aretz HaShem,
Yeshua HaMashiach***

Blessed art thou, Lord our G_D, King of the Universe,
Who brings forth bread from the earth,
Yeshua HaMashiach the bread.

Traditional Blessing Over the Wine

Berakhah HaGafen

*Barukh attah Adonai Eloheynu melekh ha-olam Borei p'ri
ha-gafen. HaShem, Yeshua HaMashiach*

Blessed art Thou, LORD our G_D, King of the universe, Creator of
the fruit of the vine, *Yeshua HaMashiach the vine.*

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Glossary

Terms associated with Passover

- Aphikomen** (*afikomen*) : Hebrew translations for Greek derivative, *epikomos*. That which comes last, the hidden Passover bread eaten at the seder.
- Ashkenazim** : Hebrew for a cultural branch of Judaism that developed in northern and eastern Europe and from which most American Jews are descended.
- Bedikat Chametz** : Hebrew for the formal search for leaven before Passover.
- Betzah** : Hebrew for "egg", symbolic hardboiled and roasted egg on the seder plate; also called *Haggigah*.
- Booths, Feast of** : In Hebrew, Succoth, the fifteenth day of the seventh month of the Jewish calendar; a seven-day holiday when Israel was to dwell in booths in commemoration of their time in the wilderness and G-d's provision for them.
- Chametz** : Hebrew for any fermented product of grain and all leavening agents; that which makes sour.
- Chazereth** : Hebrew for a whole piece of, or a whole, bitter root, usually horseradish, on the seder plate.
- Dayeinu** : Hebrew title of a Passover song meaning, "it would have been sufficient".
- Echad** : Hebrew for "one".
- Gentile** : Any people who are not Jewish.
- Haggadah** : Hebrew for the book that sets forth and explains the seder service. *"The telling"*.
- Karpas** : Hebrew for one of the symbolic foods on the seder plate, usually parsley or other greens.
- Kiddush** : Hebrew for a prayer of sanctification; the blessing over the ritual cup of wine.
- Maror** : Hebrew for bitter, ground horseradish, one of the symbolic foods on the seder plate.
- Matzo** (*Matzah*): Hebrew for "without leaven"; a flat wafer of unleavened bread.
- Matzo Tash** : Yiddish of a baglike fabric container used for the three ritual wafers of unleavened bread at the seder. It is symbolic of the death, burial and the resurrection of Christ.
- Messiah** (*Mashiach*) : English translation of Hebrew *Mashiach*, meaning "the anointed One of G-d" who was to come to fill all three offices for which one must receive anointing: prophet, priest and kind: the promised Redeemer.
- Mishnah** : Hebrew for the collection of oral laws that forms the basis of the Talmud; compiled by Judah

ha-Nasi (c. AD 135 to 220).

Mount Sinai : The mountain from which G-d gave the Law to Moses.

Nissan : The first month in the Jewish Calendar as set up by G-d; also known as *Abib*.

Pascha : Greek translation of the Hebrew *pesah*, meaning "Passover".

Passover : From the Hebrew *pesah*; the first of the seven Feasts of G-d; the Paschal sacrifice; title may also include Feast of Unleavened Bread.

Pentecost : The Feast of Weeks (*Shavuot*); the fiftieth day after the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread; the festival of the gathering of the first fruits of the harvest.

Pesah : Hebrew for the holiday of Passover; the Paschal Lamb.

Sephardim : Hebrew for a cultural branch of Judaism; descendants of the Jews who fled Spain and Portugal after the Edict of Expulsion in 1492; They share a common language known as *Ladino* (*variation of Spanish*), as opposed to Ashkenazi Jews who speak Yiddish.

Shemah : Hebrew for "Listen" or pay attention from Deuteronomy 6:4

Siddur : Hebrew for the Jewish prayer book; the set order of prayers.

Talmud : The two commentaries on the Mishnah, one produced in the Holy Land about AD 275, the other in Babylonia about AD 500; the designation for both the Mishnah and the commentaries on it (*Gemara*).

Torah : Hebrew for the Pentateuch; the first five books of the Bible written by Moses containing the "Law" given to Moses to give to Israel; the "scroll" containing the first five books of Moses (of the Bible). Used in the synagogues.

Unleavened Bread, Feast of : The second of the seven feasts of G-d; begins on the fifteenth of Nissan, directly after the Passover, continuing for seven days. NO LEAVEN is to be eaten.

Yarmulke (*Kippa*) : A cap worn by Orthodox Jews during prayers.

Yiddish : The language spoken by Jews of European ancestry; a dialect of old German.

Zeroah : Hebrew for "arm"; in animals, "shoulder"; the shank bone on the seder plate representative of the Paschal sacrifice (*occasionally substituted if a lamb shank is unobtainable*).

Note: There are variances of spelling for some of the above names, titles, etc. The spelling used here, is the norm for many Messianic believers.