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## Passover Implications

What does the death and resurrection of Yahshua mean for us? We know His death was a sacrifice for our sins, but what does that really mean for us? According to Hebrews 9:11-22, upon our contrite repentance from sin, Yahshua's shed blood, and death as 'the Spotless Lamb', cleanses us from all sin ... that is, if afterward, "we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light" and enabling us, moreover, to have fellowship with one another (1 John 1:7).

Furthermore, our passage from Hebrews 9:11-22 marks Yahshua's death becoming the Testator of a New Covenant, foretold by Him to His disciples during the Passover meal He shared with them (Matt. 26:26-28).

But what is the New Covenant, first introduced to us in Jeremiah 31:31-34, and reiterated in Hebrews 8:8-12, and 10:15-17?

*"Behold, days are coming," declares Yahweh, "when I will make a New Covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant which I made with their fathers on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, although I was a husband to them," declares Yahweh. "For this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days," declares Yahweh: "I will put My law within them and write it on their heart; and I will be their Elohim, and they shall be My people. They will not teach again, each one his neighbor and each one his brother, saying, 'Know Yahweh,' for they will all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them," declares Yahweh, "for I will forgive their wrongdoing, and their sin I will no longer remember."*

Notice how the Law is still required to be obeyed in this covenant. The difference is that Yahweh will write the Law on our hearts. This means we will desire to obey Him and follow His ways. Yahweh intended to write His Law on the hearts of His people at Mount Sinai, but could it be that He found tablets of stone a softer substance? Apparently so, as He observed of this people, *Oh that they had such a heart in them, that they would fear Me, and keep all My commandments always, that it may be well with them and with their sons forever, Deuteronomy 5:29.*

But now, with this New Covenant, Yahweh will write His Laws on our hearts.

*Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put My Spirit within you and bring it about that you walk in My statutes, and are careful and follow My ordinances, Ezekiel 36:25-27.*

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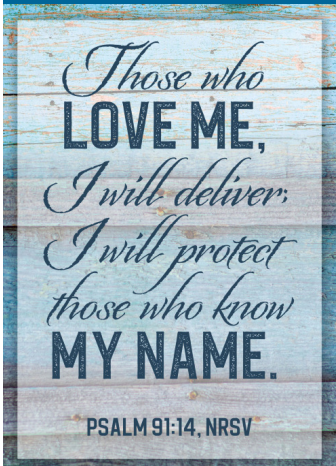


1 CORINTHIANS 5:7, KJV

FOR EVEN  
OUR PASSOVER  
IS SACRIFICED  
*Messiah*  
*for us.*

AND YOU SHALL  
OBSERVE THIS  
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FOREVER.

Exodus 12:24, NASB.



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## Passover Implications ...,cont.

But how? We will be washed with water and be clean. This is immersion into water in the Name of Yahshua. Thus, we read of the formula in Acts 2:38: *And Peter said to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the Name of Yahshua Messiah for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."*

When we repent and are immersed in the saving Name of Yahshua, in which salvation alone is found (Acts 4:12), we are washed of sins that are past and walk in newness of life (Rom. 6:3-4). We are purposed to walk in righteousness. Yahshua's blood cleanses us and covers the doorposts of our heart much like the blood covered the doorposts of His people in Egypt. And just like then, even now the blood of the Spotless Lamb on the doorposts of our hearts denies death, entry. This blood softens, and circumcises our heart by the power of the indwelling Spirit given to us who believe, with our immersion.

*And in Him you have been made complete, and He is the Head over every ruler and authority; and in Him you were also circumcised with a circumcision performed without hands, in the removal of the body of the flesh by the circumcision of Messiah, having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised with Him through faith in the working of Elohim, who raised Him from the dead. And when you were dead in your wrongdoings and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our wrongdoings,* Colossians 2:10-13.

Circumcision of the heart is not a new Scriptural concept, as Yahweh desired this of His people in the first covenant, as it is written: *So, circumcise your heart, and do not stiffen your neck any longer.* Deuteronomy 10:16.

And perhaps speaking prophetically, Yahweh again expresses His purposes in Deuteronomy 30:6: *Moreover, Yahweh your Elohim will circumcise your heart and the hearts of your descendants, to love Yahweh your Elohim with all your heart and all your soul, so that you may live.*

And so, Yahweh desires us to become heart-circumcised, as confirmed by the Apostle Paul who wrote, *But he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter; and his praise is not from people, but from Yahweh,* Romans 2:29.

Circumcision of the heart, accomplished through contrite repentance and immersion in water in the Name of Yahshua and receiving the Holy Spirit through the laying on of the hands of the presbytery and then, day by day being renewed by the indwelling Spirit (Titus 3:5; Rom. 12:2). Of course, heart-circumcision means nothing without obedience to Yahweh's commandments (1 Cor. 7:19). In fact, we are admonished that disobedience to Yahweh can invalidate our heart-circumcision. *For indeed circumcision is of value if you practice the Law; but if you are a violator of the Law, your circumcision has turned into uncircumcision,* Romans 2:25. So be careful not to despise the grace of Yahweh. Scripture warns against willful sin which can cause you to be cut off from Yahweh (Heb. 6:4-6, 10:26-31; 2 Pet. 2:21).

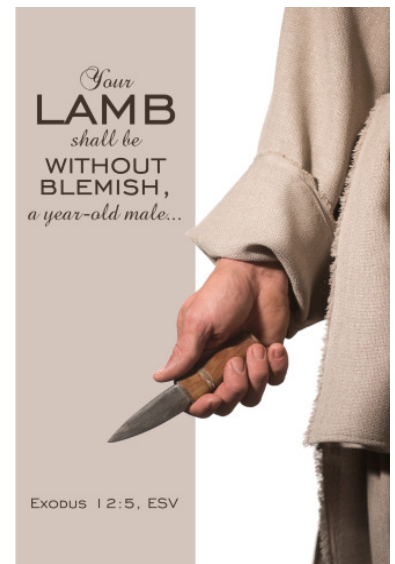
### The Rights of the Heart-Circumcised

All who have contritely repented of, and renounced sin from having dominion in their lives, and been immersed in the Name of Yahshua Messiah for the remission of sins that are past, have become circumcised of heart and are made stakeholders in the New Covenant and can partake in the Passover. Circumcision of the heart is what matters, and what Yahweh desires. When we have been heart-circumcised and have accepted Yahshua as our Sovereign and Savior, it is not our sin Yahweh sees. He sees His Son. And so, we can say, as the Apostle Paul,

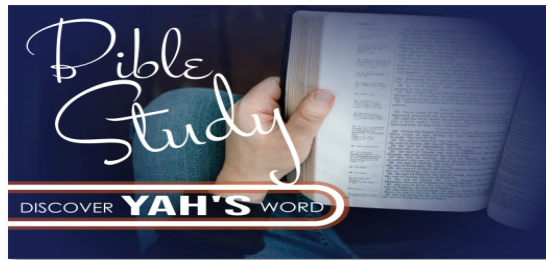
*I have been impaled with Messiah; and it is no longer I who live, but Messiah lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of Yahweh, who loved me and gave Himself up for me. ... For all of you who were baptized into Messiah have clothed yourselves with Messiah,* Galatians 2:20, 3:27.

Here's the conclusion of the matter: When Yahweh sees us walk by faith, He sees His Son. Thus, we, too, become His children. Yahshua went through all this pain and suffering to reconcile us together in Yahweh so that one day, we might experience the fullness of Yahweh's love with the renewal and restitution of all things.

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**EDITOR'S NOTE:** We remind everyone that those coming into a knowledge of the Truth, but have not yet repented with water immersion in the Saving Name of Yahshua, and proper laying on of hands, may NOT partake in the Sacred Emblems of grape juice and unleavened bread during the Passover Memorial. Neither would it be appropriate to participate in foot washing with uncircumcised individuals. Though, these and even the youth, may be witnesses of these things among the baptized brethren in the Messiah.



## Bible Study of Feast of Unleavened Bread

### OLD TESTAMENT INSTRUCTIONS AND OBSERVANCES

**Exodus 12:14–20** establishes the feast as a permanent ordinance commemorating the exodus from Egypt, requiring seven days of unleavened bread consumption with holy assemblies on the first and seventh days, occurring from the fourteenth at sunset (technically the fifteenth) to the twenty-first day at sunset of the first month called *Abib*.

**Exodus 13:3–10** directs the people to remember their deliverance from slavery by observing seven days of unleavened bread in the month of *Abib*, with no leaven permitted in their borders.

**Exodus 23:15** identifies the Feast of Unleavened Bread as one of three annual sojourning celebrations, but this is the first to be observed in the month of *Abib*.

**Exodus 34:18** reiterates the command to observe the feast for seven days in the month of *Abib*, commemorating the exodus.

**Leviticus 23:6–8** specifies that the feast begins on the fifteenth day of the first month and lasts seven days, with holy convocations on the first and seventh days when no laborious work is permitted.

**Deuteronomy 16:3–8** describes unleavened bread as “the bread of affliction,” to be eaten for seven days as a remembrance of the hasty exodus, with a solemn assembly on the seventh day.

**Numbers 28:16-25** outlines the feast beginning on the fifteenth day (end of the 14th, at sunset) with unleavened bread eaten for seven days, including specific burnt offerings and a holy convocation on the seventh day.

**Ezekiel 45:21-24** describes a future observance where the prince provides sacrifices throughout the seven-day Feast of Unleavened Bread, starting with Passover at the beginning of the fourteenth, end of the thirteenth at sunset.

### HISTORICAL OBSERVANCES

**Ezra 6:22** records the returning exiles observing the Feast of Unleavened Bread for seven days with joy.

**2 Chronicles 30:13-22** references King Hezekiah’s reinstatement of the feast, celebrated in the second month with great joy for seven days, including sacrifices and thanksgiving. But, Passover is not mentioned this second time.

**2 Chronicles 35:17** mentions the sons of Israel celebrating the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread for seven days.

### NEW TESTAMENT REFERENCES

**Mark 14:1** mentions the Passover and Unleavened Bread approaching as the chief priests and scribes plotted against Yahshua the Messiah.

**Luke 22:1** refers to the approaching Feast of Unleavened Bread, which was generally called by Judaic tradition, the Passover.

**Acts 12:3-4** notes that Apostle Peter’s arrest occurred during the days of Unleavened Bread.

**Acts 20:6** records the Apostle Paul and his companions sailing after the days of Unleavened Bread.

**1 Corinthians 5:6-8** applies the feast spiritually, instructing believers to “clean out the old leaven” and celebrate with “unleavened bread of sincerity and truth” because “Messiah our Passover also has been sacrificed.”

## Spring Cleaning of Leavening



Yes, even under the hood of the stoves at the Assembly we found bread crumbs which needed to be cleaned out. The idea of doing this physical act each year is to internalize our own spiritual cleaning process. Each year we are reminded to consider ourselves and what leavening there may be that needs to be removed. Typically this is our attitude towards one another, but can also be looked at as doctrinal (Luke 12:1; 1 Cor. 5:6-8; Matt. 16:6-12; Mark 8:15; Gal. 5:7-9).

Let us prepare as a Bride for the coming King (Rev. 19:7-8, 21:2, 9).

## Prayer List

David & Barbara Creel, Robert Dorchester, Stella Rogers, Sean Rogers and Family, Loretta Reyes and Family, Michael Hutchinson, Chauncey Hargrove, David & Nancy Wilson Family/Friends, Jerry Castle, Mary Giles Family, Quinnten Allen, Kat Durban, Isaiah Davis, Dulcena Tessner, Marilyn Patterson Family, David Andrews, Kenya Washington, Elder Lionel Gets Family, Joseph Miller, Adam Galvan Family, Dianne E. Wright Family, Maria Nelson Family, Hilda Driedger, David Nathaniel Malm, Susana Malm, Mike and Sheila Kemper, Charlie Pelton, Monica Kleb, James Penn Family, Sheila Sendeyo, Robert Creech, Diane Crocker, Henry Sunderman, Eileen Pelton, Annie Pelton, David Townsend, Thomas Hunt, Valerie Freeman, Robbie Lenard, Cecil Wideman, Steven Wonderly Family, Elijah Uchenna Family, Pat Beasley, IsaYah Perkins, Linda Root Family, Karl Russell, Maria Nelson, David Salley, Richard Nesselrodt, Danny O'Connor Family, Liz Napper, William Kemsley, Henry Kipngeno Family, Richard Daniel Rodriguez, Zion Gotay, Robert Pugh Family, Ron Ayala, Tyree Jones, Ryan Irving Family, Jai Burgo, Marilyn Montague, John Laczko, Johnny Pearson, Ricardo Angolano, Vivian Wanjiru Family, Travis Handy, Janai Gé Vargas, James Emmett Jerman, Roger Kinnerson, Bertha Tedwill, John and Marcy Mallinson, Roger Kinnerson, Yuri Andrew, Oghenekaro Ugbuku, James Raum, Melodie Illgen, Bobby Gruhn, Elder Heritier Bamba, Genie Berry Family, Elder Thomas Musekenya, Roman Malyk, Joe Deavors, James (Butch) Dowell, Adria and Rashida Green, Jenny Johnson, Allen Smalls, Grady Krzywkowski, Roger Kinnerson, Charles Phinney, and all of the Assemblies of Yahweh in Yahshua. Please also include in your prayers individuals seeking Yahweh from within prison facilities and for their families, plus overseas brethren and especially for the peace of Jerusalem (Psa. 122:6). The world's leaders could also use our prayers (Jer. 29:7; 1 Tim. 2:2).



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