

## Pessah (Passover)

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## This year the Seder is on March 29th, 2010

The prophetic fulfillment of this Holiday is clear. It is a time to thank God for our freedom, and that covers a volume of types of freedoms. To be a free people, and to be free to worship God. But the word that summed up the true meaning of Pessah is "Redemption". Rabbi Saul (Paul) sums up this theme in his letter to the Corinthian Believers. He was addressing a moral problem in their members. To solve their problem Saul draws upon a well-known analogy of Pessah.

Your boasting is not good. Don't you know the saying, it takes only a little chametz to leaven a whole batch of dough? Get rid of the old chametz, so that you can be a new batch of dough, because in reality you are unleavened. For your Pessah Lamb, the Messiah, has been sacrificed. So let us celebrate the Seder, not with leftover charmetz, the charmetz of wickedness and evil, but with the matzah of purity and truth. (I-Corinthians 5:6-8)

Paul is telling Believers to celebrate Passover, to have a Seder (Passover Meal) that celebrates the deliverance from Slavery and being a free people. To set aside this day to thank, praise and worship God. I don't want to dwell on this too much but it was the Catholic Church that said "to do so was far to Jewish," and they stopped the celebration of Passover in the Church. It however created a great problem. What about the Resurrection, what would they do about the fact that all the early Believers celebrated the Resurrection on the day of First Fruits? (Part of the Passover celebration)

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Yeshua died on the **Feast of Pessah**, was buried on the **Feast of Unleavened Bread**, and rose on the **Feast of First Fruits**. Fifty days later the Holy Spirit was sent on the next Holiday in line **Shavuot** (**Pentecost**). This was what is referred to as the first advent. The first three Holiday's follow each other, in the first three days, (**Pessah**, **Unleavened Bread**, and **First Fruits**) and we celebrate them all within an 8 day celebration, and we just call it Passover (Pessah). But the Catholic Church had a big problem, and they solved it with a bunch of paganism brought in from Babylon, and called the Resurrection (**First Fruits**) Easter. But enough of that, for now I want to just talk about Pessah, and possibly your getting it right.

Before going on, I want to make something clear, I am not suggesting that you must keep all the Jewish laws concerning Pessah, you have the freedom to adapt the preparation to a comfortable degree. To some they may celebrate more than others. It is well however to note, that what I am saying is from the Word, and I know it pleases God for His people to reach out to Him in truth instead of paganism.

## Prophetic Fulfillment

In a house there is much preparations for the Seder, the house is cleaned from top to bottom, there is no bread or leaven left in the house anywhere. After the first week of Nisan, for focus is very directed towards Pessah. After sundown on the fourteenth day of Nisan, a special ceremony called *bedikat khameytz* (the search of the leaven) takes place in the home. The last tiny bits of leaven are found and removed from the house, taken outside and burned.

This is interesting because the house had been previously cleaned, so the leader of the house had to hide some small bits here and there in the house to be found. Then the leader takes a **feather and a wooden spoon and a lighted candle**. And the family begins searching for the final leaven. This is a great time to get the children involved, it's like the game hide and seek.

There are many spiritual lessons for Believers here. The leaven (sin) must be cleaned from our house (our hearts). In so doing we must use the light of the candle (the Word of God) Illumines our sin (Psalm 119:11). The most beautiful of all, the wooden spoon that holds the leaven, (the Wooden Cross that holds all of our sins and carries them away). To the Believer who walks with God and is filled with His Spirit will discern many spiritual truths in this, and begin to know why the Word tells us to

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celebrate the Seder (Peasch).

It is my belief that when a true Believer discovers any Biblical truth and applies it to their life, doing so enriches them. So it is my prayer that you may experience a closer relationship with Messiah Yeshua our Passover Lamb in and intimate and practical way. Let us therefore celebrate the feast (I-Cor. 5:8)

So with the above preparation, we are ready to begin the Seder, the festive feast called the Seder. It is full of wonderful spiritual truths for the Believer as well as the Jew. Hopefully you will find a good Haggadah (booklet of how to hold a Seder) and begin a spiritual trip that will enrich your life and give you a deeper closer walk with our Messiah. If I can be of any help, please let me know.

Shalom and Hag Same'ach (happy Holiday), jerry golden

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