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For those of you that are new to Pesach or Passover

What's Pesach? - 1st of the 7 annual Festivals Yahweh ordained to reveal Himself to mankind

It's a remembrance of emancipation after the last plague: death of the Egyptian firstborn

Deut 16:16 "Three times a year all your men are to appear in the presence of Adonai your God in the place which he will choose – at the festival of matzah, at the festival of Shavu'ot and at the festival of Sukkot. They are not to show up before Adonai empty-handed." CJB

Why observe the Egyptian Pesach ceremony service, even though there are other forms?

It portrays true emancipation reality - Israel was protected from a firstborn death

By showing their trust in Yahweh via their submission to His lifesaving instructions

_____ **the innocent lamb's blood on the lintel of his home as commanded**

Letting this sacrificed victim essentially take the place of a guilty "firstborn"

_____ **stated ingredients to portray the cost of the emancipation as instructed**

Ex 12:29 "At midnight Adonai killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh sitting on his throne to the firstborn of the prisoner in the dungeon, and all the firstborn of livestock." CJB

_____ **next morning on a one-way trip to the Promised Land as instructed**

Ex 12:35 "The people of Isra'el had done what Moshe had said – they had asked the Egyptians to give them silver and gold jewelry and clothing" CJB

The Egyptian Pesach ceremony conveys a true PROPHETIC picture of Yeshua's service

He died as an innocent first-born lamb on behalf of the guilty "firstborn" of Israel

Why do many believers today not celebrate Pesach?

They misconstrue Paul's statement to the Colossians about the bill of charges against men

Col 2:13-14 "You were dead because of your sins, that is, because of your "foreskin," your old nature. But God made you alive along with the Messiah by forgiving you all your sins. 14 He wiped away the bill of charges against us. Because of the regulations, it stood as a testimony against us; but he removed it by nailing it to the execution-stake." CJB

How do we know abolishing the Torah was not what Paul was talking about here?

1 - Charges or crimes needing removal were mankind's sins against God, not the Torah

As it was customary to list these _____ charges above men hanging on a stake

John 19:18-19 "There they nailed him to the stake along with two others, one on either side, with Yeshua in the middle. 19 Pilate also had a notice written and posted on the stake; it read, YESHUA FROM NATZERET THE KING OF THE JEWS." CJB

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2 - Paul continued to _____ the Torah, which later led to arrest and death

3 - Saying this would have directly _____ what Yeshua told everyone

Matt 5:17-20 “Don’t think that I have come to abolish the Torah or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish but to complete. 18 Yes indeed! I tell you that until heaven and earth pass away, not so much as a yud or a stroke will pass from the Torah — not until everything that must happen has happened. 19 So whoever disobeys the least of these mitzvot and teaches others to do so will be called the least in the Kingdom of Heaven. But whoever obeys them and so teaches will be called great in the Kingdom of Heaven.” CJB

Why should every believer celebrate Pesach or Passover?

1st - Pesach rests on a _____ instituted law with no termination point!

Ex 12:13-14 “The blood will serve you as a sign marking the houses where you are; when I see the blood, I will pass over [Hebrew: pasach] you – when I strike the land of Egypt, the death blow will not strike you. 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.” CJB

Perpetual (Hebrew [chukat olam]) means “lasting ordinance or decree that never ends”

Ex 12:23-24 “For Adonai will pass through to kill the Egyptians; but when he sees the blood on the top and on the two sides, Adonai will pass over the door and will not allow the Slaughterer to enter your houses and kill you. 24 You are to observe this as a law, you and your descendants forever.” CJB

2nd - Past personages and locations are key _____ of existing anti-Kingdom forces

Pesach reminds men that Yeshua continues to deliver from Pharaoh (Satan) & Egypt (sin)

And this Pesach deliverance from new sin and bondage is available to all who trust

1 John 2:1-2 “My children, I am writing you these things so that you won’t sin. But if anyone does sin, we have Yeshua the Messiah, the Tzaddik, who pleads our cause with the Father. 2 Also, he is the kapparah for our sins – and not only for ours, but also for those of the whole world.” CJB

3rd - Yeshua _____ the perpetual aspect of Pesach to point to Himself as the true Lamb

Pesach is the only festival believers are specifically told should commemorate His death

1 Cor 11:23-26 “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.” CJB

Thus, when we don’t celebrate Pesach or New Moons, we are disobeying His directive

Reality - The concept of Pesach did not originate with Moses as most think

Yahweh laid the groundwork & established the timeframe for it on the _____ day of creation

Gen 1:14-15 “God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to divide the day from the night; let them be for signs, seasons, days and years; 15 and let them be for lights in the dome of the sky to give light to the earth”; and that is how it was.” CJB

Seasons is the Hebrew [mo-ed] and means "appointed time or meeting"

Thus, on this 4th day, Yahweh placed the sun, moon, and stars as time markers

For men to meet Him face to face on His Shabbats, New Moons, and Festivals

Few realize Abraham met with Yahweh at the appointed time we now known as Pesach

While this visit doesn't clearly identify this Time as Pesach, there are clear hints it was

1st - Yahweh's 3 angels _____ to Abraham on an appointed mission [mo-ed]

Gen 18:1-3 "Adonai appeared to Avraham by the oaks of Mamre as he sat at the entrance to the tent during the heat of the day. 2 He raised his eyes and looked, and there in front of him stood three men. On seeing them, he ran from the tent door to meet them, prostrated himself on the ground, 3 and said, "My lord, if I have found favor in your sight, please don't leave your servant." CJB

2nd - This brief and unscheduled stop forced Sarah to make some _____ bread

Gen 18:4-6 "Please let me send for some water, so that you can wash your feet; then rest under the tree, 5 and I will bring a piece of bread. Now that you have come to your servant, refresh yourselves before going on." "Very well," they replied, "do what you have said." 6 Avraham hurried into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quickly, three measures of the best flour! Knead it and make cakes." CJB

3rd - And it required Abraham select a good _____ young lamb to feed them

And like the Pesach lamb, this tenderness implies it was also without blemish

Gen 18:7 "Avraham ran to the herd, took a good, tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it." CJB

While this visit doesn't explicitly identify the Month as Nissan, there is a clear hint it was

The angels let Abraham and Sarah know they were the recipients of a major miracle

And only Nissan or Abib is known as THE month of _____

And the angel specifically said he would return next year around the same time

Gen 18:9-11 "They said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" He said, "There, in the tent." 10 He said, "I will certainly return to you around this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son." Sarah heard him from the entrance of the tent, behind him. 11 Avraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years; Sarah was past the age of childbearing." CJB

While this visit doesn't clearly identify its connection to ULB, there are hints it was

1st - Abraham bargained with Yahweh to prevent Sodom & Gomorrah's _____

Gen 18:32-33 "He said, "I hope Adonai won't be angry if I speak just once more. What if ten are found there?" He said, "For the sake of the ten I won't destroy it." 33 Adonai went on his way as soon as he had finished speaking to Avraham, and Avraham returned to his place." CJB

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2nd - The two angels came to Sodom the next evening to execute _____

But Lot intercepted them and urged them to spend the night at his house

Gen 19:1-2 “The two angels came to S’dom that evening, when Lot was sitting at the gate of S’dom. Lot saw them, got up to greet them and prostrated himself on the ground. 2 He said, “Here now, my lords, please come over to your servant’s house. Spend the night, wash your feet, get up early, and go on your way.” “No,” they answered, “we’ll stay in the square.” CJB

Like Sarah, Lot had to move quickly to make bread for the 2 angels

Note - Nothing else about the meal is described in this verse except the bread!

Gen 19:3 “But he kept pressing them; so they went home with him; and he made them a meal, baking matzah for their supper, which they ate.” CJB

3rd - Yahweh explicitly enacted Pesach to save Israel from His _____ on Egypt

And as Yahweh spared Israel, He saw to it that Lot and his family were spared

Gen 19:14-17 “Lot went out and spoke with his sons-in-law, who had married his daughters, and said, “Get up and leave this place, because Adonai is going to destroy the city.” But his sons-in-law didn’t take him seriously. 15 When morning came, the angels told Lot to hurry. “Get up,” they said, “and take your wife and your two daughters who are here; otherwise you will be swept away in the punishment of the city.” 16 But he dallied, so the men took hold of his hand, his wife’s hand and the hands of his two daughters – Adonai was being merciful to him – and led them, leaving them outside the city.” CJB

Conclusion

Annual Pesach sacrifices are a shadow picture of Yeshua our Pesach, designed to remind us

1 - Post regeneration _____ is still available to all believers that seek Him

Pesach does not pretend to replace nor diminish Yeshua’s death

It retells the story of Yeshua’s redemptive death on mankind’s behalf

2 - Post regeneration _____ from leaven (sin) is available as part of His new order

1 Cor 5:7-8 “Get rid of the old hametz, so that you can be a new batch of dough, because in reality you are unleavened. For our Pesach lamb, the Messiah, has been sacrificed. 8 So let us celebrate the Seder not with leftover hametz, the hametz of wickedness and evil, but with the matzah of purity and truth.” CJB

Let’s continue to worship Yeshua now in our homes via the Egyptian Seder after the Offering

And honor Him for our salvation via His redemptive sacrifices

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