

The Passover

The Scarlet Thread of Redemption

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Introduction

The Passover is far more than just a retelling of the Exodus out of Egypt. It is more than just Yahshua suffering to pay the penalty of our transgression on the torture stake on Passover. The blood of the Passover Lamb and the foreshadowing of the Messiah's role is *The Scarlet Thread of Redemption* that runs throughout the entire Word of Yahweh. It is His Plan of Salvation!

This *Scarlet Thread of Redemption* runs

- **from** the prophecy in Genesis that the seed of a woman will crush the enemy and then a lamb slaughtered to “cover” the sinful parts of the bodies of Adam and Eve
- **through** Abraham sacrificing his first born son Isaac who was saved by a the sacrifice of a lamb
- **leading to** the Exodus where the blood of the lamb covered the first born and the angel of death passed over the homes who entered into that covenant, that is where we get the name Passover
- **culminating** with Yahshua transposing these prophecies and physical metaphors and rehearsals to their spiritual truths. Showing us “The Way” unto salvation and leading us through The Narrow Gate as The Shepherd of all the lambs of Yahweh to...
- **being expressed** in faith each year by offering our own lives as living sacrifices on Passover following in the footsteps of The Messiah to...
- **finding completion** with the return of Yahshua and the GREATER Exodus into the Millennial Kingdom. When Yahshua gathers all the spotless lambs of Yahweh who have followed his example on Passover and offered themselves as spotless lambs and living sacrifices on the altar to Yahweh! Then the fulfillment of Mikveh is realized and the land and people cleansed of their sin!

Yahweh gave us His instruction and laid out a “moedim” or rehearsal for us to learn this vital Spiritual Truth. This rehearsal was to illustrate **physically** the concept of personal sacrifice. In this rehearsal defined in The Torah, Yahweh had the children of Israel take one of their most prized lambs and slaughter it. We have to understand the personal sacrifice this was to them. They relied on their flocks for milk, and meat and for trade. This was a HUGE personal sacrifice each family had to make in terms of their personal resources. Yahweh was teaching us as who are spiritually immature children the value of personal sacrifice because that was to come in The Yahshuaic Covenant. That “lamb” would be our own bodies!

Below is the definition of the physical rehearsal, notice that each man had to offer his own Passover Lamb:

Exodus 12 - The Passover and the Festival of Unleavened Bread

1 Yahweh said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, ²“This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. ³Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month **each man is to take a lamb for his family**, one for each household. ⁴If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbor, You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat. ⁵The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats. ⁶Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the members of the community of Israel must slaughter **them** (there were many Passover Lambs) at twilight. ⁷

Yahshua taught The Passover is the “narrow gate”

Matthew 7

¹³“Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. ¹⁴But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, *and only a few find it.*

The “gate” that leads us out of bondage of sin and into the promised land of eternal life is and always has been **The Passover**. Yahshua speaks of this very same narrow gate below as he illustrates through use of The Mystery Language that he is The Passover Lamb and we all must follow his example on Passover. The Narrow Gate is literally “how” we keep Passover. Yahshua is the shepherd of all the Passover Lambs of Yahweh and he led the way through the Gate on Passover:

John 10:11

The Good Shepherd and His Sheep who enter through The Passover

10 “Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the **sheep pen** **by the gate** (Passover), but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. ²The one who enters **by the gate** (Passover) is the **shepherd** of the (rest of the) sheep. ³The gatekeeper (Yahweh) opens **the gate** for him (the Shepherd Yahshua who leads us out of a life of bondage into a new life of freedom from sin by his Passover sacrifice), and the sheep (we too our lambs of Yahweh) listen to his (Yahshua’s) voice (example). He calls his own **sheep** (Passover Lambs) by name and leads them out (of this physical world and into The Kingdom of Yahweh through Passover). ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them (offering his life as a living sacrifice and suffering at the stake on Passover), and **his sheep follow him** (in the Passover example he set) because they know his voice. ⁵But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger’s voice.” ⁶**Yahshua used this figure of speech** (Mystery Language Alert!), but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them (**1 Cor. 1:23**).

⁷Therefore Yahshua said again, “Very truly I tell you, I am **the gate** (the Passover Lamb and true and living way to follow) for the (rest of the) sheep (lambs of Yahweh). ⁸All who have come before me (claiming to be the messiah) are thieves and robbers, but the (true) sheep have

not listened to them. ⁹ I am the gate (The Passover Lamb and *the way* or the example to follow); whoever enters through me (follows my reverent submissive example on Passover) will be saved (from death by Yahweh as Yahshua was *Hebrews 5:7-11* the entire meaning of Passover). They will come in (by following Yahshua's example of living sacrifice on Passover) and go out (into The Kingdom of Yahweh), and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief (Jesus Christ) comes only to steal and kill and destroy (by abolishing Passover for Easter); I have come (to set the example and show the way i.e. *shepherd*) that they may have (eternal) life (by following my example), and have it to the full.

¹¹ "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life (as a living sacrifice on Passover) for the sheep (to follow as an example as he shepherds us through the gate, we are all Passover lambs)."

The Apostle Paul taught Passover as the narrow gate:

1 Corinthians 1 – The Passover is The Point and it is VERY NARROW

²⁰ Where *is* the wise? Where *is* the scribe? Where *is* the disputer of this age? Has not Yahweh made foolish the wisdom of this world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of Yahweh, the world (the Roman Empire) through wisdom did not know Yahweh, it pleased Yahweh through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. ²² For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom (through philosophy);

²³ **but we preach *the Passover sacrifice of Yahshua* (THAT is the Gospel Message that leads to The Kingdom of Yahweh)**, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness,

We see Paul do just what he claimed; TEACH the Passover sacrifice of Yahshua below:

Hebrews 5 – The meaning of Passover

⁷ During the days of Yahshua's life on earth (while he offered himself as a LIVING sacrifice), he offered up prayers and petitions (in the garden of Gethsemane) with fervent cries and tears to the one God (Yahweh) who could save him from death (that evening on Passover), and he (Yahshua) **was heard** (by Yahweh and saved from death) **because of his reverent submission** (to the will of Yahweh which is true sacrifice).

1 Samuel 15:22

But Samuel replied: "Does Yahweh delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying Yahweh (obedience is the spiritual attitude of our hearts)? To obey (spiritual sacrifice) is better than (physical) sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat of rams (this type of dying to self and living an obedient submissive life is the example Yahshua set).

Psalms 51

¹⁶ For you do not desire sacrifice; else would I give it: you do not delight in burnt offering. ¹⁷ The (true spiritual) sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

⁸ Son though he was (**he was not God**), **he learned obedience (to Yahweh the same way we all do) from what he suffered** (ultimately death to “self” and suffering on Passover)
⁹ and, once made perfect (**after** his final Passover suffering on the torture stake), he (his sinful flesh) became (**after his suffering on the stake**) the source of eternal salvation (The fulfillment of The Passover Lamb) for all **who obey him** (and follow his example and offer themselves as living sacrificial lambs on Passover)¹⁰ and was designated by Yahweh to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek (**the eternal High Priest who would rip the veil and provide “once for all the sons of Yahweh” access to the mercy seat to come near and offer themselves as living sacrificial lambs *Romans 12:1***).

¹¹ We have much to say about this (**Messiah/Passover**), but it is hard to make it clear to you because you no longer try to understand (***1 Cor. 1:23***)

Paul goes on teaching The Passover sacrifice of Yahshua and the physical to spiritual parallel of “leaven” being sin. He uses unleavened bread as a physical to spiritual parallel of how we are to set aside our **own** bodies as Passover Lambs. We are to examine ourselves for “spots and blemishes” like the Israelites did their physical lambs before offering them on Passover.

We see below again clear reference to the fact that we all are to be living Passover sacrificial lambs of Yahweh without “spot or blemish” offering ourselves in the example Yahshua set on Passover each year just as Yahweh commanded:

Romans 12:1

1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of Yahweh’ mercy (**who offered His first born son Yahshua as a sacrifice on Passover which tore the veil open to the mercy seat**), to offer **your (own) bodies** (not just Yahshua, we too must follow in his footsteps) **as a living sacrifice** (living sacrificial lamb on the Altar of Yahweh each Passover as commanded), holy (**set apart and prepared through Mikveh**) and pleasing to Yahweh (as Passover lambs without spot or blemish ***2 Peter 3:14***)—this is your true and proper worship (on Passover as commanded by Yahweh that each man should bring his own Passover lamb to the altar ***Exodus 12:3***).

2 Peter 3

¹⁴ Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things (**the Appointed Times of Yahweh specifically Passover**), be diligent to be found (**faithful to the Spiritual Truth of Passover**) by Him in peace, **without spot and blameless** (referring to our bodies as living sacrificial lambs removing the leaven and giving your lives as living sacrificial lambs ***Romans 12:1***); ¹⁵ and consider *that* the longsuffering (on Passover) of our King is salvation (**through THE Passover Lamb who has granted us access to the Altar**) —as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, has written to you (**about Passover *1 Cor. 1:23***), ¹⁶ as also in all his letters, speaking in them of these things (**specifically *Passover* see 1 Corinthians 1:23**), in which are some things hard to understand, **which untaught and unstable people twist to their own destruction, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures. (*1 Cor. 1:23*)**

Again, above Peter is telling us the The Passover that Paul said he preaches that was a stumbling block to the Jews and foolishness to the Greeks and The Passover was TWISTED by the Jews and Greeks. This is why it is the NARROW GATE. We see the Apostle Paul encourage us to keep The Feast of Unleavened Bread (when the Passover Lamb was eaten) in keeping with the physical to spiritual parallels it was intended.

1 Corinthians 5

⁷ Get rid of the old yeast, so that you may be a new unleavened batch (after offering yourselves as living sacrifices on Passover) —as you really are (destined to become. The 7 day Feast of Unleavened Bread is a shadow of the Millennial Kingdom). For Yahshua, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed (as our example and to rip the veil that we may enter and make our own Passover offerings of our lives as living sacrificial lambs).

⁸ Therefore let us keep the Festival (of Unleavened Bread), not with the old bread (eaten on the eve of the 14th of Abib during the Chagigah meal representing the old body of flesh) leavened with malice and wickedness, but with the (hope of the heavenly resurrected body of) unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

The Passover is fundamental in all covenants

We see that The Passover is far more than just a “Jewish” ritual given to Moses who by the way was not even Jewish. It is a fundamental principle in the plan of salvation i.e. *The Scarlet Thread of Redemption* in every covenant:

- *The Adamic Covenant* – lamb slaughter to make clothing to cover sin
- *The Noahic Covenant* – Genesis 8:20, the first thing Noah did after the flood is... make an altar and sacrifice a “clean animal” i.e. a Lamb on the altar.
- *The Abrahamic Covenant* – lamb slaughtered to provide salvation from death of the promised son Isaac and his descendants
- *Coming out of bondage* – Israelites slaughtered a personal lamb and put on doorpost to save the firstborn leading them out of bondage through The Passover
- *The Mosaic Covenant* – each family brought their own sacrificial Passover lamb as a sacrifice on Passover
- *The Yahshuaic Covenant* – each son of Yahweh follows Yahshua’s footsteps in examining their own lives for spot or blemish and offering their lives as living sacrifices on Passover

Below Paul is explaining that the physical rehearsal of sacrificing your own Passover Lamb each year was nothing more than a teaching tool to help us understand our role in The Yahshuaic Covenant:

Hebrews 10

¹ The law is only a shadow (physical example/rehearsal) of the good things that are coming (The Spiritual Kingdom of Yahweh)—not the (spiritual) realities themselves. For this reason it (the physical examples/rehearsals in The Law) can never, *by the same (physical) sacrifices (of a lamb) repeated endlessly year after year*, make perfect those who draw near to worship (perfection is found in personal sacrifice and the spiritual attitude of the heart not outward physical rituals). ² Otherwise, would they (physical sacrifices) not have stopped being offered? For the worshipers would have been cleansed

once for all, and would no longer have felt guilty for their sins.³ But those sacrifices are **an annual reminder of sins**.⁴ It is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins (forgiveness of sin comes from repentance of heart i.e. is spiritually offered not physically. Reverent submission as Yahshua demonstrated in The Garden of Gethsemane).

⁵ Therefore, when The Messiah came into the world (to fulfill Passover), Yahshu said:

“Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a (sinful) body you prepared for me;⁶ with (physical) burnt offerings and sin offerings you were not pleased.⁷ Then I said, ‘Here I am (offering my sinful body broken as a living sacrifice to deny my sinful will and reverently submit to Your Will)—it is written about me in the scroll (Torah/Prophets) — I have come (to deny my selfish sinful flesh and to do your will (not my own **Luke 22:42**), my God.’”

⁸ First he said, “Sacrifices and offerings, burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not desire, nor were you pleased with them”—though they were offered in accordance with the law (Yahweh’s rehearsals became a burdensome ritual *Micah 6*).⁹ Then he said, “Here I am, I have come to do your will (Yahshua made this clear on Passover when he prayed in the garden **Luke 22:42**).” (In doing so, dying to his selfish will in obedience to Yahweh’s Will) He (Yahshua) sets aside (transposes) the first (physical ritual example) to establish the second (Spiritual Truth of reverent submission of will).¹⁰ And by (following) that (same) will (of our **own** obedient submission), **we** (too) have been made holy (set apart) through (Mikveh and by following the example of) the (living) sacrifice of the body of Yahshua the Messiah (who) once for all (the sons of Yahweh tore the veil and provided access to the altar of Yahweh. Revealing the meaning and spiritual truth of Passover. We no longer go through the same ritual physical example of killing an animal year after year **Hebrews 5:1** above, now we offer ourselves as lambs of Yahweh on Passover as we are to be living sacrifices and follow in the example set by Yahshua).

Paul continues teaching how to keep Passover instructing the ritual of Mikveh. Paul is explaining that in the tradition of Israel where in order to become a member of the commonwealth of Israel you had to be circumcised, Mikveh’d, and bring a sacrifice to burn on the altar. Now those physical training tools have been realized in their spiritual truths in The Yahshuaic Covenant:

Hebrews 10:22

Let us draw near to Yahweh (properly presenting ourselves) with a sincere heart (true circumcision) and with the full assurance that faith (in the example set by Yahshua) brings (... that we can offer our own lives as living sacrifices because Yahshua has ripped the veil in two giving us access to the mercy seat of Yahweh), having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and **having our bodies washed with pure water** (Mikveh).

In Ephesians we again see Paul use the spiritual truth of Passover and the Mikveh to prepare the bride to meet her husband for the “appointed time” as spotless Passover Lambs:

Ephesians 5

25 Husbands, love your wives, just as the Messiah loved the body and gave himself up for her (as [The Passover Lamb](#)) 26 to make her holy, ([ritually](#)) cleansing her by the washing with water through the commandments ([Mikveh](#)), 27 and to present her ([properly](#)) to himself as a radiant assembly, without spot or wrinkle or any other blemish (as [spotless Passover Lambs of Yahweh](#)), but holy and blameless.

The ritual of Mikveh and Passover is a rehearsal for the return of the king

Yahshua will receive all those who follow his example:

1. Prepare themselves properly to receive him through Mikveh
2. Inwardly reflecting on their own Passover offering (their own lives as living sacrifices) purifying that offering from spot or blemish
3. Circumcising their hearts in reverent submission to the Law of Yahweh
4. Offering themselves as living Passover sacrifices on the altar of Yahweh each year as a reminder of their sin in remembrance of Yahshua’s broken body on Passover that covers their sin

This is... The Narrow Path! On that day that the Messiah returns to receives those who have taken the Narrow Path to salvation on Passover; the Mount of Olives will split in two and we will realize the final fulfillment of the Mikveh:

Zechariah 14:4

On that day his ([Yahshua the Messiah’s](#)) feet shall stand on the Mount of Olives that lies before Jerusalem on the east, and the Mount of Olives shall be split in two from east to west by a very wide valley, so that one half of the Mount shall move northward, and the other half southward.

Zechariah 14: 8

On that day living waters shall flow out from Jerusalem ([to Mikveh the land](#)), half of them to the eastern sea and half of them to the western sea. It shall continue in summer as in winter.

Zechariah 13:1

“In that day there shall be a fountain ([of living water](#)) opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem ([to Mikveh](#)) for sin and for uncleanness.”

That is the true meaning of The Passover rehearsal and “why we keep Passover”!