

## Passover - Freedom

**Exodus 12:13-17.** 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. <sup>14</sup> "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. <sup>15</sup> "For seven days you are to eat matzah - on the first day remove the leaven from your houses. For whoever eats hametz [leavened bread] from the first to the seventh day is to be cut off from Isra'el. <sup>16</sup> On the first and seventh days, you are to have an assembly set aside for God. On these days no work is to be done, except what each must do to prepare his food; you may do only that. <sup>17</sup> You are to observe the festival of matzah, for on this very day I brought your divisions out of the land of Egypt. Therefore, you are to observe this day from generation to generation by a perpetual regulation.

**We are commanded to celebrate the feast of Pesach L'dor, V'dor, from generation to generation, by a perpetual regulation. This means forever. Yeshua is the Passover story and has no relationship or connection whatsoever to Easter. Pesach and Yeshua's purposes are identical: Liberation, Freedom, Chofesh! This freedom is not just for the us, the Jewish People, but is a gift to all humanity, Freedom/Chofesh to the entire world. God gave this story of Passover as a gift to the world, to those that are downtrodden, captives, and enslaved to various addictions. Pesach is the story of how God intervenes for the oppressed, captive, and the forsaken. Placing the blood on the doorpost is an act of faith and obedience that ultimately saved Israel from harm and symbolized their trust in God's promise of deliverance. It also signified the importance of following God's instructions even when it may seem strange or difficult to understand.**

**The initial Pesach celebration in Egypt (Mitzraym) had baggage, a twist, as it was performed in the shadows of the angel of death and was done hurriedly with a dose of anxiousness and trembling.**

**Exodus 12:11-12.** "Here is how you are to eat it: with your belt fastened, your shoes on your feet and your staff in your hand; and you are to eat it hurriedly. It is ADONAI's Pesach [Passover]. <sup>12</sup> 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.

**Huddled in their meager homes, the children of Israel ate this meal hastily, anxiously, in fear for their safety, in fear of the unknown, and anxious about the pending exodus from Mizraim-Egypt! They are leaving the only land and home they had ever known. Sometimes we lose sight of this, many in the military are used to moving a lot and settling down in strange lands and foreign places. Only 20 percent of American's live more than a couple of hours' drive from where they grew up at. Israel was leaving the only land they had ever known, they were born there! Every one of them! This was a great transition. Transition means letting go which comes with some fear, even trepidation. It's like a trapeze artist**

**swinging on the trapeze! To get to the next trapeze you have to let go which releases us into the unknown! That's when we have to starve fear and feed our trust!**

**Adonai uses periods of transition to birth restoration, revivals, awakenings, to shift history, to establish His will and dominion on earth, to guide, direct, and launch us into our prophetic future and destiny. Adonai's presence transitioned from The Garden of Eden with Adam and Eve to Mt Sinai! From Mt Sinai to the Tabernacle, from there to the Temple, then through Yeshua from the Temple to within us! We as a people have transitioned from shepherds, to slaves in Egypt, redeemed from slavery to wandering in the wilderness for 40 years, then transitioning to the Promise land, then removal and Diaspora then return, then transition back to Diaspora then transition back to the land as a nation in May 1948 and now we're waiting for the final transition to the Messianic Reign!!**

**This children of Israel are now eating a somewhat strange meal while the destroyer was advancing out there, striking the first born of all the land who didn't have the blood on their doorposts. This included some Jews. Without a doubt slavery caused great suffering. Male babies were slaughtered by Pharaoh and the work was hard and oppressive, but slavery was also a familiar pattern, a way of life that endured for several hundred years.**

**The LORD told Moses that he would take Israel out from under oppression and bondage of the Egyptians! Israel had issues with this, they had trouble with both freedom and the release from bondage. They have a slave mentality, a victim mentality! Victim mentality is a psychological term that refers to a type of dysfunctional mindset which seeks to feel persecuted in order to gain attention or avoid self-responsibility. People who struggle with the victim mentality are convinced that life is not only beyond their control but is out to deliberately hurt them, they're in bondage.**

**Israel was used to being the oppressed and persecuted living as slaves. Slaves don't have to toil and work for food! They're provided with food rations by Egypt so that they could work. A simple need unfulfilled is a crisis for a slave. The victim mentality includes a variety of feelings, behaviors, and emotions, such as a pervasive sense of helplessness, passivity, loss of control, pessimism, negative thinking, strong feelings of guilt, shame, and depression. This way of thinking leads one to hopelessness and despair.**

**The slave mind is limited to the immediate fulfillment of their physical, material needs. The slave lives only in the moment. A slave mentality doesn't allow planning for the future, they only seek to survive in the present! As slaves, life was predictable, there were few surprises. Freedom interrupted their lives. To be free means that now there are accountability, choices, so many options in fact that sometimes its paralyzing and confusing. Life is no longer simple, it now requires personal responsibility, the simple days are over. Slavery in an odd**

**macabre sense is easy, the choices are made for you. Freedom requires taking responsibility for ones life and the direction it takes. Yeshua proclaimed in:**

**Luke 4:18.** "The Spirit of ADONAI is upon me; therefore he has anointed me to announce Good News to the poor; he has sent me to proclaim freedom for the imprisoned and renewed sight for the blind, to release those who have been crushed,

**Freedom in Greek: Aphesis; Freedom, pardon, forgiveness, liberty, release from bondage, forgiveness of sins.** Through Yeshua's death and resurrection at Passover, we are set free from the penalty for our sins and yokes of bondage.

**I want you to catch the revelation here from Israel in bondage, you can be a slave, someone who is physically forced or coerced through oppression to perform labor for a taskmaster that you don't want to do. Bondage is something that you are willingly intertwined with, it has control over you. You are bound together with the bondage. There are numerous bondages afflicting humanity; pride, addiction, mammon, jezebel, and the Spirit of Absalom.**

**This freedom is not just a temporary release but a permanent state of freedom and empowerment, free from bondage to live a life that honors Adonai. To bear His name. We are set free so that we may represent His character, authority, and holiness in our life, reflecting His presence and living in a way that honors Him. This Freedom is confirmed in Galatians:**

**Galatians 5:1.** What the Messiah has freed us for is freedom! Therefore, stand firm, and don't let yourselves be tied up again to a yoke of slavery.

**Galatians 5:13.** For, brothers, you were called to be free. Only do not let that freedom become an excuse for allowing your old nature to have its way. Instead, serve one another in love.

**As the Destroyer went through Egypt and does his bidding, Pharaoh gave the order to leave at night before the dawn!**

**Exodus 12:30-32.** Pharaoh got up in the night, he, all his servants and all the Egyptians; and there was horrendous wailing in Egypt; for there wasn't a single house without someone dead in it. <sup>31</sup> He summoned Moshe and Aharon by night and said, "Up and leave my people, both you and the people of Isra'el; and go, serve ADONAI as you said. <sup>32</sup> Take both your flocks and your herds, as you said; and get out of here! But bless me, too."

**We witness a supernatural, pivotal moment where Pharaoh finally relents after the tenth plague and commands Moshe and Aharon to leave his people, marking an end to their slavery. The phrase "Up and leave my people" signifies a moment of liberation and divine intervention, as Pharaoh urgently instructs Israel to leave, acknowledging their desire to serve and worship Adonai, which had been denied in Egypt. The command to take all their possessions and livestock and be gone symbolizes a complete, total release, granting the Israelites total freedom,**

**no strings attached. Pharaoh's unexpected request for a blessing from Moses and Aaron reveals a divine moment of humility and recognition of Adonai's power, highlighting a shift in his attitude. He now knows that Adonai is God!**

**This passage reveals liberation, Adonai's divine timing, and humility that are just as relevant to us today. Just as Israel was freed from physical bondage, individuals can find spiritual and emotional liberation through faith, mirroring the journey of Israel. The story emphasizes that God's timing is perfect, even when it appears delayed, encouraging us to trust in His plan for our lives, which can bring peace during times of waiting. Pharaoh's request for a blessing serves as a reminder that even the world's most powerful can acknowledge the need for divine intervention, emphasizing the importance of humility before Adonai.**

**We see the buildup and groundwork for the exodus laid out in Exodus 3:10 with God's call to Moshe, the promise of deliverance in Exodus 6:6-7, and the poetic recounting of the Exodus in:**

**Psalm 105:36-38.** He struck down all the firstborn in their land, the firstfruits of all their strength. <sup>37</sup> Then he led his people out, laden with silver and gold; among his tribes not one stumbled. <sup>38</sup> Egypt was happy to have them leave, because fear of [Isra'el] had seized them.

**A revelation of the overarching narrative of Adonai's faithfulness and provision, serving as a reminder of God's power to deliver and liberate His people coupled with the wealth of Egypt. It prompts us to trust in His divine timing, to approach God with humility, and recognize that true freedom comes from Him. Just as Pharaoh eventually released Israel from slavery, we are encouraged to seek our own liberation and transformation through trust in Yeshua, knowing that God's plan unfolds in His perfect timing.**

**This is why the rush, the hurriedness to prepare and leave. But the rushing left the job incomplete. To be free physically doesn't automatically free the Spirit nor does it mean Society is free. Removing the slave from slavery didn't change the culture or society in them which was Egyptian.**

**Chofesh-Freedom would remain unfinished until the entry into the promise land and true Spiritual Freedom would remain unfinished until the arrival of Yeshua. Pesach reminds us that freedom is a possibility and that slavery isn't forever. We experience this in our own lives. Who hasn't been a slave, in bondage to addictions, cigarettes, drugs, alcohol, gambling, sexual immorality, not honoring parents, lying, stealing, social pressure, and all the other various sins that enslave us. Those periods won't last forever but when freedom comes, when Chofesh is knocking at our hearts door, there is a responsibility to go when the door to freedom is open. True spiritual freedom is not hurried, it unfolds at its own pace until TOTAL FREEDOM IS ACHIEVED. When you are set free by the Son, by Yeshua, you are free indeed, there is no area or pocket of bondage and suffering left-Yeshua completely removes the oppression-I know! Smoking.**

**I Peter 2:16.** Submit as people who are free, but not letting your freedom serve as an excuse for evil; rather, submit as God's slaves.

**Kefa, Peter reflects the balance between enjoying freedom and being accountable to God. Freedom is a profound spiritual state achieved through a relationship with God, in Yeshua! Characterized by liberation from sin and the obligation to serve Him and each other. It is a call to live righteously, reflecting the grace and love received through trust in Yeshua.**

**The Story of Freedom at Pesach was Humankind's first demonstration that Humanity, that all Man Kind is to be reconciled back unto God and set free! Physically and Spiritually! This results in Unity.**

**Yet we must have discernment. Pharaoh sought compromise with Moses during the first nine plagues. Pharaoh tells Moses take your men but leave the women and children. Pharaoh, the consummate politician was seeking a place where the labor would remain and the Jews would be happy. Moses, led by the Spirit of God would not compromise, unity is key-All were to be let go:**

**Exodus 10:8-11.** So Moshe and Aharon were brought to Pharaoh again, and he said to them, "Go, worship ADONAI your God. But who exactly is going?" <sup>9</sup> Moshe answered, "We will go with our young and our old, our sons and our daughters; and we will go with our flocks and herds; for we must celebrate a feast to ADONAI." <sup>10</sup> Pharaoh said to them, "ADONAI certainly will be with you if I ever let you go with your children! It's clear that you are up to no good. <sup>11</sup> Nothing doing! Just the men among you may go and worship ADONAI. That's what you want, isn't it?" And they were driven out of Pharaoh's presence.

**Moshe remembered what Adonia had instructed him, there could not be any compromise! In the Kingdom of God, there can be no compromise in our trust and obedience. As Believers we are called to stand firm in our convictions and beliefs, as compromise often leads away from God's will. His word reveals the importance of not yielding to worldly pressures or adopting the values of the world, or in this case Pharaoh's offer that just the men may go and worship.**

**This parallels what is unfolding today with the Messianic Movement and the One New Man. God is once again calling us out from slavery to tradition, rituals, and manmade religion. He's calling ALL! Like our forefathers in the land of Egypt, this crossroads is exciting and terrifying at the same time. For many it's leaving the only place they've ever known and going into brand new territory. Some will go and some will not! It can be complex with all the choices yet bear great excitement with new possibilities as life from the dead beckons to us all! The future is ours if we are willing to submit ourselves to Adonai and what He is doing in this hour. If we will fully submit ourselves, Spiritually and Physically we can once again build a great nation serving Him!**

**Passover plays a unique role in the Brit Chadasha, the New Testament record of Yeshua's death and resurrection. All four Gospels record that Yeshua's crucifixion coincided with the celebration of Passover. John's Gospel observes that Yeshua's death resembled that of the Passover sacrifice because his bones weren't broken as was the lamb in Egypt:**

**Exodus 12:46.** It is to be eaten in one house. You are not to take any of the meat outside the house, and you are not to break any of its bones.

**John 19:36.** For these things happened in order to fulfill this passage of the Tanakh: "Not one of his bones will be broken."

**This Passover connection is made even more explicit by Sha'ul who wrote:**

**I Corinthians 5:7.** 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.

**Adonai keeps His own word when His Son, the Lamb of God, Yeshua's crucifixion occurred during Pesach, the New Testament Jewish authors, who all kept and celebrated Passover make the parallel between the first Passover to explain how Yeshua's sacrificial death brings life and freedom to those who trust in him. At the heart of this understanding is that Passover is a consecrating or sanctifying celebration, it makes people holy so they belong to God as Yeshua revealed in His own Passover Seder celebration in:**

**Luke 22:19-20.** 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." <sup>20</sup> 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.

**That cup after the meal is the third cup of four cups of wine at the Seder. That third cup is the cup of redemption, salvation! The blood of the lamb in Egypt set us apart from sin and spared us the angel of death. The blood of Yeshua sanctifies and consecrates us setting us apart from the world and giving us eternal life. Here is the true essence and story of Passover. In Messiah we die to self. Which is not the death of who you are. It is the death of who you were never meant to be. It is the sacred shedding of every bondage, every false identity, every mask, every counterfeit version that HaSatan through sin, and pain tried to graft into your soul. In Yeshua you are not erased, the kingdom you is revealed. Come to the Seder Tomorrow night with great anticipation and expectation, in Freedom to experience God's Glory!**

**Shelamim Offering:**

**Deuteronomy 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,

**Tonight, through the sacrifice of Messiah we are able to fellowship with our Father in heaven by offering our Shelamim offering. THIS IS NOT A BUILDING FUND OR AN ALIYA OFFERING. This is a direct fellowship offering with the Lord.**

**Psalms 107:22.** Let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving and proclaim his great deeds with songs of joy.

**Offering-Chuppah**