

Shalom AZ Ministries

In Pursuit of Israel's Redemption



“The Living Parable of the Ultimate Rescue”

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Devotion and Discussion Questions

Key Texts (TLV): Exodus 12:1-14; John 14:9-10; 1:14; Ex 2:23-25; 3:12; 4:22-23; 6:6-9; 12:23, 40-41; 13:8, 14; Deut 15:15; 16:12; 24:18; 26:8; Lev. 19:34, 36; Rom. 6:22-23; Hebrews 9

Passover invites us to step into a story that is far greater than history—it is a living parable authored by the Master Himself. Every blessing we speak—“*Baruch Atah ADONAI, Eloheynu Melekh HaOlam*”—reminds us that He is not only Creator, but the Master Storyteller and Rescuer. He knows how we work, how we think, and how we learn. So rather than merely explaining truth, He paints it in pictures, embedding meaning into real events that shape our hearts as much as our minds.

Just as a child learns through story rather than abstract explanation, so God reveals His purposes through living parables. Passover is one of those. It is not just a story that happened—it’s a story that teaches. Through it, we begin to understand the nature of sin, the weight of bondage, the cruelty of oppression, and the power of Divine rescue. This is our story, retold again and again so we would never forget the God who rescues.

1. OUR RESCUER MEETS US WHERE WE ARE

The story of Passover begins in the darkest place—centuries of bondage. “*Now the time that Bnei-Yisrael lived in Egypt was 430 years*” (Ex. 12:40). That is not a short season; that is generational despair. These were people who had known nothing but slavery, immersed in a culture that shaped their thinking and crushed their hope. By the time God speaks, their spirits are broken. “*They did not listen... because of their broken spirit and cruel bondage*” (Ex. 6:9). They were too weary to believe.

Yet this is exactly where God meets them. “*God heard... God remembered... God saw... and He was concerned*” (Ex. 2:24-25). He does not wait for them to rise up in strength or clarity. He comes into their weakness. And He speaks in ways they can understand—through signs, through familiar imagery, through tangible actions. He meets them in their language, in their culture, in their brokenness. This is the heart of our God: He does not call us to climb up to Him—He comes down to us.

2. OUR RESCUER MAKES THE WAY FOR OUR ESCAPE

Passover makes something unmistakably clear: rescue requires a way—and God Himself provides it. “*The blood will be a sign for you... when I see the blood, I will pass over you*” (Ex. 12:13). Everything in the meal mattered, but the decisive factor was the blood. Without it, there was no protection. With it, there was complete covering. It did not matter who you were ethnically—it mattered whether you trusted and obeyed.

This moment becomes the clearest picture of salvation. Rescue is not achieved—it is received. It is not based on status, but on trust in what God has provided. The Passover lamb points forward to the greater reality—that ultimate rescue comes through the sacrifice God Himself provides. Salvation is not merely escape from danger; it is restoration to wholeness. It is God doing for us what we could never do for ourselves.

3. OUR RESCUER GIVES US A NEW IDENTITY

Redemption does not just change our situation—it changes who we are. Over and over, God reminds Israel: “*You were slaves... and I redeemed you.*” Their identity is no longer shaped by Egypt, but by

God's saving act. They were once *avadim* (slaves), but now they are still *avadim*—servants—but with a completely different Master. The difference in Master is everything.

This transformation defines their future. As Paul later echoes, "*Freed from sin and enslaved to God... its end result is eternal life*" (Rom. 6:22–23). Redemption restores us to who we were always meant to be—His. Our identity is not rooted in our past, our failures, or our circumstances. It is rooted in His rescue. And from that identity flows everything we do. We live differently because we *are* different.

4. OUR RESCUER CALLS US TO TELL THE STORY

At the very moment of deliverance, God turns the focus to the future: "*When your children ask... you are to say...*" (Ex. 12:26–27). The story must be told. Not once, but continually. Not just remembered, but retold. The Haggadah—the telling—is central because identity is sustained through remembrance. If the story is lost, everything is lost.

This telling is deeply personal: "*It is because of what Adonai did for me*" (Ex. 13:8). Even generations later, each person steps into the story as if they themselves came out of Egypt. This is how redemption remains alive. And this calling extends beyond our homes—it becomes a mission. Those who have been rescued become those who invite others into freedom. The story does not stop with us—it flows through us.

CONCLUSION

Passover reminds us that God is not distant—He is deeply involved. He comes to us where we are. He speaks in ways we can understand. He makes the way for our rescue. He restores us to our true identity. And then He calls us to carry that story forward. No situation is beyond His reach. Four hundred and thirty years of bondage could not stop Him—and neither can whatever you are facing. The same God who rescued Israel is still rescuing today. The question is not whether He is able—the question is whether we will trust Him, step under His provision, and live in the freedom He offers.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. How does viewing Passover as a "living parable" change the way you understand God's work in Scripture and in your life?
2. Why do you think the Israelites struggled to believe God's promise of deliverance? How can we relate to that today?
3. What does it practically mean to "apply the blood" in your life today?
4. In what ways has your identity been shaped by something other than God's redemption?
5. Who can you intentionally share your story of God's faithfulness with this week?

CLOSING PRAYER:

Avinu Malkhenu, Our Father, Our King, Blessed are You, ADONAI, our God, King of the Universe. We thank You that You are not distant, but near—that You meet us in our weakness, our confusion, and our need. Thank You for being the Master Rescuer, the One who sees, hears, remembers, and acts. Teach us to trust in the way You have made for our rescue. Help us to walk in the identity You have given us as Your redeemed people. And give us boldness and faithfulness to tell the story—to our children, to our families, and to those around us. May our lives reflect Your salvation, and may many come to know Your freedom through Yeshua.

B'Shem Yeshua, In the name of Yeshua, amen.