

## **Your Abundance Awaits!!!**

During this time as we are experiencing Executive orders by Governors of states requiring us to “stay at home” I am reminded of the following sayings:

The Postal Service - “Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds.”

Show Business - “The show must go on”

Regardless of what may be going on around us, Adonai, the God of Avraham, Yitz'chak and Ya'akov remains constant as does His calendar. We are approaching the Passover Season.

**Mal 3:6** "But because I, Adonai, do not change, you sons of Ya`akov will not be destroyed.

He does not change nor do His ways change either. This verse concludes a passage that not only conveys faithfulness to Israel but will also judge those in Israel who are not faithful to Adonai because He will send a messenger to clear the way for the Lord, Messiah Yeshua.

**Mal 3:1** "Look! I am sending my messenger to clear the way before me; and the Lord, whom you seek, will suddenly come to his temple. Yes, the messenger of the covenant, in whom you take such delight — look! Here he comes," says Adonai-Tzva'ot.

In that He does not change this means neither does His Word change. I bring this up, because we are coming into the Passover Season. April 8<sup>th</sup> on our calendars coincides with Nisan 14 on the Jewish calendar. The 14<sup>th</sup> day concludes a five day period where the Passover Lamb was to be separated from the flock and thoroughly inspected in order for it to be deemed without any blemish and therefore acceptable for Passover.

As the conclusion of the 14<sup>th</sup> day approaches, the Passover Lamb would be killed at dusk, just prior to sunset and thus the start of the 15<sup>th</sup> day, that being the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the Feast of Matzah.

Today, we honor this time with a Passover Seder (order) whereby we use an Haggadah (telling) to convey the story of The Passover, the exodus from Egypt, in that we are instructed to keep it as a memorial, from L'dor V'dor, from generation to generation.

**Exo 12:14** "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.

**Exo 12:15** "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.

**Exo 12:16** 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.

**Exo 12:17** 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.

There are even provisions for the Goyim (nations) to be included in this time as well.

**Exo 12:47** The whole community of Isra'el is to keep it.

**Exo 12:48** If a foreigner staying with you wants to observe Adonai's Pesach, all his males must be circumcised. Then he may take part and observe it; he will be like a citizen of the land. But no uncircumcised person is to eat it.

It is through Passover, that Yeshua, The Passover Lamb of God, has brought forth and established the New Covenant by which Gentile males are no longer required to circumcise their foreskin. Now, the circumcision

Adonai looks upon is that of the heart.

**Eze 36:26** I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit inside you; I will take the stony heart out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

**Eze 36:27** I will put my Spirit inside you and cause you to live by my laws, respect my rulings and obey them.

**Jer 31:33 (31:32)** "For this is the covenant I will make with the house of Isra'el after those days," says Adonai: "I will put my Torah within them and write it on their hearts; I will be their God, and they will be my people.

**Jer 31:34 (31:33)** No longer will any of them teach his fellow community member or his brother, 'Know Adonai'; for all will know me, from the least of them to the greatest; because I will forgive their wickednesses and remember their sins no more."

**Rom 2:25** For circumcision is indeed of value if you do what Torah says. But if you are a transgressor of Torah, your circumcision has become uncircumcision!

**Rom 2:26** Therefore, if an uncircumcised man keeps the righteous requirements of the Torah, won't his uncircumcision be counted as circumcision?

**Rom 2:27** Indeed, the man who is physically uncircumcised but obeys the Torah will stand as a judgment on you who have had a b'rit-milah and have Torah written out but violate it!

**Rom 2:28** For the real Jew is not merely Jewish outwardly: true circumcision is not only external and physical.

**Rom 2:29** On the contrary, the real Jew is one inwardly; and true circumcision is of the heart, spiritual not literal; so that his praise comes not from other people but from God.

Adonai aligns this perfectly, Tanakh (Hebrew Bible) and Brith Hadoshah (New Covenant). There should be no confusion when it comes to Passover as a memorial. Now, it is not just a memorial of the Exodus where He redeems Israel from bondage at the hands of Egypt. Now it is also a memorial for Yeshua having redeemed us from the bondage of sin, slavery of the flesh.

There is so much more to Passover than just this. You will want to experience a Messianic Passover Seder. To borrow a phrase from Sha'ul. The Messianic Passover Seder is needed – To the Jew especially, but equally for the Gentile.

There is so much that occurred during this 12 day period (Nisan 10 through Nisan 21) that to understand the context of the Passover Season will only cause your faith in Adonai and the Lamb He provided in Yeshua to flourish and grow exponentially.

This year will be challenging due to the Covid-19 pandemic for congregations, but the Seder is more of a home experience. So, as Passover approaches, prayerfully consider partaking in this experience. With an open mind and open heart, your life as a believer will be forever transformed.

Searching for leaven in your home brings to mind the search for leaven in your heart. For many don't realise that leaven represents sin. Purging yourself of leaven is a concept that Sha'ul was all too familiar with...

**1Co 5:6** Your boasting is not good. Don't you know the saying, "It takes only a little hametz to leaven a whole batch of dough?"

**1Co 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.

**1Co 5:8** So let us celebrate the Seder not with leftover hametz, the hametz of wickedness and evil, but with the matzah of purity and truth.

This is but the first of many symbolic actions associated with the Passover Season that you will take. So, I encourage you to download our Messianic Passover Haggadah. It will be unlike any other Haggadah out there today. We include many aspects not found in other Haggadahs.

- Ha Bikkurim (First Fruits)
- The Jewish Wedding and The Wedding Feast of the Lamb
- Where and When Yeshua makes atonement, thus redeeming us. It isn't what you have likely been taught

[http://www.shalommaine.com/messianic\\_passover\\_haggadah.htm](http://www.shalommaine.com/messianic_passover_haggadah.htm)

Another important aspect that takes place during the Passover Season is the Counting of the Omer, which when completed will take us to Shavuot (Feast of Pentecost). This 50 day journey will coincide with Yeshua's resurrection. Many believe the church was birthed on Shavuot, yet many don't even recognise this appointed time. The link below provides you with information pertaining to Shavuot.

[http://www.shalommaine.com/article\\_index\\_pdf/Counting\\_the\\_Omer.pdf](http://www.shalommaine.com/article_index_pdf/Counting_the_Omer.pdf)

There is so much being ignored by the Body of Messiah. Ultimately the Body is leaving His abundance on the table, ignoring what is there for the taking or should I say “the partaking”

**Joh 10:10** The thief comes only in order to steal, kill and destroy; I have come so that they may have life, life in its fullest measure.

**Joh 10:11** "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.