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Preparing Our Hearts

Shalom,

The Torah portion for this week has the exciting account of God delivering the Children of Israel from Egypt and is called, “**Bo,**” or “**Come,**” also “**Go.**” It is found in **Exodus 10:1–13:16** and contains instruction from YHWH through Moses for the Children of Israel prior to their actual departure from Egypt.

*But not so much as a dog will growl against any of Bnei-Yisrael, neither man nor beast—so that you may know that **Adonai makes a distinction between the Egyptians and Israel.*** (Exodus 11:7 TLV)

God is in an eternal covenant with Israel and, by His grace, extends that covenant relationship to all who will join with Him through faith in the Son of God and His shed blood.

Preparing for Passover

It is less than three months until we will celebrate Passover, but this portion is a reminder to prepare our hearts for the most amazing demonstration of the love of God that has ever been seen by man. It is during this coming appointed time of the Lord when we, by remembering, begin the cycle of Grace Rehearsals (each feast of the Lord is a rehearsal of what YHWH has done and what is yet in store) for the coming year. We can begin right now to get ourselves ready, by meditation and acting on the teaching and instruction of God, to be prepared for the retelling of the giving of Yeshua, the Passover Lamb, to carry our sins and sicknesses, as well as the miracle of His resurrection.

They are to take the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the crossbeam of the houses where they will eat it. They are to eat the meat that night, roasted over a fire. With matzot and bitter herbs they are to eat it. (Exodus 12:7-8 TLV)

Making our house ready by the Blood

*Adonai will pass through to strike down the Egyptians, but **when He sees the blood on the crossbeam and the two doorposts, Adonai will pass over that door, and will not allow the destroyer to come into your houses to strike you down.*** (Exodus 12:23 TLV)

Adonai will ***pasach*** (pass over) that ***petach*** (opening, door, threshold), not over the door, but into the opening of the door, into the house. When He comes in, through the way of the blood, nothing that hurts, destroys, or kills can ever come in.

See it with your heart! It is God's amazing grace and magnificent plan of salvation; **You were created to be a house for God.** Your sin prevented Him from entering His appointed dwelling (temple, house). He loved you so much, He provided His Pesach Lamb, Yeshua the Messiah, Whose blood is applied to us, and therefore the entryway to our lives, giving YHWH access into His blood-purchase home as an eternal dwelling. With God inside, there is absolute and eternal safety and security from any illegal entry. What a Plan! It's all shown in the Passover as we remember the removal of sin by the blood of Yeshua, when we commemorate His Seder meal, taking His body into ourselves to become His covenant body on earth.

Don't you know that you people are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you? (1 Corinthians 3:16 CJB)

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. (John 10:10 CJB)

In the same way also He took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My Blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." (1 Corinthians 11:25 ESV)

Let's forget all the man-made religious traditions that make the Word of God of no effect in our lives. Instead receive with meekness the ingrafted Word which is powerful to save our souls (minds, wills, emotions). Let's get ready!

Always remembering Him,
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