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**Chag Pesach Same'ach (Happy Passover)**

Shalom,

Believers know that this time of year is when we celebrate the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus. We understand that these events are the very heart of our Christian faith. Indeed, the very essence of what it is to be born again and become a new creation in Christ is commemorated during this holy season.

*For if you confess with your mouth that Yeshua is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart it is believed for righteousness, and with the mouth it is confessed for salvation. (Romans 10:9-10 TLV)*

What is not so clearly known and understood by Christian believers is that **the celebration of the sacrificial death and resurrection of Jesus was given to the Children of Israel centuries before Jesus lived on this earth, died, and rose again.** As a matter of fact, God commanded Israel to keep the Passover to remember their release from bondage to the Egyptians in perhaps 1470 B.C.E., but **the lamb sacrificed for Passover had its perfect fulfillment in Jesus.**

*The next day, John sees Yeshua coming to him and says, “Behold, the Lamb of God Who takes away the sin of the world!” (John 1:29 TLV)*

*Get rid of the old hametz, so you may be a new batch, just as you are unleavened—for Messiah, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed. (1 Corinthians 5:7 TLV)*

During of the Passover celebration and the days of unleavened bread, the commemoration of the resurrection is foreshadowed by **Yom HaBikkurim, or the Day of Firstfruits**, which occurs **three days** after Passover. This is the day that Yeshua was raised from the dead and is also the time referred to in Matthew 27:52 & 53 when many saints which had died prior to the time of Yeshua were raised when He rose.

What needs to be seen by all believers is that **YHWH has given us His feasts, or “Appointed times,” as rehearsals for all that He has established for the Congregation of the righteous.** We should not see His feasts as “Jewish holidays” which have been superseded by “Christian holidays.” We need to understand that He has given us everything that pertains to life and godliness in the revealed Word of God.

**Passover and all the other feasts of the Lord are complete and fulfilled in the life and ministry of Yeshua HaMashiach.** His death, His resurrection, the giving of the Word and the Spirit, His second coming, eternal reconciliation, and His earthly and majestic Kingdom, culminating in the new heaven and new earth are a yearly cycle to keep us focused on Him.

Years ago, after a Passover celebration, a Christian couple approached me to say that they were very apprehensive about attending our Seder, wondering how we could bring Jesus into a “Jewish” holiday. They were thrilled to report that they could not only see Him but recognized that **He is at the very heart and is the fulfillment of Passover.**

It is our hope that, in celebrating all the Feasts of the Lord and in understanding the Hebrew roots of Christianity, you will be drawn to a close and intimate relationship with the Passover Lamb of God, Yeshua our Savior.

Happy in Him,  
Terry

*With your ears you will hear a word from behind you: “This is the way; stay on it.” (Isaiah 30:21 CJB)*

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