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The Feast of the Lord – PASSOVER

During this season, some Christians skip right over the true significance of the season because they want to get to the excitement of the Resurrection. As a matter of fact they would prefer to celebrate Easter filled with eggs, egg hunts, baskets, bunnies and such. The Bible actually does not say anything about this kind of celebration. But it does speak of celebrating Passover.

To the Christian, the celebration of Passover is much more meaningful and powerful. You can find the Passover account in Exodus 12:12-14. ¹²*On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn of both people and animals, and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD.* ¹³*The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt.* ¹⁴*This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD.*

As you can see, the Passover began with the national liberation of the Children of Israel from Egyptian slavery. The angel would “Passover” those homes that protected themselves by placing the blood of a lamb on their doorposts and lintels. The ceremony was commanded by God to be an annual feast to be kept forever. The day after Passover, the Feast of Unleavened Bread was also to be observed and continued for seven days thereafter. This period of time for the sanctification of God’s people was set forth in the Holy Scripture. It was at this period that the people were to put all leaven (yeast) away from themselves and even out of their homes for seven days. The yeast is symbolic of sin. Therefore, they were also to observe any sinful act and voluntarily disassociate themselves purposely for these seven days. Each day the people would come together as a group to encourage one another and pray for one another. Their belief is that if one truly strives to observe this holy time the father will deliver from all that hinders.

Jesus and the Feast of Passover

In the New Testament, Paul said in I Corinthians 5:7-8 *“Get rid of the old yeast, so that you may be a new unleavened batch-as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. ⁸Therefore let us keep the Festival, not with the old bread leavened with malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.”*

The Feast of Passover is a symbol of Jesus’ redemptive work. Jesus sacrificed Himself on the Feast of Passover. He was our Passover Lamb offered up as a sacrifice on the cross for our sins. He died for us and his blood applied on the doorposts and lintels of our hearts protects us from evil and wickedness. When we put our trust in Him as the children of Israel did in Egypt, we are redeemed.

Because of the prophetic season in which we are living, Christians should realize that it is proper, good and pleasing to the Lord to celebrate His feasts. Get rid of the old leaven of Easter and observe the Messiah’s death, burial and resurrection.

