

Feast of Unleavened Bread (2026)

Parashah

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Exodus 12:1-51

Here in *Exodus 12* Yahweh tells us that this is the month in which we are to celebrate His Passover I believe that this Feast of Passover, should be renamed, the Feast of our Sinless Messiah, who is our Sacrificial Lamb. Let me ask you a question, what does it mean to be Sinless? In the Apostolic Scriptures in *1John 3:4* it says, *Whosoever commits SIN transgresses also the Torah (Law): for SIN, IS the transgression of the Torah (Law)*. That is fine for those of us that have the Apostolic Scriptures but what about those that only had the Tanakh, the Hebraic Scriptures, how would they know how to be Sinless? In Scripture we are told that our lives should be holy as our heavenly Father is Holy, therefore we are to be righteous as He is righteous, and according to Scripture, when we live righteous lives as Yahweh has commanded us to do, then we will **NOT** Sin, we will **NOT** transgress the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, and we see this Truth in these following verses:

Devariym 4:5-8 Behold, I have taught you Statutes and Judgments, even as Yahweh my Elohim commanded me, that you should DO SO in the land where you go to possess it. 6 KEEP therefore and DO them; FOR THIS IS YOUR WISDOM AND YOUR UNDERSTANDING in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these Statutes, and say, Surely this great nation (Yisrael) is a Wise and Understanding people. 7 For what nation is there so great, who has Elohim so nigh unto them, as Yahweh our Elohim is in all things that we call upon Him for? 8 And what nation is there so great, that has Statutes and Judgments SO RIGHTEOUS as ALL this Torah (Law), which I set before you this day?

Devariym 6:24-25 And Yahweh Commanded us TO DO ALL these Statutes, to fear Yahweh our Elohim, for our good always, that He might preserve us alive, as it is at this day. And it shall be our RIGHTEOUSNESS, IF WE OBSERVE TO DO ALL these Commandments before Yahweh our Elohim, as He has Commanded us.

Vayiqra (Leviticus) 19:15 You shall do NO unrighteousness in judgment: you shall not respect the person of the poor, nor honour the person of the mighty: but in RIGHTEOUSNESS (in and by the Torah) shall you judge your neighbour.

Vayiqra (Leviticus) 19:35 You shall do no UNRIGHTEOUSNESS in judgment, in tribute, in weight, or in measure.

Therefore *Devariym 4:5-8 & 6:24-25 and Vayiqra 19:15 & 35* are telling us exactly what John told us in *1John 3:4*, that Sin **IS** transgressing the inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions of our heavenly Father, His **PATH of RIGHTEOUSNESS**, His Torah, His Law, His directives for everlasting Life.

In *Shemot (Exodus) 12* Yahweh begins by demonstrating to us that He, Yahweh, **IS** sovereign, and He does that by changing the beginning of the year from the month of Tishrei to the month of Aviv. Yahweh made it **perfectly clear that from that moment on, the people of Yisrael were to BE**

DISTINCT, SEPARATED and SET APART from the ways of the world, to be at Elohim's call, to do Yahweh Elohim's bidding, by living a Torah obedient life, so that they could learn to ***BECOME a LIGHT*** onto ***ALL*** the peoples of the nations of the world, that are mired in darkness.

At the Feast of Unleavened Bread, we are taught by Yahweh Himself what we are to do, and it begins with Yahweh telling the children of Yisrael to choose a ***lamb without blemish***, and bring it into their homes on the tenth day of the first month, the month of Aviv, and they were to ***KEEP*** the Lamb in their house, for four days. What does it mean to be ***UNBLEMISHED, or WITHOUT BLEMISH?*** In the practical sense it means an animal that is a perfect specimen, an animal that does not have any spots, blemishes, misshaped limbs, or any defects of any kind. The words, *without blemish*, are translated from the Hebrew word, Tamim, תָּמִים, which means, *complete, perfect, whole, sound, innocent, honest, upright, filled with integrity, sinless, lawful*. That my friends, ***IS*** what our Messiah ***IS***, He is our unblemished spotless Lamb, and that ***IS***, whom we are to emulate.

The Lamb that is brought into the house on the 10th day of the month of Aviv ***IS*** a picture of our Messiah, who Scripture has established ***IS*** the Living Word, the Living Commandments of our heavenly Father, made flesh, represented by the number ***TEN*** or the 10th day, which is the day that the people of Yisrael were commanded to bring the Lamb into their homes, so that the Lamb could ***ABIDE*** with them. Each and every house of the people of Yisrael and the people that were convinced that Yahweh was the One and True Elohiym, were to bring the Lamb into their household for a period of ***four*** days. The number four tells us that the lamb that is going to be sacrificed will be sacrificed for the whole world, because the number four, represents the four corners of the earth where the four Gospels are to be preached and it also represents our Messiah for Messiah came to us at the end of the fourth millennium.

The fact that the Lamb was to be in the homes of each family ***IS*** a picture that shows us that we too, are to learn to develop a close personal loving relationship with the Lamb of Elohim, and, that we are to invite Him to make His abode within us. We are to invite the *Lamb of Elohim* into our dwelling place and get to *know* Him, *Yada* Him, which means *to get to know Him on a very INTIMATE basis*, for the *Lamb* has been sacrificed for us already, for according to Scripture, the Lamb was sacrificed at the beginning of time.

We are to also learn that choosing a spotless Lamb, refers to choosing the Father's doctrine, the Words of His Torah, for the Lamb of Elohim ***IS*** the Words of the Living Torah, made flesh. We are to understand that we are ***NOT to bring any other DOCTRINES into our homes, except the spotless and unblemished Word of the Father.***

2John 1:9 Whosoever transgresses, and does NOT ABIDE in the DOCTRINE OF MESSIAH, does NOT have Elohim. However, he that DOES abide in the DOCTRINE OF MESSIAH, he DOES HAVE both the Father and the Son.

Based on what is said here in this verse in *2John*, it appears, that it is of paramount importance that we know what the ***DOCTRINE OF MESSIAH IS?***

Well we are told in *John 7:16* what the doctrine of Messiah ***IS***. Yeshua Himself answered that question when He said, *My doctrine is NOT My own, but it is the Doctrine of Him that sent Me.*

Scripture tells us that it is our heavenly Father that sent us our Messiah, therefore the **DOCTRINE OF MESSIAH IS** the very same doctrine as the **FATHER'S DOCTRINE** and the Father's Doctrine **IS** His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Word of His Torah of Life.

Proverbs 3:1-4 My son, do NOT forget My Torah; BUT let your heart keep My Commandments: For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to you. Do NOT let Let mercy and TRUTH (Torah) forsake you: bind them about your neck; write them upon the table of your heart: So shall you find favour and good understanding in the sight of Elohim and man.

Proverbs 4:2 For I give you GOOD DOCTRINE, DO NOT FORSAKE MY TORAH (LAW).

The Scripture goes on to tell us that after we have had the Lamb in our homes for four days, and taken good care of it, then, in unison on the 14th of Aviv in the early evening at around three o'clock, the people of Yisrael are to slaughter the Lamb and put the blood of that Lamb on the door posts and lintel of their houses.

Now, let's stop here for a moment; I would like you to try and picture this event in your mind's eye; what do you think it would have been like? The Lamb has now been in your house for **four days**, (the number four also represents the four Gospels) and you, your wife and all your children have gotten to know this little Lamb and maybe even gotten to like or love it little or maybe even a lot. You can be sure that the children certainly did. Now, you have to take this Lamb that you have cared for, for four days, and slaughter it, as you have been Commanded to do, **JUST SO THAT YOUR FIRSTBORN SON WILL NOT DIE**. What do you think that would do to you, to your wife and especially to your children? This is a time of **DEEP INTROSPECT** my friends, it is not just another ordinary day, we must understand that **WE WERE THERE** in Egypt at the time of the actual slaughter of *this Lamb*, we have to actually see that event in our mind's eye and realize **that WE ARE THERE** with our family and that **WE**, every individual here today, has to slaughter this pure, innocent, helpless Lamb, just so that our first born son could live. I don't know what that does to you, but for me, it tears at my heart to know, that **MY Sins, MY Torah transgressions, MY disobedience** to the Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, disobedience to the Words of His Torah of Life, **ARE** what got me to this point, and I am somewhat ashamed, and doubly determined to never let it happen again, and I am sure that that is exactly what our heavenly Father wants all of us to understand. It is our disobedience to His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, **DISOBEDIENCE TO WORDS OF HIS TORAH OF LIFE** that kills, for the Scriptures tell us that the penalty for Sin, for Transgressing the Torah, **IS Death**. We are told that Blood must be shed for the forgiveness of Sin, for without blood, there **IS NO REMISSION OF SIN**. This tells us, that **IF** we Sin, **IF** we Transgress the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father, we deserve to die. However, because of His great infinite love for us, our heavenly Father, has made it possible to have the life of an animal atone for our Sin, our transgression of the Words of His Torah of Life, but, the ultimate sacrifice, **IS** the sacrifice of His Son, our Messiah, and that sacrifice was absolutely necessary because of **OUR SINFUL WAYS**. Therefore as we celebrate this Feast of the sacrifice of our sinless Lamb, let us be doubly and even triply determined to get leaven, or Sin out of our lives, by truly surrendering every aspect of our lives to our heavenly Father.

The Scriptures continue on, and tells us, that they are to roast the Lamb and eat all of it, so that none of it remains. We are told that **IF** any of it remains, they are to burn it with fire until it was fully consumed, and none of the bones were to be broken. Like our Messiah, the Lamb of Elohim gave

His all for us, so to, this Sacrificial Lamb was fully consumed, and like Messiah, none of His bones were broken. None of the flesh of the lamb was to be left, so that no one would partake of the Lamb unworthily and perish because of it. You may never have thought of this before, but the act of burning the remains of the Lamb until it was fully consumed, paints a picture for us of the Grace, Mercy and Compassion of our heavenly Father, who does **NOT** want anyone to die for Sins of ignorance by eating of the flesh of the Lamb that was left over, and inadvertently bring damnation upon themselves. *1 Corinthians 11:29 For he that eats and drinks unworthily, eats and drinks damnation to himself, NOT discerning Adonai's body. 30 For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.*

When you look at the door posts and the lintel of your home, it becomes quite clear, that most doorways are in the form of the Hebrew letter *Chet*, ח, which is the first letter in the word *Chay*, חי, which of course, means **Life**. This tells us that the blood that the children of Yisrael, chose to obediently place on the door posts of their houses, was going to give Life, to all that obeyed the commandment to put the blood of the Lamb on their door posts, in the same manner, that loving surrendered obedience to all of the Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions brings us physical and eternal life.

They were also to eat the Lamb and be prepared to leave at anytime (*like a thief in the night*). They spent the night, waiting, praying and listening to the horrific sounds of the cries of those lamenting the loss of their firstborn loved ones, because, the leader of the house where the firstborn actually died, had chosen **NOT** to put the blood of the Lamb on their door posts. This should be a sober reminder to all of us, of the cost of Sin, of disobedience to the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father, in our lives. Whether that disobedience is wilful or not, it can have dire consequences. We need to understand that Yahweh was present at every home where the blood was obediently placed on the door posts of their houses, and that He personally turned away the angel of death from each and every one of those households, and that my friends is the incredible extent or the depth of His love for us.

Verse 13 says And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where you are: and when I Yahweh, see the blood, I WILL pass over you, and the plague SHALL NOT be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt.

In Scripture, we are told that the *life of all flesh* is in the blood. Since the Scriptures tell us that the Lamb was slain from the beginning of time, therefore, that means that when we willingly and lovingly choose to put the blood of the Lamb upon our doorposts, as the people of Yisrael obediently did, we are saying to the whole world and to Yahweh Himself, we the loving servants of our heavenly Father are willing and anxious to live the very same Torah obedient life that our Messiah, the Lamb of Elohim lived while He was here on earth with us, and, furthermore, we are ready to die for our heavenly Father and for each other in our servitude to Him. That, my friends, **IS** what it means to have a totally surrendered life to the Father. That is the message that we send or display to the world when we willingly choose to publicly announce that as for me and my house, we **WILL** put the blood of the Lamb on our doorposts to show the world that we have chosen to obey **ALL** of the Father's Commandments. Amen

According to Scripture, how long are we to celebrate this wonderful redemption from the Elohim of Abraham, Yitzchaq and Ya'aqov? *Verse 14* tells us that **IT IS** an ordinance **FOREVER**. Elohim says,

this ordinance **IS FOREVER**, but the church fathers in their earthly finite wisdom, tell us, that this Feast, as well as all of the other Feasts of Yahweh, delineated in *Vayiqra (Leviticus) 23* have been done away with, or abolished; therefore it is really up to us, as the people of Elohim to choose whom we will believe. *Numbers 23:19 Elohim is not a man, that He should LIE; neither the son of man, that He should repent: has He said, and shall He not do it? Or has He spoken, and shall He not make it good?*

However, I caution you, to choose very carefully whom you will believe, for those that did not put the blood of the Lamb on their doorposts in Egypt lost their firstborn forever.

Yahweh tells us that we are to have a Holy Convocation in the first day and in the seventh day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread. We have come to learn that the word Holy means to be set apart. Therefore what we are being told here in *Exodus 12:16* is that we are to **SET these days APART as a SACRED time ORDAINED by Elohim Himself**, set apart as a time that He, the Elohim of the universe **WANTS** to spend with **US**, His created beings, His children.

For these seven days there is to be no *leaven* found in our houses. Leaven in Scripture, is a picture of Sin, a picture of transgressing the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father, in ones life, and Yahweh wants us to rid ourselves of these transgressions, get rid of Sin. This is a beautiful picture of an individual, willingly and lovingly choosing to surrender his or her whole heart, soul, mind and strength to the Father, in total loving surrendered obedience to all the Words of His Torah, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, for Sin, is described in Scripture, in *1John 3:4* as transgression of the Torah: *1 John 3:4 Whosoever commits Sin transgresses also the Torah: for SIN, IS the transgression of the Torah (Law)*. This tells us that **IF** we surrender our hearts to our heavenly Father and commit to believe, follow and obey the Words of His Torah, then we will live a Sinless life.

From *verse 21 to verse 25* Mosheh instructs the elders to first choose a Lamb and then, and then they were to slaughter that Lamb, at the appointed time as the Passover Sacrifice. This is very important for those that would be elders of any group. Our responsibility **IS TO DO** exactly what Elohim has Commanded us to do **THROUGH HIS WORD**, through the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, that He gave to Mosheh at Mount Siynay and we are **NOT TO ADD TO, NOR TAKE ANYTHING AWAY FROM THE FATHER'S LIFE GIVING WORD**. We are to do things **EXACTLY** as the Word of Elohim instructs us. That is the awesome responsibility of the elders of all of Elohim's people. *John 5:46 For HAD YOU BELIEVED Mosheh, HAD YOU BELIEVED WHAT IS WRITTEN IN THE TORAH OF MOSHEH, the Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, YOU WOULD HAVE BELIEVED ME: for Mosheh WROTE OF ME.*

Every week we sing the Shemah, and repeat the words, and you shall teach these Words of Elohim **diligently** onto your children. This is where it originates from. We are to teach and explain who this wonderful Elohim that we serve **IS**, so that our children can learn to walk in the blessings and protection of our heavenly Father. This is an awesome responsibility, because when we have children, we hold in our heart, in our being, the power to bless them for eternity by teaching them the love that **IS** embedded in the awesome Words of our heavenly Father, and teaching them to walk in obedience to the Words of the Father's Torah, and the only way to do that, **IS** for us to model that walk to our children, as Messiah modelled that walk, to us. That is what it means to be a *Parent* according to Elohim. *Ephesians 6:4 And you fathers, do NOT provoke your children to wrath: but*

bring them up in the nurture and admonition of Elohim, in His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah.

In *verse 31*, Pharaoh called Mosheh and Aharon at night and said, *Rise up, and get you forth from among my people.*

I want you to see the message here. It is futile to go against the will of our heavenly Father; regardless of how right you think you are, you will suffer the same fate as Pharaoh, for Elohim **IS** sovereign and what He says, **WILL**, without a doubt, come to pass. These *verses* aren't just there to entertain us, they are there as a warning, to teach us, that we are to **OBEY** the Father's Commandments and when we do, we **WILL** be blessed beyond whatever we can imagine.

Next we see that the people of Yisrael, leave Egypt, and according to Scripture, all they took with them is found in *verse 34* **And the people took their dough before it was leavened, their kneading troughs being bound up in their clothes upon their shoulders.** *35 And the children of Yisrael did according to the Word of Mosheh; and they borrowed, She'el, שאל, of the Egyptians jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment: 36 And Yahweh gave the people favour in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they lent (She'el, שאל) unto them such things as they required. And they spoiled the Egyptians.*

The English word *borrowed and or lent* are bad translations, for the word borrowed and lent are both translated from the Hebrew word, She'el שאל, which means, *asked, requested*, and can also mean *demanded*. Therefore, by their surrendered obedience to Yahweh's Commandment, to leave Egypt, Yahweh rewarded them, by having **ALL** the Egyptians, give the people of Yisrael some of what they were owed, for working as slaves for all those years. This shows us, that when we choose to obey Yahweh in His prescribed manner, we will be blessed and find favour wherever we go. I can attest to the **TRUTH** of that statement for I have found favour in all the things that I do, when I surrender my will to His will and when I acknowledge Yahweh, before I begin.

Next it says that they journeyed from Ramses to Succoth. Ramses means *child of the sun* and Succoth means *booths* or *tabernacle*. This is telling us that when we turn from our idols, represented by the words *child of the sun*, or *the worship of the sun*, and turn our hearts towards our heavenly Father and willingly choose to obey His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, Yahweh has promised us, in His Word, that He will come and make His abode with us. This is the message of the **GOSPEL**, Yahweh's **TRUTH** being taught to us here in *Exodus 12*.

Yahweh emphasizes in *Verses 43 to 48* that no uncircumcised person shall eat the Passover. That Commandment is repeated in *1 Corinthians 11:23-30*! Yahweh also insists that there **IS** only one Torah, One Law for the homeborn and for the stranger that has been circumcised. There isn't **ONE** Law for the Jews and **THEN** another Law for the Gentiles. There is, always has been, and always will be only **ONE LAW, ONE TORAH** of Elohim given to Yisrael through Mosheh on Mount Siynay.

Anyone that tells you that the Law of Mosheh the Torah of our heavenly Father has somehow been abolished, **IS** a **FALSE** prophet, and will receive a **FALSE** prophet's reward, regardless of what position he holds here on Earth.

*Hebrews 10:26 For if we Sin wilfully, if we wilfully transgress the Father's Torah of Life, after that we have received **the knowledge of Torah, the knowledge of the TRUTH**, there remains no more sacrifice for Sins, 27 But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries. 28 He that **DESPISES Mosheh's Law, the Torah**, (please notice that the word, *despises*, is in the present tense) dies without mercy under two or three witnesses: 29 Of **how much sorer punishment**, suppose you, shall he be thought worthy, who has trodden under foot the **Son of Elohim, the Words of the Living Torah of our heavenly Father, made flesh** and has counted the blood of the Covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, **an unholy thing**, and has done despite unto the Spirit of Grace?*

There is no escaping it, the Torah **IS** Elohim's Word and like Yahweh, **IT TOO IS ETERNAL** and it is here to stay.

What happened to Mosheh is our example of how much tolerance Yahweh has for those whom He has put in charge of His flock. At the top end of the spectrum, where Mosheh was, there was zero tolerance for error. Mosheh made one error, and he was denied entry into the earthly Promised Land. The same holds true for all Church Leaders of today.

*1 Corinthians 11:23-30, For I have received of Adonai that which also I delivered unto you, That Adonay Yeshua, the same night in which He was betrayed, took unleavened bread (Matzah): 24 And when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, Take, and eat this, this unleavened bread, for this Matza **IS** My body, which is broken for you: **DO** this in remembrance of Me. 25 After the same manner also He took the Cup of Redemption, when He had supped, saying, This cup is the renewed Covenant in My blood: this you shall **DO** as often as you drink **THIS CUP**, this cup of redemption, **drink it, in remembrance of Me**. 26 For as often as you eat **THIS BREAD**, (this Matzah) and drink **THIS CUP** (cup of redemption), you do show Messiah's death, till He comes. 27 Wherefore whosoever shall eat this **BREAD, this MATZAH** and drink this Cup of **REDEMPTION of Yahweh, UNWORTHILY**, shall be guilty of the body and blood of Messiah. 28 But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that **Matza bread**, and drink of that cup of Redemption. 29 For he that eats and drinks **UNWORTHILY**, eats and drinks **DAMNATION TO HIMSELF, NOT discerning Adonay's body**. 30 For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.*

In verse 49 Yahweh summarizes the lesson that He has taught us from the very beginning: *One Torah, One Law shall be to him that is homeborn, and unto the stranger that sojourns among you.*

And then *Exodus 12* He ends with these words, *50 Thus all the children of Yisrael; **DID as Yahweh Commanded Mosheh and Aharon, so did they**. 51 And it came to pass the very same day, that Yahweh did bring the children of Yisrael **OUT** of the land of Egypt by their armies.*

Here we are told what the result was of the people of Yisrael, that obeyed Yahweh and chose to put the blood of the Lamb on their doorposts, **WHAT** was the result of their obedience? It says, that on the day that they obeyed and put the blood of the Lamb on their doorposts and lintel, that Yahweh brought the children of Yisrael **OUT** of their bondage, **OUT** of slavery to Egypt. That is the pattern my friends, first we are redeemed by and through Yahweh's Grace and Mercy, then, we are to learn to believe and obey what He commands us to do, we learn to willingly lovingly follow and obey the

Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Word of **TRUTH**, which sets us free from slavery to Sin, and, puts us on Yahweh's Paths of Righteousness, which in turn leads us into His eternal Kingdom, where we will become the bride of Messiah. Amein!

In *chapter 12 of Exodus* there are no stand alone Aleph Tavs, however, let me show you where some of these Aleph Tavs that are attached to words by a Maqef are found. To begin with there are 20 Aleph Tavs that are attached to a word with a Maqef. The number 20 in Scripture speaks of redemption, for it is on their 20th birthday that the sons of Yisrael are redeemed for half a shekel. Let me show you how a few of these Aleph Tavs are used so that you can decide for yourself **IF** these verses should be attributed to our Messiah or not.

Verse 8 and they shall eat Aleph Tav the flesh in that night; וְאָכְלוּ אֶת־הַבָּשָׂר בַּלַּיְלָה;
VeAklū Et HaBasar BaLaylah.

This is telling us that we are to eat the flesh of the Aleph Tav just as Messiah instructed us to do in *John 6:53 Then Yeshua said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except you eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, YOU HAVE NO LIFE IN YOU.*

Verse 13 And when I see Aleph Tav the blood, I will Pass over you;

וְרָאִיתִי עֶרְוַת־הַדָּם וְפָסַחְתִּי עֲלֵיכֶם, VeRaiytiy Er HaDam Uphasachtiy Alechem

I believe that Yahweh is saying: When I see the blood of the Aleph Tav, which represents the Torah obedient Life that Messiah lived, on the entrance of your abode, the entrance to your heart, I will Pass Over you, I will have the angel of death pass you by, and since you chose, to seek out My Righteousness, I will bring you into my eternal kingdom.

Verse 17 And you shall Aleph Tav observe (guard) and in italics it says the feast of unleavened bread on this day; וּשְׁמַרְתֶּם אֶת־הַמִּצְוֹת כִּי בַעֲצָם הַיּוֹם הַזֶּה, UShmartem Et HaMitzot Kiy Be'Etzem HaYom Hazeh.

The word *observe* found in *verse 17* is actually the Hebrew word Shamar which means *guard*, and therefore this is telling us that the Aleph Tav, our Messiah, the Words of the Living Torah, **IS** Commanding us to Guard, protect, the Unleavened Bread, which means, that He is commanding us to **KEEP HIS FEASTS**.

Verse 23 For Yahweh will pass through to smite Aleph Tav the Egyptians; and when He sees Aleph Tav the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts

וְעָבַר יְהוָה לְנֹכַח אֶת־מִצְרַיִם וְרָאָה אֶת־הַדָּם עַל־הַמַּשְׁקוּף וְעַל שְׁתֵּי הַמְּזוּזוֹת, VeAvar YHVH LiNgoph Et Mitzrayim VeRa'ah Et HaDam Al HaMashqof Ve'Al Shtei HaMezuzot.

As you can see this is telling us that **IT IS** the Aleph Tav, our Messiah, the Living Torah that will smite **ALL** of our enemies.

As I said above, there are twenty Aleph Tavs that are attached to words with a Maqef and there are forty one words in this chapter that contain both the Aleph and Tav letters within them. The lesson that I believe Yahweh is teaching us through the use of these Aleph Tavs, **IS**, that regardless of where we find the letters Aleph and Tav in Scripture, whether is in a stand-alone position or attached to words with a Maqef or embedded somewhere in a word, we should always have the mindset that

there is a message about our Sinless Messiah hidden somewhere in that verse, and I am convinced that if we search for it, we will indeed find that hidden treasure. Amein

Numbers 28:16-25

*And in the fourteenth day of the first month **IS the Passover of Yahweh**. As believers in the Elohim of Abraham, Yitzchaq and Ya'aqov, we simply have to realize, understand and accept that the Passover, **IS** a Feast of Yahweh. While it is true that our Jewish brethren celebrate this Feast, **IT IS NOT** a Jewish Feast, **it is the Passover of Yahweh**. 17 *And in the fifteenth day of this month is the Feast: **seven days shall unleavened bread be eaten**. 18 *In the first day shall be a Holy Convocation; you shall do no manner of servile work therein: 19 But, you shall offer a sacrifice made by fire for a burnt offering unto Yahweh; **two young bullocks, and one ram, and seven lambs** of the first year: they shall be unto you without blemish: 20 And their meat offering shall be of **flour mingled with oil: three tenth deals** shall you offer for a bullock, and **two tenth deals** for a ram; 21 *A several tenth deal shall you offer for every lamb, throughout the seven lambs: 22 And **one goat for a sin offering**, to make an atonement for yourselves. 23 You shall offer these **beside the burnt offering in the morning, which is for a continual burnt offering**. 24 After this manner you shall offer daily, throughout the seven days, the meat of the sacrifice made by fire, of a sweet savour unto Yahweh: it shall be offered beside **the continual burnt offering, and his drink offering**. 25 And on **the seventh day you shall have a holy convocation; you shall do no servile work**.****

The fourteenth day:	Represents salvation, for Messiah was sacrificed on the 14 th of Aviv
The fifteenth day:	Represents rest, Messiah was put in the tomb, on the cusp of 14 th Day just a few minutes before the beginning of the 15 th Day
Seven day feast:	Represents the completed work of Yahweh
Two young bullocks:	Represent Yahweh witnessing His omnipotence to us
One ram:	Represents His majesty and sovereignty
Seven lambs first year:	Represents His perfect plan of salvation

The sacrifice is made by fire which represents how the earth will be judged when Messiah returns as our conquering King, and a consuming fire.

The sacrifice is to be with flour mingled with oil. The flour represents the Bread of Life, the Father's Living Torah, our Messiah, and the oil, represents the Holy Spirit of Elohim, and we are told in Scripture, in *Romans 7:14* that the Torah of our heavenly Father **IS** spiritual, which means that the Torah **IS** filled with the Holy Spirit of our heavenly Father.

Three tenth deals of flour and oil. The Number Three, represents the resurrection of our Messiah, and the number Ten, represents the Ten Commandments of Elohim, His Living Torah made flesh, our Messiah. Therefore that statement speaks of the death and resurrection of Messiah, who **IS** the Words of Living Torah, the Living Ten Commandments, made flesh.

Two tenth deals for a ram. The number Two, speaks of witness, and what are we to witness with? We are to be witnesses to the peoples of the world, by willingly and lovingly choosing to believe, follow and obey **ALL** of the Commandments of our heavenly Father who is represented by the majesty of the Ram.

We are to offer one goat for a Sin offering. The goat that is offered is to remind us of the Azazel, the scapegoat, where one goat was slaughtered while the other was let go; together they represent our Messiah, and His sacrifice, His completed work.

The continual Offering or daily offering was made early at the beginning of the day and speaks of us coming to our heavenly Father on a daily basis to surrender ourselves to him again for that day, and after our day is done we are to come to Him again and thank Him for watching over us throughout the Day.

It ends with *the seventh day you shall have a holy convocation*. The English word *convocation* is the Hebrew word *Miqra*, מִקְרָא which means *called out* or a *rehearsal*. When we decide to obey and follow the Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of Life, we become *the called out ones of our heavenly Father*, and as such, we will find that YHVH will make us complete, and furthermore, He promises us, that He will tabernacle with us, and cause us to walk out the Father's Torah, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions even more. Amein

Haftarah

Joshua 5: 1-15

This is a continuation of the promise that when we believe our heavenly Father, and willingly and lovingly choose to surrender our wills to the Father's **WILL**, He will never leave us nor forsake us. In *Devariym 28:7*, it says that **IF** we obey Yahweh, that He will cause our enemies that come against us to be defeated, they shall come against us one way, **BUT** that He will cause them to flee from us, seven ways and that is what we see here in *verse 1*. Yisrael's enemies heard of what Yahweh had done at the Red Sea, and at the Jordan River, and they were very afraid.

Why were they afraid? Was it because of Yisrael's strength or the size of their army? Or was it because Yahweh was on their side and fighting their battles for them?

The same applies to us. If we willingly and lovingly choose to keep, follow and obey the Father's Torah, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, **THEN** we can rest assured that eventually **ALL** enemies that come against us **WILL** flee from us. We always have to **KEEP** in mind that we do not fight against flesh and blood, but we are actually fighting against principalities, against powers, against rulers of darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in heavenly places. The enemy, satan, **uses people to come against us**, but **IF** we willingly choose to Obey the Father's Torah, His Words of Life, then our enemies **WILL NOT** succeed for that **IS** what the Father promises us He will do, for YHVH promised us that **ALL** those who willingly and lovingly obey the Father's Torah, will always triumph over their enemies.

Now the text tells us, that they have entered the Promised Land, and what **IS** the first instruction that Yahweh gives Joshua? Joshua **IS** to make sharp knives and circumcise the children of Yisrael. What does that mean to us? Does that mean that we should physically be circumcised in the flesh once we enter the Promised Land? I will let each individual decide that for himself, for that is between Yahweh and the individual, but what does it mean spiritually?

Circumcision **IS** the removal of some flesh from the male member. I am told by doctors that it makes for better hygiene when the excess skin or flesh is removed. Therefore, I believe that Yahweh is

telling us to remove our fleshly nature and surrender ourselves to Him in total loving surrendered obedience and when we willingly do that, Yahweh has promised that He will direct our path, and He will also protect us and provide for us to the level that we are willing to surrender to Him.

We are told that they were all circumcised. I would like you, to Please understand what I believe Yahweh is telling us through these words. I believe that this is an allusion to the Fact that all Israel **WERE DEAD IN SIN**, dead in their uncircumcision, and that obedience to the Living Word, the Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of Life **BROUGHT them back to life**. They were in essence regenerated (born again) as new men, by their circumcision, for in essence, their flesh was cut away and their surrendered spirit emerged.

We are told that all the men of Yisrael that had refused to enter the Promised Land forty years ago had all died in the wilderness except for Kaleb, Yehoshua and all the children that were under the age of 20.

To make sure that we understand that Yahweh is not looking for robots, that religiously follow the letter of the Law, the Torah, people, whose hearts, are far from Him; the Scripture tells us in *verse 5* that **ALL** these men that died in the wilderness were physically circumcised, but, they still did not enter the Promised Land. Therefore, what Yahweh has wanted from us from the very beginning of creation, **IS hearts that are surrendered to Him out of LOVE for Him**. The Scriptures *scream it out* in every *verse* of the Torah for all those that have an ear to hear.

The Commandment was that every male child was to be circumcised and yet we are told in *verse 5* that the children that were born in the wilderness were **NOT** circumcised. That should give you some idea as to the heart condition of the people of Yisrael in those days.

Verse 7 tells us that Yehoshua **DID** have the children that were born in the wilderness, circumcised and after Yehoshua had completed the task of having the children of Yisrael circumcised as they are Commanded to be according to the Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of Life, **THEN** Yahweh said in *verse 9* *This day have I rolled away THE REPROACH of Egypt from off you* (this means that Yisrael's punishment for their rebellious disobedience to the Words of the Father's Torah of Life) was **NOW OVER**). *Wherefore the name of the place is called Gilgal unto this day*.

As you can see, *verse 9* reveals the forgiving Grace of our Elohim. This is a new beginning for the people of Yisrael. Yahweh says, that He has removed the reproach of Egypt from them. In other words, they are now regenerated, they are born anew, as children of the most High Elohim. Now that they are regenerated, **WHAT IS the VERY FIRST THING THEY DO** when they are regenerated?

Verse 10, they celebrate Yahweh's Feast of Passover. Why do you think that entering the land and taking possession of it happens to coincide with the Passover of Yahweh and not at some other time? According to Scripture, the Passover **IS** celebrated in the month of Aviv, which, according to Yahweh **SHALL BE** the beginning of months, for **ALL** of Yisrael. Therefore we have the children of Yisrael entering the Promised Land, being circumcised, and that to me is a picture of them casting off their fleshly lustful desires, casting **OFF** their sinful ways and being regenerated onto a new life, a new beginning, one that is filled with Yahweh's **TRUTH** and void of man made doctrines. This is indeed the greatest new beginning in **ALL** of Yisrael's history. We have to understand that the putting of the

blood of the Lamb on the doorpost of the houses of the children of Yisrael, **IS** a symbol that the angel of death will pass over the house, **BECAUSE it is PROTECTED** by the Living Torah, our Messiah, the Lamb of Elohim.

The house in Hebrew thinking is **NOT** understood as a physical building, but **IT IS VIEWED AND UNDERSTOOD AS BEING THE FAMILY**. The wife and children **ARE** what constitute the house in the Hebrew mindset. Therefore we need to understand, that circumcision of the male member in which blood is shed, **IS A SYMBOL** of putting the blood on the door post of the Hebrew future generation, the future family and as such **IT IS A PICTURE** of Yisrael building and protecting their house and their firstborn, **BY** the **BLOOD** of the Living Torah, which is a picture of the totally Torah obedient Life that our Messiah lived while He was here on earth with us.

Verses 11 and 12 reveals the provisions of Elohim, and Yisrael maturing in their belief, their emunah, their faith and trust in the Elohim of Abraham, Yitzchaq and Ya'aqov. When they entered the Land, they ate from the produce of the land and at that point, we are told that Elohim's manna ceased to appear, as it had done for the past forty years. The cessation of manna **IS** an indication that Yisrael **IS** maturing and that now they can start providing for themselves by trusting and obeying Elohim; trusting that Yahweh would provide the sun and the rain when it was needed; trusting that He would indeed make all that they put their hands to, to prosper. They were now expected to go from the milk of the Word, to the meat of the Word and stand on solid ground, rooted in belief in the Elohim of Abraham, Yitzchaq and Ya'aqov.

Verse 13 Joshua meets with the messenger of Elohim. Joshua has just been made leader of all the people of Yisrael. And now they are in the Promised Land, and there will be many battles that will have to be fought and won in order for Yisrael to take possession of the Promised Land. They have just witnessed the miracle of the stopping of the water of the Jordan River and now for the first time in 40 years the manna has ceased. This could have caused concern for Joshua because the people might think that Elohim is **NO** longer with them because the manna, the Heavenly provision has now stopped, **BUT** that is **NOT** the case For Yahweh strengthened Joshua's resolve.

To give Joshua courage, Elohim sent His messenger to give Joshua His own **burning bush** experience. The captain of Yahweh's host, the Heavenly messenger gives Joshua the same message he gave to Mosheh, *Loose your shoe from off of your foot; for the place whereon you stand is Holy.*

What does that mean? This message is telling us and Joshua, that now that you have matured you will no longer be seeing the manna so that you can believe, **BUT** now that you have ingested, internalized the manna, which is a picture of Elohim's Bread of Life, His Living Torah made manifest, you **MUST** act in a mature way, you must believe by faith.

The fact that the angel or messenger of Yahweh came and told Joshua and us, to take off our shoes because this **IS** holy ground, **IS** a sign that Yahweh **IS** with us always, and that He will never leave us nor forsake us. The holy ground tells us, that **IF** we **MAKE** Messiah's **LIFE** our goal in Life, we will be Holy as Yahweh is holy and if we do that, then we have His promise that He will constantly be at our side to defend us, to prosper us, to keep us healthy and to provide for us.

The verse ends with the words... *and Joshua did so*. These are great words to live by. I believe that it behooves all believers to make a commitment and declare: **SINCE** Elohim has told me to be holy as

He is holy, and since He has told me to seek first the Kingdom of Elohim and His righteousness, I willingly and lovingly **DO SO** knowing that this ground that I now stand on, which is the Kingdom of the Father, **IS** Holy Ground, and because I believe, therefore by faith, I declare that I will live a holy life, devoted to serving my Heavenly Father and **ALL** His creation. Amen, amen and amen.

There is one stand-alone Aleph Tav in *Joshua 5*.

*Verse 1 And it came to pass, when all the kings of the Amorites, which were on the side of Jordan westward, and all the kings of the Canaanites, which were by the sea, heard how **Aleph Tav** YHVH had dried up the waters of Jordan from before the children of Israel, until we were passed over, that their heart melted, neither was there spirit in them any more, because of the children of Israel.*

There are also another seven Aleph Tavs that are attached to words with a Maqef and Ten words that contain both the Aleph and Tav letters within them. The number seven in Scripture represents completion and the number Ten represents the Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Ten Commandments. I believe that through the use of these Aleph Tavs, that YHVH is telling us that **IF** we will learn to simply surrender our wills to the Father's Will in total loving surrendered obedience to the Words of His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Ten Commandments, which represents His Complete Torah of Life, that it will make us complete and lead us onto eternal life which completes Yahweh's plan of redemption onto salvation for all those who willingly and lovingly choose to follow and obey the Father's Words of Life. Amen

Apostolic Scriptures

Matthew 26:1-30

This speaks of the preparation of the Passover Lamb for slaughter. Yeshua says in *verse 2, after two days is the Feast of Passover*. The Passover speaks of the redemption of the people of Yisrael and the *two days* speaks of the timing of His return. A day is as a thousand years, Messiah will return two thousand years after His First coming.

Our heavenly Father, through the loving surrendered heart of Messiah, healed many people, and Messiah preached that we were to love our neighbours as ourselves, and that we were to also extend love to our enemies. He commanded men to love their wives and for wives to respect or reverence their husbands, He taught love, grace, mercy, compassion, and forgiveness, and, because He did **NOT** do all of this in the prescribed manner or way of the Pharisee's, who represent **ALL** the man made **RELIGIONS** of the world, they wanted to put Him to death.

In Bethany, where the woman anointed Messiah, it is obvious that His disciples did not know who He truly was, for they complained about the misuse of precious ointment that was used to anoint Yeshua. If they had truly known who He was, and what He was about to do for them, and for all the peoples of the world, they would have rushed out and gotten much more of the precious ointment to anoint Him with?

Now we come to Judas, who do you think Judas represents? I believe Judas represents jealousy in the House of Elohim, jealousy in leadership, and the coveting of others positions. It represents resentment, when someone is honoured and you feel forgotten. It represents envy for the recognition and accolades that someone else gets, when a person thinks that they deserve those accolades, and

that it should be them that are getting these accolades rather than person that actually deserves them. It represents pettiness in the body of Messiah, pettiness in all those that would be leaders or see themselves as leaders, but no one is following them not their teachings, therefore, we **ALL** need to do some soul searching to see, **IF** we have any of the spirit of jealousy that Judas had, and **IF** we find even a tiny amount of that jealousy present in our lives, **THEN** we must repent of it and ask Yahweh to remove it from our lives.

Verse 18 fascinates me. It says *go into the city to such a man, and say to him, the master says, My time is at hand; I will **KEEP** the Passover at your house with My disciples.* We have a city, a man, a master, Passover, a house, and My disciples, what does it all mean? We have established in the past, that Elohim judges men's heart. I believe that *the city* represents the world. *To such a man*, are those people that have a seeking heart, that are willing to obey what the *Master*, Yahweh says, *My time is at hand*, represents the *here and now* that we find ourselves in, and it creates a sense of urgency, that the Passover, which represents redemption onto salvation, is at hand, and we **MUST** embrace it **NOW**. If we choose to obey the *Master*, our *house* will become His *house* and He will disciple us in the Ways of the Father's Torah, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, and **IF** we choose to obey Him, and, continue in that obedience, then, we will be His forevermore, we will be *His disciples*, and nothing can take us out of His hands, as long as our hearts remain dedicated to follow and obey Him.

The next scene is the Last Supper; and this well known Last Supper **IS** a Passover meal, a **PASSOVER SEDER**, done according to Torah. The twelve disciples represent the Twelve Tribes of Yisrael and how Elohim communicates with His people. When Elohim has a message to give, He gives it to **ALL OF YISRAEL**, He plays no favourites, we are **ALL** equal in His eyes. What we have to understand however, **IS**, that His **TRUTH**, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of Life **IS** universal, and because it is universal, there should be no such things as denominational separations in His house. I can safely say, that according to Torah, Elohim hates denominations, because, they represent man's wisdom and man's understanding and they actually separate His people, they create division. There is only one **TRUTH** my friends, and Scripture emphatically states that there is **BUT ONE TORAH (LAW)** for all people, however, Christianity has been divided up into 60,000 plus denominations and therefore we have 60,000 plus variations, or perversions of the Father's **TRUTH**, when Scripture emphatically Assures us, that there is **BUT ONE TRUTH**. Our Jewish brethren are no different, for they have their own *truths* also; truths that they believe supersede the Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of Life, and they have elevated these man made teachings, called the oral torah, the Mishnah and Talmud and other rabbinical writings above the Torah of Mosheh.

At His last Passover Seder, Messiah **IS** actually teaching us, that it is only through the unification, the re-gathering of the people of Yisrael that we will be able to see His **TRUTH** and **NOT** by any man made denominational perverted truth, which is an abomination to Him. *You shall not **ADD** unto the Word which I command you, neither shall you **DIMINISH** aught from it, that you may **KEEP** the Commandments of Yahweh your Elohim which I command you. Devarim 4:2.*

Judas betrays Yeshua, and turns Him over to the Pharisees. What do we learn from Judas' actions? We learn that **WE TOO CAN BETRAY MESSIAH/YAHWEH** by believing our own man made perverted truths, and, by leaning on our own understanding, or, by turning to man made denominational doctrines, for our salvation. That is how you betray Yeshua, the Words of the Living

Torah. Messiah said *If you love Me, KEEP My commandments*, therefore by extension, **IF** we don't **KEEP** His commandments, *it means that we DON'T LOVE HIM*. Therefore **IF** anyone professes to love Messiah and yet, **DOES NOT KEEP ALL** of the Father's Commandments, all of the Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of Life, **THEN NOT** only are we betraying Messiah and our heavenly Father, we are also betraying ourselves, which means, that we are guided by the spirit that guided Judas, rather than the Father's Words of Wisdom, His Torah of Life. I know that this may seem like a harsh statement to you **BUT** nevertheless it is true.

In *Matthew 26:26* it says that Messiah took bread and blessed **IT**. That statement **IS NOT TRUE**. Can anyone tell me what **IS** wrong with that statement? The very small word **IT** has been added to the text and it changes the whole meaning of the statement, and it **IS** an indication of the ways of man, and their religious doctrines. In Messiah's time, He chastised the Pharisees for saying that the gold that came off of the altar was blessed, rather than the Altar of Elohim being blessed. The church has done the very same thing by blessing *things* and not blessing the One who gave us those things. And that kind of attitude has led the church into false teaching, because it strengthens their belief that they can eat anything they want, and all they have to do, is pray a blessing over what they eat, and they believe, that because they prayed a blessing over it, that Elohim will actually bless whatever they put in their mouths. **Nothing can be further from the TRUTH**, for Elohim will **NOT** bless that which is unclean, for He Himself would be adding to the Torah and nullifying His own words. So when someone eats something that Yahweh has said is **NOT food for us**, or something that Yahweh has specified **IS** unclean, they are actually bringing curses upon themselves, and those curses will be manifested in different ways in their lives beginning with poorer health, and Paul tells us in *1 Timothy 4:1-5* that this kind of thinking, this kind of teaching **IS FROM** the doctrine of devils.

Verses 26-29 speak of the Passover meal. We know that unleavened bread is to be eaten during the week of Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread, for the Scriptures tell us, *for seven days you shall eat Unleavened Bread*, and only Unleavened Bread is to be offered up to Yahweh during the seven Days of the Feast of Unleavened Bread. So, when Messiah says, *when you eat THIS BREAD, He is pointing to Unleavened Bread only*. What is it that we are to do when Messiah tells us in *Luke 22:19 eat this bread and drink this cup in memory of Me*. Well, we have learned that the word *remember* in Hebrew is Zakar and while this word Zakar, does mean remember, it has a much more profound meaning, but, it also means, to *speak and act on behalf of*.

In *Leviticus 17:11* we are told that the life of **ALL** flesh is in the blood. We also know that Messiah is the *Living Word* of Elohim made flesh. So we have *Bread* which represents physical life, our daily nourishment, and it also represents spiritual nourishment, we have Messiah who is the Living Word, and we have the blood of Messiah. What message is Messiah giving us here?

I believe that the Scriptures are teaching us that when we choose to celebrate Passover and drink this cup (*the cup of redemption*) and eat this bread (*the unleavened bread*), and we do it in memory of Messiah, it means that we **SPEAK and ACT on behalf of the Torah obedient Life that He lived while He was among us**, and it tells the whole world, how Messiah, willingly and lovingly chose to obey our heavenly Father, **AND** that He only did what our heavenly Father Commanded Him to do. We are to let the whole world know that Messiah lived a Torah obedient Life while He was here on earth with, and He did that in order that we and they, would be encouraged to do the same, encouraged to walk in perfect maturity in loving surrendered obedience to all the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, so, that they too could be an example to others, and in this manner, we will save many. We are

to celebrate Messiah's Torah obedient Life, for the Life that Messiah lived, is an example of how much beauty and love that is contained in a Torah obedient life, such as the love that Messiah displayed by believing following and obeying the Father, and that is the lesson that He wants all of us to learn, He wants all of us to emulate Him, for He knows that that is how we will show our heavenly Father that we love Him. That is what Messiah wanted from us **THEN**, and that is what He wants from us **NOW**. Amein

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Have a great Elohim blessed week and may Yahweh bless your every thought, and your every deed. Until we meet again, שְׁלוֹם עֲלֵיכֶם, Shalom Aleykem. Amein!