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THEME: There is a difference between the Egyptians and Israel

“Then Moses said, “Thus says Yahweh: ‘About midnight I will go out into the midst of Egypt; **and all the firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die**, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sits on his throne, even to the firstborn of the female servant who is behind the handmill,

and all the firstborn of the animals. Then there shall be a great cry throughout all the land of Egypt, such as was not like it before, nor shall be like it again. **But against none of the children of Israel** shall a dog move its tongue, against man or beast, **that you may know that Yahweh does make a difference between the Egyptians and Israel.**” Exodus 11:4-7

OUTCOME: The end will take a revealing of true sons!

“And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, **and then the end will come.**”

Matthew 24:14

“Do not fear, O Jacob My servant,” says the LORD, “For I am with you; **for I will make a complete end of all the nations to which I have driven you,** but I will not make a complete end of you. I will rightly correct you, for I will not leave you wholly unpunished.”” Jeremiah 46:28 NKJV

“It [Egypt] shall be the lowliest of kingdoms; **it shall never again exalt itself above the nations,** for I will diminish them so that **they will not rule over the nations anymore.**” Ezekiel 29:15 NKJV

“For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the **revealing of the sons of God.**” Romans 8:19

Let's Set the Scene: Portion in a blurb

1. The portion begins by concluding the narrative of the ten plagues, the tenth of which is the slaying of the firstborn. To avoid the plague, the Israelites are given the instructions for the Passover sacrifice and the laws of the Feast of Unleavened Bread. Pharaoh finally consents to let Israel go, and they leave, taking with them the riches of Egypt. [See the chart of facts about all 10 Plagues on page 23 in last week's Sermon Notes.]
2. **(8) Locusts**—Moses to Pharaoh; 'How long will you refuse to humble yourself before Me? **Let My people go, that they may serve Me.** Locusts shall eat the residue of what is left, which remains after the hail and they will fill all Egyptian homes.
3. Pharaoh's servants beg him to relent before Egypt is completely destroyed? Moses informs Pharaoh that he will take with him his young and old, sons and daughters, and flocks and herds.
4. Pharaoh again says, "go" but then warns Moses. "The Lord had better be with you when I let you and your little ones go! Beware, for evil is ahead of you." It seem that Pharaoh then tell Moses to go only with his men.
5. So Yahweh sends the locusts and they eat every herb of the land and all the fruit of the trees which the hail had left. So there

remained nothing green on the trees or on the plants of the field throughout all the land of Egypt.

6. Pharaoh admits he has sinned against Yahweh and against Moses. He asks for both the forgiveness of Moses and Yahweh. "Please forgive my sin only this once, and entreat the Lord your God, that He may take away from me this death only."
7. Pharaoh still does not let the children of Israel go.
8. **(9) Darkness**—This plague begins with no further warning to Pharaoh. Thick darkness covered the land of Egypt for three days. The people could not see one another; nor did anyone rise from his place for three days. But all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings.
9. Again Pharaoh says "go" and this time you can take your little ones. Moses insists that the livestock go as well so they may sacrifice to Yahweh. And we are taking them all, as we have no idea what Yahweh will require. Obviously Moses has zero intention to return to Egypt and Pharaoh is finding reasons for them to return each time he says, "go." He does not let them go.
10. Pharaoh seals his death sentence—"Get away from me! Take heed to yourself and see my face no more! For in the day you see my face you shall die!" So Moses said, "You have spoken well. I will never see your face again."

11. **Death of the Firstborn Announced:** one more plague is coming and afterward Pharaoh will let them go. And when he lets them go, he will surely drive them out of here altogether. But before they leave, they will pillage the Egyptians.

12. But this time Moses was considered a very great man in the land of Egypt, in the sight of Pharaoh's servants and in the sight of the people.

13. Here is what will happen:

(a) About midnight Yahweh will go out into the midst of Egypt

(b) All the firstborns in the land of Egypt shall die (Pharaoh's, Servant's, Animal's)

(c) There will be a great cry throughout all the land of Egypt like never before or will be again

14. **Moses warns Pharaoh one final time:** You will know that Yahweh differentiates between the Egyptians and Israel. And your servants will bow down to me, and say 'Get out!' But, Pharaoh did not let the children of Israel go.

15. The Passover Instituted

(a) The month shall be the first month of the year to you

(b) On the tenth of this month every father shall take for himself a lamb

(c) If the household is too small for a whole lamb, let him and his neighbor do it together

- (d) Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year
[Note: just like Y'shua who was without blemish and when you study in detail His public ministry, it really only spans one year, from Passover to Passover. This is not the place to exhaust this topic, however as a priest (according to the order of Melchizedek— Hebrews 5:6) He would enter ministry in His 30th year of life, so after he turns 29, and he would be sacrificed as a spotless one-year old lamb.]
- (e) Keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month
- (f) Kill it at twilight.
- (g) Take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses where they eat it. [Note: yes Yahweh is separating His people, but they must also participate in the process. They must do something!]
- (h) Eat the flesh on that night; roasted in fire, with unleavened bread and with bitter herbs
- (i) Let none of it remain until morning, burn what you cannot eat.
- (j) Eat it with a belt on your waist, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. So you shall eat it in haste. It is Yahweh's Passover.

16. Yahweh will pass through the land of Egypt on that night, and will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and

beast; **and against all the gods of Egypt He will execute judgment.**

17. The blood shall be a sign on the houses. When Yahweh sees the blood, He will **pass over** that house; and the plague shall not destroy them as He strikes the land of Egypt.

18. Passover shall be a memorial; a feast to the Yahweh throughout all generations. You shall keep it as a feast by an everlasting ordinance.

(a) Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread. On the first day you shall remove leaven from your houses.

(b) The first day there shall be a holy convocation, and on the seventh day there shall be a holy convocation for you. No manner of work shall be done on them [treat it like a Sabbath].

(c) You shall eat nothing leavened; in all your dwellings you shall eat unleavened bread.

(d) Remind your children every year that this is the day Yahweh passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt when He struck the Egyptians and freed His people.

19. **(10) Death of the Firstborn**—Yahweh struck all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sat on his throne to the firstborn of the captive who was in the dungeon,

and all the firstborn of livestock; there was a great cry in Egypt,
for there was not a house where there was not one dead.

20. The Exodus— The Egyptians urge Israel to go quickly fearing they will all die. This is why the Passover was eaten with belts and sandals on, and staff in hand. And why they departed in haste before the dough was leavened.

21. Yahweh gave them favor in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they gave them all they requested. Thus they plundered the Egyptians.

22. A **mixed multitude** left with them [non-Israelites, presumably a mix of Egyptians and other slave nations formally in captivity in Egypt. Might we presume these people were convinced by the plagues that Egypt is a losing proposition?]. **This is an important point to remember when considering Biblical Law.** Yahweh says in Exodus 12:49 that there is **one law** for the native-born and for the stranger who dwells among you. So, even those not of the blood line of Israel are expected to obey the Laws of Yahweh as if they are also Israelites.

23. We then see that it is the exact day, 430 years after “something” that Israel leaves Egypt, a solemn day to remember forever.

Look carefully at the words!

24. **“Now the sojourn of the children of Israel who lived in Egypt was four hundred and thirty years.** And it came to pass at the

end of the four hundred and thirty years—**on that very same day**—it came to pass that all the armies of the Lord went out from the land of Egypt.” (Exodus 12:40-41)

25. Yes, the entire Journey for these people WHO NOW LIVED IN EGYPT was 430 years. But it is NOT SAYING they were in Egypt for 430 years (which is a mathematical impossibility). What does span an exact 430 years can be measured from the promise to Abraham and his call to **go out** of Haran (the first Hebrew) to the day of the Exodus, the promise to Israel and the call to **go out** of Egypt. See this [time chart](#) for clarity. It is only during the first 80 years of Moses life that you see Israel as slaves in Egypt (up until then we can presume they are invited quests starting from the time of Joseph).

(a) *And it is quite apparent that the Apostle Paul understood this well, as he too measures the 430 years from Abraham to the Exodus: “Now to **Abraham and his Seed were the promises made**. He does not say, “And to seeds,” as of many, but as of one, “And to your Seed,” who is Christ. **And this I say, that the law, which was four hundred and thirty years later**, cannot annul the covenant that was confirmed before by God in Christ, that it should make the promise of no effect.”*

Galatians 3:16-17 NKJV [The Law was given on Mt. Sinai in the 3rd Month of the Year, only 50 days after the Passover and

the Exodus which was exactly to the day, 430 years after the promise to Abraham.]

26. Passover Regulations:

- (a) No foreigner shall eat it.
- (b) Servant's bought for money, who are circumcised may eat it.
- (c) A sojourner and a hired servant shall not eat it
- (d) No flesh of the lamb may be carried outside the house, nor shall you break one of its bones (Consider how none of Y'shua's bones were broken, see John 19:31-37, Num. 9:12, Ps. 34:20)
- (e) "Therefore, because it was the **Preparation Day**, that the bodies should not remain on the cross **on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day)**, the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who was crucified with Him. **But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs.** But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out. And he who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you may believe. For these things were done that the Scripture should be fulfilled, **"Not one of His bones shall be broken."** And again another

Scripture says, "They shall look on Him whom they pierced."" John 19:31-37 NKJV

- (f) When a stranger dwells with you and wants to keep the Passover, all males must be circumcised
- (g) No uncircumcised person shall eat it

27. One law shall be for the native-born and for the stranger who dwells among you—Exodus 12:49

28. The firstborn of man and beast must be set-apart for Yahweh

29. The Feast of Unleavened Bread:

- (a) No leavened bread shall be eaten
- (b) Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread
- (c) On the seventh day there shall be a feast to Yahweh
- (d) Tell your children 'This is done because of what Yahweh did for us when I came up from Egypt.'
- (e) It shall be as a sign and a memorial that Yahweh's law may be in your mouth forever
- (f) Therefore keep this ordinance forever

30. The Law of the Firstborn:

- (a) Set apart every male firstborn that comes from an animal
- (b) Every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb
- (c) If you will not redeem it, then you shall break its neck
- (d) All the firstborn of man you shall redeem

- (e) When your children ask you why, tell them about Pharaoh's stubbornness and how Yahweh killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt
- (f) It shall be as a sign on your hand and as frontlets between your eyes, for by strength of hand the Lord brought us out of Egypt.

AND THEN THE END WILL COME!

1. Passover and the End

A. Feasts of Yahweh—Review

(1) Spring Feasts

- (a) **Passover** (an event, not a day, takes place at sunset on the 14th day of the 1st Month)—Death of the Lamb and Death of Messiah
- (b) **Unleavened Bread** (7 days starting at the Passover Event)—Lamb in the oven and Messiah in the tomb
- (c) **First Fruits** (the first day after the Sabbath that follows the Passover Event)—End of the three days' journey and the third day Resurrection of Messiah (note: the only time the Feast of First Fruits can occur three days after the Passover is when Passover falls on a Wednesday night. On the year of the crucifixion, Passover WAS A WEDNESDAY NIGHT!)

- (d) **Shavuot (Feast of Weeks)**—the Law given on Mt. Sinai (in the third month, Exodus 19:1) and the Spirit given on Pentecost (Acts 2:1). This feast actually takes place in the summer, but is an extension of the Passover season as the 50 days to reach Pentecost are counted as such: count 7 Sabbaths from the Sabbath after Passover and add a day.)

(2) Fall Feasts

- (a) **Feast of Trumpets**—The Return of the Messiah (the first day of the 7th Month; the only Feast that takes place on the first day of a month, and which requires spotting the new moon—no one knows the day or the hour, but must be sober and watching as we do know the times and the seasons. I Thessalonians 5:1-11)
- (b) **Yom Kippur**—The Judgment (10 days after the Feast of Trumpets).
- (c) **Feast of Tabernacles**—The Millennial Kingdom (This is the festival of joy that begins 5 days after Yom Kippur or Judgment and lasts 7 days).
- (d) **Last Great Day of Tabernacles**—Eternity (8th day added to Tabernacles)—It is called “the Joy of the Law.” Eight is Hebrew is symbolic of Eternity, Infinity, and New Beginnings. (See John 7:37)

B. Firstborns

(1) Distinguishing Firstborns

- (a) Firstborn warning! Told this is the LAST ONE! Who the firstborn are will be revealed with a death (son's of God revealed, Romans 8)
- (b) "And the LORD said to Moses, **"I will bring one more plague on Pharaoh and on Egypt.** Afterward he will let you go from here. When he lets you go, he will surely drive you out of here altogether. Exodus 11:1
- (c) Then Moses said, "Thus says the LORD: 'About midnight I will go out into the midst of Egypt; and **all the firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die**, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sits on his throne, even to the firstborn of the female servant who is behind the handmill, and all the firstborn of the animals.'" Exodus 11:4-5 NKJV
- (d) "But **against none of the children of Israel** shall a dog move its tongue, against man or beast, that you may know that the LORD does make a difference between the Egyptians and Israel.'" Exodus 11:7 NKJV
- (e) "For the LORD will pass through to **strike the Egyptians**; and when He sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the LORD will pass over the door and

not allow the destroyer to come into your houses to strike you.” Exodus 12:23 NKJV

- (f) Israel will not be effected (but later we see there is a stipulation for this— you must do something!

(2) Death of the Firstborns

- (a) ““For I will pass through the land of Egypt on that night, and will **strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt**, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the LORD. Exodus 12:12 NKJV

- (b) “And it came to pass at midnight that the LORD **struck all the firstborn in the land of Egypt**, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sat on his throne to the firstborn of the captive who was in the dungeon, and all the firstborn of livestock. So Pharaoh rose in the night, he, all his servants, and all the Egyptians; and there was a great cry in Egypt, for **there was not a house where there was not one dead.**” Exodus 12:29-30 NKJV

(3) Survival of the Firstborns

- (a) Now the **blood shall be a sign for you** on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you; and **the plague shall not be on you to destroy**

you when I strike the land of Egypt.” Exodus 12:13

NKJV

- (b) “Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, “**Consecrate to Me all the firstborn**, whatever opens the womb among the children of Israel, both of man and beast; it is Mine.”” Exodus 13:1-2 NKJV

(4) Y’shua Messiah as Firstborn

- (a) “For God so loved the world that He gave **His only begotten Son**, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.” John 3:16-17 NKJV
- (b) “He is the image of the invisible God, **the firstborn over all creation**. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.” Colossians 1:15-16 NKJV
- (c) “And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, **the firstborn from the dead**, that in all things He may have the preeminence.” Colossians 1:18 NKJV

- (d) “For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be **the firstborn among many brethren.**” Romans 8:29 NKJV
- (e) “He shall cry to Me, ‘You are my Father, My God, and the rock of my salvation.’ **Also I will make him My firstborn, The highest of the kings of the earth.**” Psalms 89:26-27 NKJV
- (f) “and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, **the firstborn from the dead**, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood,” Revelation 1:5 NKJV
- (5) Followers of Y’shua as Firstborns (as an inheritance)
 - (a) CHURCH OF THE FIRSTBORN: “For you have not **come to the mountain** that may be touched and that burned with fire, and to blackness and darkness and tempest, and the sound of a trumpet and the voice of words, so that those who heard it begged that the word should not be spoken to them anymore. (For they could not endure what was commanded: “And if so much as a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned or shot with an arrow.” And so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I am exceedingly afraid and trembling.”)

But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel.” Hebrews 12:18-24 NKJV

(b) JOINT HEIRS: “The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that **we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ**, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.” Romans 8:16-17 NKJV

(c) “till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, **to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;**” Ephesians 4:13 NKJV

(6) Firstborns vs. Non-firstborns

(a) A mixed multitude left Egypt with Israel.

(b) The Story of Two Firstborns

1) Firstborns who applied the blood—Had faith to believe and applied the blood of the lamb—true

(faith + blood = temporal salvation and eternal redemption)

- 2) Firstborns who did not apply the blood died—had no faith to believe and did not apply the blood of the lamb (no faith + no blood = temporal and eternal damnation)

(c) I was never at risk in Egypt in the first place, what about me?

- 1) Non-firstborns who came out of Egypt with Israel—they had faith to believe but did not require the blood of the lamb. (faith + no blood = temporal salvation no eternal redemption)
- 2) Non-firstborns who stayed Egypt—They did not have the faith to believe and no blood of the lamb (no faith + no blood = temporal and eternal damnation)

C. Separating Sons from Sons

(1) The Revealing of Sons

- (a) “For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. **For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God.** For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope;

because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now.”

Romans 8:18-22 NKJV

(2) A trip through Matthew 24 (the End is a Passover—not the 2nd coming of Messiah)

(a) **FIRST:** Don’t be deceived; you will hear of wars and rumors of wars; do not be troubled; the end is not yet; nation against nation, kingdom against kingdom; famines, pestilences, and earthquakes; just the beginning; you will face tribulation and death, you will be hated by all nations for Y’shua’s name; many will be offended; betray one another; hate one another; false prophets will deceive many; lawlessness will abound; love will grow cold.” Matthew 24:4-12 NKJV [AND THEN THE END...]

(b) “But he who endures to the end shall be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, **and then the end will come.**” Matthew 24:13-14 NKJV [IS THE END WHEN THE MASTER RETURNS? NO, IT’S THE SEPARATION OF FIRSTBORNS?

(c) A LOT HAPPENS BETWEEN THE END AND THE

RETURN OF THE MASTER: You see the 'abomination of desolation standing in the holy place; it's time to flee; pray its not in winter or on the Sabbath; it will be great tribulation; unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders; don't be deceived, they are not pointing to the true Messiah; the true savior comes like lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, Matthew 24:15-28 NKJV

(d) WHEN IS THAT COMING? AFTER THE TRIBULATION

OF THOSE DAYS: ""Immediately after the tribulation...then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, you will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other." Matthew 24:29-31 NKJV [THAT IS WHAT IT WILL LOOK LIKE]

(e) LIKE WE CAN TELL WHEN A FRUIT IS READY TO BE PICKED, WE WILL BE ABLE TO SEE THESE THINGS

COMING... "Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place."

Matthew 24:32-35 NKJV **[THERE IS AN ENTIRE GENERATION BETWEEN THE END IN VS. 14 AND THE COMING OF THE MASTER. SO WHAT SHOULD THAT GENERATION BE DOING?]**

(f) **PREPARATION:** just like in the days of Noah, be prepared and others acted like nothing would happen, until the day that Noah entered the ark, he did not know exactly when the flood would come; Watch therefore, for you do not know what exact hour your Lord is coming. Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an exact hour you do not expect [JUST LIKE THE FEAST OF TRUMPET]. Matthew 24:36-44 NKJV

(g) **THIS IS WHAT FAITHFUL BELIEVERS LOOK LIKE WHEN THE MASTER RETURNS!** “Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made **ruler** over his household, to **give them food** in due season? Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing. Assuredly, I say to you that he will **make him ruler** over all his goods. [JUST LIKE JOSEPH WHO PREPARED AND WAS PUT IN CHARGE OF HIS MASTER’S HOUSE IN GENESIS 41:37-44] But the evil servant does not know this entire sequence and

thinks 'My master is delaying his coming,' and he treats others horribly and acts as if he's got an eternity to get ready. It will not be good for them! Matthew 24:45-51 NKJV

(3) **WHAT ARE THE RULES OF LAW FOR THOSE CALLED OUT BY YAHWEH, NO MATTER WHAT YOUR BACKGROUND?** One law shall be for the native-born and for the stranger who dwells among you

(a) "For seven days no leaven shall be found in your houses, since whoever eats what is leavened, that same person shall be cut off from the congregation of Israel, **whether he is a stranger or a native of the land.**"

Exodus 12:19 NKJV

(b) "And the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "This is the ordinance of the Passover: **No foreigner shall eat it.** But every man's **servant who is bought** for money, when you have circumcised him, then he may eat it. **A sojourner and a hired servant shall not eat it.**" Exodus 12:43-45 NKJV

(c) "All the congregation of Israel shall keep it. And when a **stranger** dwells with you and **wants to keep the Passover** to the LORD, **let all his males be circumcised,** and then **let him come near and keep it; and he shall be**

as a native of the land. For no uncircumcised person shall eat it. **One law shall be for the native-born and for the stranger who dwells among you.**”” Exodus 12:47-49 NKJV

(4) NOTE TO CHRISTIANS—You are no longer considered strangers but citizens. Ephesians 2 is a Passover message!

(a) For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh—who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands— that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in

ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. **Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,** having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.” Ephesians 2:8-22 NKJV

- (b) NEW CITIZENSHIP: “For our **citizenship is in heaven,** from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will **transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body,** according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.” Philippians 3:20-21 NKJV
- (c) **One law** shall be for the native-born and for the **stranger who dwells among you.**— “I, therefore, the

prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the **unity of the Spirit** in the bond of peace. There is **one body** and **one Spirit**, just as you were called in **one hope** of your calling; **one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all**, who is above all, and through all, and in you all." Ephesians 4:1-6 NKJV

- (5) The Passover ENDS a culture and begins a new one
 - (a) WHAT IT DOES TO EGYPT IMMEDIATELY: "And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and when the morning appeared, the sea returned to its full depth, while the Egyptians were fleeing into it. **So the LORD overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea. Then the waters returned and covered the chariots, the horsemen, and all the army of Pharaoh** that came into the sea after them. Not so much as one of them remained. But the children of Israel had walked on dry land in the midst of the sea, and the waters were a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. So the LORD saved Israel that day out of the hand of the

Egyptians, and **Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore.**" Exodus 14:27-30 NKJV

- (b) WHAT IT DOES TO EGYPT FOREVER: **"Egypt will become a desolate wasteland.** Then they will know that I am the LORD. ' "Because you said, 'The Nile is mine; I made it,' therefore I am against you and against your streams, **and I will make the land of Egypt a ruin and a desolate waste** from Migdol to Aswan, as far as the border of Cush. The foot of neither man nor beast will pass through it; no-one will live there for forty years. **I will make the land of Egypt desolate among devastated lands, and her cities will lie desolate for forty years among ruined cities. And I will disperse the Egyptians among the nations and scatter them through the countries.** ' "Yet this is what the Sovereign LORD says: at the end of forty years I will gather the Egyptians from the nations where they were scattered. I will bring them back from captivity and return them to Upper Egypt, the land of their ancestry. There they will be a lowly kingdom. **It will be the lowliest of kingdoms and will never again exalt itself above the other nations. I will make it so weak that it will never again rule over the nations.** Egypt will no longer be a source of confidence

for the people of Israel but will be a reminder of their sin in turning to her for help. Then they will know that I am the Sovereign LORD.” ” Ezekiel 29:9-16 NIVUK

- (c) THE SAVING OF YAHWEH’S PEOPLE AND AN END OF EVERY NATION THAT COME AGAINST HIM: “The word that the LORD spoke to Jeremiah the prophet, how Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon would come and strike the land of Egypt. “Declare in Egypt... (Jeremiah 46:13)...” “But do not fear, O My servant Jacob, And do not be dismayed, O Israel! For behold, **I will save you from afar, And your offspring from the land of their captivity;** Jacob shall return, have rest and be at ease; No one shall make him afraid. **Do not fear, O Jacob My servant,” says the LORD, “For I am with you; For I will make a complete end of all the nations To which I have driven you,** But I will not make a complete end of you. I will rightly correct you, For I will not leave you wholly unpunished.”” Jeremiah 46:27-28 NKJV

D. The Restoration of All things

(1) Why Does Elijah come first?

- (a) “And His disciples asked Him, saying, “Why then do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?” Jesus answered and said to them, “**Indeed, Elijah is coming (Malachi**

4:4-6) first and will restore all things. But I say to you that Elijah has come already (Luke 1:13-17, Matthew 11:14-15) and they did not know him but did to him whatever they wished. Likewise the Son of Man is also about to suffer at their hands." Then the disciples understood that He spoke to them of John the Baptist."

Matthew 17:10-13 NKJV

- (b) "Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before, **whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things**, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began." Acts 3:19-21

NKJV

- (c) "Now this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ." And they asked him, "What then? **Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not."** "Are you the Prophet?" And he answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you, that we may give an answer to those who sent us? What do you say about yourself?"

He said: **"I am 'The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Make straight the way of the LORD,' "** as the prophet Isaiah said." Now those who were sent were from the Pharisees." John 1:19-24 NKJV

- (d) "And if you are willing to receive it, **he is Elijah who is to come.** He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

Matthew 11:14-15 NKJV

- (e) "But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your prayer is heard; and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth. For he will be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink. He will also be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb. **And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God. He will also go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, 'to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children,'** and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."" Luke 1:13-17 NKJV

- (f) ""And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Highest; **For you will go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways,** To give knowledge of salvation to His

people By the remission of their sins, Through the tender mercy of our God, With which the Dayspring from on high has visited us; To give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, To guide our feet into the way of peace." Luke 1:76-79 NKJV

(2) What is his message?

- (a) JOHN: "In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, and saying, **"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"** For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah, saying: "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the LORD; Make His paths straight.' "" Matthew 3:1-3 NKJV
- (b) Y'SHUA: "From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, **"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."**... And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people." Matthew 4:17, 23 NKJV
- (c) ELIJAH: ""**Remember the Law of Moses**, My servant, Which I commanded him in Horeb for all Israel, With the statutes and judgments. **Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet BEFORE the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD.** And he will turn The hearts

of the fathers to the children, And the hearts of the children to their fathers, Lest I come and strike the earth with a curse.”” Malachi 4:4-6 NKJV

(3) The Ministry of Elijah and what the restoration look like?

- (a) “For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. **For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God.** For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption **into the glorious liberty of the children of God.**” Romans 8:18-21 NKJV

E. Human Initiative

(1) Then: Stand up and identify yourself as NOT being Egypt.

- (a) **In the case of the 10th plague, those at risk are specified, and there is a distinction between Egypt and Israel (Ex. 11:7) only in that Israel will be instructed how to avoid the plague. Anyone wishing to avoid it must DO SOMETHING to be safe! This speaks of human initiative in cooperation with Yahweh’s prophetic plan. This is ultimately connected to the “revealing of sons” in Romans 8 which should open**

**your eyes to the revealing of sons being a picture of
Passover (the separation of true firstborn sons) and
how it is connected with human initiative (you must do
something).**

- (b) "...that you may know that the LORD does make a
difference between the Egyptians and Israel." Ex. 11:7
- (c) "For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly
waits for the revealing of the sons of God." Romans
8:19 NKJV
- (d) Example: Even though the battle was Yahweh's David
still had to sling the stone (I Samuel 17:40-51)

(2) The Kingdom

- (a) "And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all
the world as a witness to all the nations, **and then the
end will come.**" Matthew 24:14 NKJV
- (b) THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM: ""**Comfort, yes,
comfort My people!**" Says your God. "**Speak comfort to
Jerusalem**, and cry out to her, That her warfare [**hard
labor, Romans 8:18-22**] is ended, That her iniquity is
pardoned; For she has received from the LORD's hand
Double for all her sins." The voice of one crying in the
wilderness: "Prepare the way of the LORD; Make
straight in the desert A highway for our God. [**The**

message of Elijah] Every valley shall be exalted And every mountain and hill brought low; The crooked places shall be made straight And the rough places smooth; **The glory of the LORD shall be revealed [Romans 8:21]**, And all flesh shall see it together; For the mouth of the LORD has spoken." The voice said, "Cry out!" And he said, "What shall I cry?" "All flesh is grass, And all its loveliness is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, Because the breath of the LORD blows upon it; Surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades, But the word of our God stands forever." O Zion, You who bring good tidings, Get up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, You who bring good tidings, Lift up your voice with strength, Lift it up, be not afraid; Say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!" Behold, the Lord GOD shall come with a strong hand **[Malachi 4:4-6]**, And His arm shall rule for Him; Behold, His reward is with Him, And His work before Him. He will feed His flock like a shepherd; He will gather the lambs with His arm, And carry them in His bosom, And gently lead those who are with young. Who has measured the waters in the hollow of His hand, Measured heaven with a span And

calculated the dust of the earth in a measure? Weighed the mountains in scales And the hills in a balance? **Who has directed the Spirit of the LORD, Or as His counselor has taught Him? With whom did He take counsel, and who instructed Him, And taught Him in the path of justice? Who taught Him knowledge, And showed Him the way of understanding?"** Isaiah 40:1-14 NKJV

- (c) WHO KNOW THE MIND OF YAHWEH—THOSE WHO UNDERSTAND THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM! “For “who has known the mind of the LORD that he may instruct Him?” **But we have the mind of Christ.”** I Corinthians 2:16 NKJV

Questions & Discussion

1. **The Feasts of Yahweh and how they are relevant to Christians today.**
 - F. What are their prophetic meanings and implications?
2. **The concept of firstborns is ubiquitous in Scripture:**
 - A. Discuss Y’shua as firstborn
 - B. Discuss the Church of the firstborn

- C. Distinguish firstborns from non-firstborns and describe the two types of each.

3. The Revealing of Sons:

- A. How does the revealing of the sons of God relate to Passover?
- B. How does the revealing of the sons of God relate to the restoration of all things?
- C. How does the revealing of the sons relate to Elijah?

4. Journey through Matthew 24:

- A. Relate the Gospel of the Kingdom and the End to the return of Y'shua.
- B. Describe how preparation relates to the wise and faithful servant.

5. What does it mean that there is one Law for Israel and for those who leave with them (the mixed multitude)?

- A. How does this relate to the Church and Ephesians 2:8-22

6. Relate John the Baptist to Elijah

- A. What is their common ministry and message?
- B. How is it related to the Gospel of the Kingdom?