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- Leviticus 21-24
- Exodus 12:1-41
- I Samuel 21:1-6; 22:20-23
- Mark 2:23-28; 15:42-45
- Matthew 24; 21:1-11; 17:1-13
- I Corinthians 5:7; 15:20, 23
- John 19:31-37; 20:16-29
- Hebrews 12:18-24; 10:11-13
- Numbers 26:63-65; 14:17-19
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### MY FATHER'S BUSINESS

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*We are at a point in human history that demands God's people recognize the PROPHETIC REFORMATION at hand! Ignorance is no longer bliss and silence is no longer an option. It's time to strip away all that will ultimately be burned to ashes anyway, and to be about 'Our Father's Business.' And when we remove the filters of man-made traditions and religion, we are left with pure prophetic insight. Join us as we venture behind the veil to gain a deep*

*appreciation of the prophetic nature of the feasts of Yahweh with a heavy dose of Passover!*

**THEME: MAIN SCRIPTURE(S) THAT HAS INSPIRED MESSAGE**

“These are the feasts of the LORD, holy convocations which you shall proclaim at their appointed times. On the fourteenth day of the first month at twilight **is the LORD’s Passover.**’ ” (Leviticus 23:4-5) “So this day [Passover] shall be to you a memorial; and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD throughout your generations. You shall keep it as a feast by an everlasting ordinance.” Exodus 12:14 NKJV

And you shall observe this thing [Passover] as an ordinance for you and your sons forever. It will come to pass when you come to the land which the LORD will give you, just as He promised, that you shall keep this service. **And it shall be, when your children say to you, ‘What do you mean by this service?’** that you shall say, ‘It is **the Passover sacrifice of the LORD, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt when He struck the Egyptians and delivered our households.**’ ” So the people bowed their heads and worshiped.” Exodus 12:24-27 NKJV

**OUTCOME: MAIN TAKEAWAY(S) I AM HOPING FOR PEOPLE**

**“His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover.** And when He was twelve years old, **they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the feast...** *[a day after His family leaves Jerusalem, they realize He is not with them and they head back to find Him.]* ...Three days later they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard Him were astonished at **His understanding and answers [ABOUT WHAT?]**. So when they saw Him, they were amazed; and His mother said to Him, “Son, why have You done this to us? Look, Your father and I have sought You anxiously.” And He said to them, **“Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father’s business?”** But they did not understand the statement which He spoke to them.” **[DO YOU?]** Luke 2:41-50 NKJV

## Let’s Set the Scene: Portion in a blurb

1. This portion begins in Leviticus 21 with regulations for the priesthood. Leviticus 22 speaks of acceptable offerings and Leviticus 23 provides an overview of the biblical calendar, a listing of the LORD's appointed times (Feasts of Yahweh). And Leviticus 24 speaks of the care of the lamps and bread of the tabernacle, and blasphemy and its consequences.

## 2. Regulations for Conduct of Priests:

- (a) Don't defile themselves for the dead except for his relatives.
- (b) Don't make any bald place on their heads, nor shall they shave the edges of their beards nor make any cuttings in their flesh.
- (c) They shall not take a wife who is a harlot or a defiled woman, nor shall they take a woman divorced from her husband.
- (d) The daughter of any priest, if she profanes herself by playing the harlot, she profanes her father. She shall be burned with fire.
- (e) He who is the **high priest** shall not uncover his head nor tear his clothes; nor shall he go near any dead body, nor defile himself for his father or his mother. (*Think of the exchange with Y'shua, let the dead bury the dead, Matthew 8:21-22; Luke 9:59-62*).
- (f) And he shall take a wife in her virginity.
- (g) No man of your descendants in succeeding generations, who has any defect, may approach veil or approach the altar. He may eat the bread of his God, both the most holy and the holy, only he shall not go near the veil or approach the altar, because he has a defect. (*Think of the lame man healed at the temple gate by Peter and John in Acts 3:1-16*).

### 3. **The Holiness of the Offerings:**

- (a) Aaron is instructed to separate the priesthood from anything unholy or unclean.
- (b) The priesthood is called to absolute obedience. The rules for who may eat the holy offering and under what conditions they may eat it are elaborated.

### 4. **Offerings Accepted and Not Accepted:**

- (a) Any vows or freewill offerings or sacrifice made to Yahweh must be without blemish or defect. Those that are blind or broken or maimed shall not be accepted. (*See Malachi Chapters 1 & 2*)
- (b) Nor shall any offering from a foreigner's hand be accepted on your behalf.
- (c) Also rules for the new born animals and their sacrifice is given.

5. **Feasts of Yahweh:** 'The feasts of the Lord, which you shall proclaim to be holy convocations, these are My feasts. These are statutes for His people forever! (See document included: ["Messiah is the Feasts of the Yahweh."](#) Notice how the weekly sabbath is a festival unto Yahweh along with seven annual feasts. Two of them span multiple days and Tabernacles has an eighth day which is like a feast within the feast.

6. **The Sabbath:** Six days shall work be done, but **the seventh day** is a Sabbath of solemn rest, a holy convocation. You shall do no work on it; it is the Sabbath of the Lord in all your dwellings.
7. **The Passover and Unleavened Bread:** On the fourteenth day of the first month at twilight is the Lord's Passover. On the fifteenth day of the same month is the Feast of Unleavened Bread to the Lord; seven days you must eat unleavened bread. The first day and seventh day shall be a holy convocation; you shall do no customary work on it. They are to be treated as sabbaths.
8. **The Feast of Firstfruits:** The First day following the first sabbath following Passover. (Always the first day of the week.)
9. **The Feast of Weeks (Pentecost):** And you shall count for yourselves from the day after the Sabbath...seven Sabbaths shall be completed. Count fifty days to the day after the seventh Sabbath. (This is from which Christians derive Pentecost and why they were all gathered together in Jerusalem in Acts 2.)
10. **The Feast of Trumpets:** In the seventh month, on the first day of the month, you shall have a sabbath-rest, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, a holy convocation. This is the only feast that begins on the first day of the month and for which you must be sober and watching for its announcement. (See *1 Thessalonians 5:1-6* "No man knows the day of the hour," and *1 Corinthians 15:50-58*, "Y'shua returns with a trumpet blast of

*the last trumpet” v. 52, and Matthew 24:42-44, “Watch as you do not know the hour your Lord is coming.”)*

11. **The Day of Atonement:** On the tenth day of this seventh month shall be the Day of Atonement. It shall be a holy convocation for you; you shall afflict your souls (fast). And you shall do no work (sabbath).
12. **The Feast of Tabernacles:** On the fifteenth day of this seventh month shall be the Feast of Tabernacles for seven days to the Lord. On the first day there shall be a holy convocation. You shall do no customary work on it (Sabbath). On the eighth day [The Joy of the Torah] you shall have a holy convocation, and you shall do no customary work on it (Sabbath). You shall rejoice before the Lord your God for seven days. You shall keep it as a feast to the Lord for seven days in the year. All who are native Israelites shall dwell in booths, that your generations may know that I made the children of Israel dwell in booths when I brought them out of the land of Egypt.
13. **The the Care of the Tabernacle Lamps and the Bread of the Tabernacle:** Of interest is the regulation that the showbread shall be for Aaron and his sons in Leviticus 24:5-9, and that they shall eat it in a holy place; for it is most holy to him from the offerings of the Lord. (Remember what Y’shua said about this in Matthew 12:1-8, Mark 2:23-28 and Luke 6:1-5, when He

referred to David eating this bread in I Samuel 21:1-6.) There is a great controversy, beyond the eating of the bread here, when you explore Y'shua's reference to this event in the Gospels. See notes in teaching below.

14. **The Penalty for Blasphemy and other regulations:** the warning about how Yahweh deals with blasphemy is highlighted in the story of an Israelite boy, who had an Egyptian father and Israelite mother, who had blasphemed and cursed the name of the Lord. 'Whoever curses his God shall bear his sin.
- (a) And whoever blasphemes the name of the Lord shall surely be put to death.
  - (b) Whoever kills any man shall surely be put to death.
  - (c) Whoever kills an animal shall make it good, animal for animal.
  - (d) Eye for eye, tooth for tooth.
  - (e) You shall have the same law for the stranger and for one from your own country.

## CONDUCT BEFITTING A PRIEST

### 1. Holy Priests Holy Things

#### A. Keep Your Hands Off

- (1) Priests have restrictions on touching the dead

- (a) “And the LORD said to Moses, “Speak to the priests, the sons of Aaron, and say to them: ‘**None shall defile himself for the dead** among his people, except for his relatives who are nearest to him: his mother, his father, his son, his daughter, and his brother; also his virgin sister who is near to him, who has had no husband, for her he may defile himself. Otherwise he shall not defile himself, being a chief man among his people, to profane himself.” Leviticus 21:1-4 NKJV
- (b) ““He who is the high priest among his brethren, on whose head the anointing oil was poured and who is consecrated to wear the garments, shall not uncover his head nor tear his clothes; **nor shall he go near any dead body, nor defile himself for his father or his mother;**” Leviticus 21:10-11 NKJV
- (2) Y’shua’s take on this: “Let the dead bury the dead” and “Don’t look back!”
- (a) “Now it happened as they journeyed on the road, that someone said to Him, “Lord, I will follow You wherever You go.” And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head.” **Then He said to another, “Follow Me.” But he said, “Lord, let me first go and**

**bury my father.” Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and preach the kingdom of God.”** And another also said, “Lord, I will follow You, but let me first go and bid them farewell who are at my house.” But Jesus said to him, **“No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.”**” Luke 9:57-62 NKJV (Also Matthew 8:18-22)

## **B. Defective Priests**

(1) No Priest with a defect may approach!

- (a) ““Speak to Aaron, saying: ‘No man of your descendants in succeeding generations, **who has any defect**, may approach to offer the bread of his God. For any man who has a defect shall not approach: a man blind or lame, who has a marred face or any limb too long, a man who has a broken foot or broken hand, or is a hunchback or a dwarf, or a man who has a defect in his eye, or eczema or scab, or is a eunuch. No man of the descendants of Aaron the priest, who has a defect, shall come near to offer the offerings made by fire to the LORD. He has a defect; he shall not come near to offer the bread of his God. He may eat the bread of his God, both the most holy and the holy; only he shall not go

near the veil or approach the altar, because he has a defect, lest he profane My sanctuaries; for I the LORD sanctify them.' "" Leviticus 21:17-23 NKJV

(2) **Malachi all those years later: CORRUPTION!**

- (a) **““And now, O priests, this commandment is for you. If you will not hear, And if you will not take it to heart, To give glory to My name,”** Says the LORD of hosts, “I will send a curse upon you, And I will curse your blessings. Yes, I have cursed them already, Because you do not take it to heart. “Behold, I will rebuke your descendants And spread refuse on your faces, The refuse of your solemn feasts; And one will take you away with it. Then you shall know that I have sent this commandment to you, That My covenant with Levi may continue,” Says the LORD of hosts. “My covenant was with him, one of life and peace, And I gave them to him that he might fear Me; So he feared Me And was reverent before My name. The law of truth was in his mouth, And injustice was not found on his lips. He walked with Me in peace and equity, And turned many away from iniquity. **“For the lips of a priest should keep knowledge, And people should seek the law from his mouth; For he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts. But you have**

**departed from the way; You have caused many to stumble at the law. You have corrupted the covenant of Levi,**” Says the LORD of hosts. “Therefore I also have made you contemptible and base Before all the people, Because you have not kept My ways But have shown partiality in the law.”” Malachi 2:1-9 NKJV

(3) Anything dedicated to Yahweh that is defiled by something unclean may not be touched by the priests.

(a) ““Speak to Aaron and his sons, that they **separate themselves** from the holy things of the children of Israel, and that they do not profane My holy name by what they dedicate to Me: I am the LORD.” Leviticus 22:2 NKJV

(4) A “Defective” man healed at the gates of the temple.

(a) “Now Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour. And a certain man lame from his mother’s womb was **carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple** which is called Beautiful, to ask alms from those who entered the temple; who, seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked for alms. And fixing his eyes on him, with John, Peter said, “Look at us.” So he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them.

Then Peter said, “Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: **In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk.**” And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them—walking, leaping, and praising God. And all the people saw him walking and praising God. Then they knew that it was he who sat begging alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.” Acts 3:1-10 NKJV

- (5) The faith which comes through Him has given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all
- (a) **“Now as the lame man who was healed held on to Peter and John,** all the people ran together to them in the porch which is called Solomon’s, greatly amazed. So when Peter saw it, he responded to the people: “Men of Israel, why do you marvel at this? Or why look so intently at us, as though by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified His Servant Jesus, whom you delivered up and denied in the

presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let Him go. But you denied the Holy One and the Just, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, and killed the Prince of life, whom God raised from the dead, of which we are witnesses. And His name, through faith in His name, has made this man strong, whom you see and know. Yes, the faith which comes through Him **has given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.**" Acts 3:11-16 NKJV (no more defects)

### C. Defective Sacrifices

- (1) You shall offer nothing defective to Yahweh
  - (a) ""Speak to Aaron and his sons, and to all the children of Israel, and say to them: 'Whatever man of the house of Israel, or of the strangers in Israel, who offers his sacrifice for any of his vows or for any of his freewill offerings, which they offer to the LORD as a burnt offering—you shall offer of your own free will a male **without blemish** from the cattle, from the sheep, or from the goats. **Whatever has a defect, you shall not offer, for it shall not be acceptable on your behalf.** And whoever offers a sacrifice of a peace offering to the LORD, to fulfill his vow, or a freewill offering from the cattle or the sheep, **it must be perfect to be accepted;**

**there shall be no defect in it.** Those that are blind or broken or maimed, or have an ulcer or eczema or scabs, you shall not offer to the LORD, nor make an offering by fire of them on the altar to the LORD. Either a bull or a lamb that has any limb too long or too short you may offer as a freewill offering, but for a vow it shall not be accepted.” Leviticus 22:18-23 NKJV

- (b) ““Therefore you shall keep My commandments, and perform them: I am the LORD. **You shall not profane My holy name,** but I will be hallowed among the children of Israel. I am the LORD who sanctifies you, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: I am the LORD.”” Leviticus 22:31-33 NKJV

(2) **Malachi—All those years later:**

- (a) ““A son honors his father, And a servant his master. If then I am the Father, Where is My honor? And if I am a Master, Where is My reverence? Says the LORD of hosts To you priests who despise My name. Yet you say, **‘In what way have we despised Your name?’** **“You offer defiled food on My altar,** But say, ‘In what way have we defiled You?’ By saying, ‘The table of the LORD is contemptible.’ **And when you offer the blind as a sacrifice, Is it not evil? And when you offer the lame**

**and sick, Is it not evil?** Offer it then to your governor! Would he be pleased with you? Would he accept you favorably?" Says the LORD of hosts. "But now entreat God's favor, That He may be gracious to us. While this is being done by your hands, Will He accept you favorably?" Says the LORD of hosts. "Who is there even among you who would shut the doors, So that you would not kindle fire on My altar in vain? I have no pleasure in you," Says the LORD of hosts, "**Nor will I accept an offering from your hands.** For from the rising of the sun, even to its going down, My name shall be great among the Gentiles; In every place incense shall be offered to My name, And a pure offering; For My name shall be great among the nations," Says the LORD of hosts. "But you profane it, In that you say, 'The table of the LORD is defiled; And its fruit, its food, is contemptible.' You also say, 'Oh, what a weariness!' And you sneer at it," Says the LORD of hosts. "**And you bring the stolen, the lame, and the sick; Thus you bring an offering! Should I accept this from your hand?**" Says the LORD. "But cursed be the deceiver Who has in his flock a male, And takes a vow, **But sacrifices to the Lord what is blemished**— For I am a great King," Says the

LORD of hosts, "And My name is to be feared among the nations." Malachi 1:6-14 NKJV

#### **D. The Great Bread Controversy**

(1) This bread is for the Priests ONLY

- (a) ""And you shall take fine flour and bake twelve cakes with it. Two-tenths of an ephah shall be in each cake. You shall set them in two rows, six in a row, on the pure gold table before the LORD. And you shall put pure frankincense on each row, that it may be on the bread for a memorial, an offering made by fire to the LORD. Every Sabbath he shall set it in order before the LORD continually, being taken from the children of Israel by an everlasting covenant. **And it shall be for Aaron and his sons, and they shall eat it in a holy place; for it is most holy to him from the offerings of the LORD made by fire, by a perpetual statute.**"" Leviticus 24:5-9 NKJV

(2) David breaks protocol

- (a) "**Now David came to Nob, to Ahimelech the priest.** And Ahimelech was afraid when he met David, and said to him, "Why are you alone, and no one is with you?" So David said to Ahimelech the priest, "The king has ordered me on some business, and said to me, 'Do not let anyone know anything about the business on which I

send you, or what I have commanded you.’ And I have directed my young men to such and such a place. Now therefore, what have you on hand? Give me five loaves of bread in my hand, or whatever can be found.” And the priest answered David and said, “ There is no common bread on hand; but there is holy bread, if the young men have at least kept themselves from women.” Then David answered the priest, and said to him, “Truly, women have been kept from us about three days since I came out. And the vessels of the young men are holy, and the bread is in effect common, even though it was consecrated in the vessel this day.” So **the priest gave him holy bread; for there was no bread there but the showbread which had been taken from before the LORD,** in order to put hot bread in its place on the day when it was taken away.” I Samuel 21:1-6 NKJV

(3) How did Y’shua view this event?

(a) “Now it happened that He went through the grainfields on the Sabbath; and as they went His disciples began to pluck the heads of grain. **And the Pharisees said to Him, “Look, why do they do what is not lawful on the Sabbath?”** But He said to them, **“Have you never read what David did when he was in need and hungry, he**

and those with him: how he went into the house of God **in the days of Abiathar the high priest [Abiathar is actually the son of Ahimelech who is the high priest mentioned in the narrative with David in 1 Samuel 21:1-6—see the hidden lesson below plus this [link](#) for further possible explanations]**, and ate the showbread, which is not lawful to eat except for the priests, **and also gave some to those who were with him?**” And He said to them, “The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath. Therefore the Son of Man is also Lord of the Sabbath.”” Mark 2:23-28 NKJV

- (4) The Obvious and the Hidden lesson in Y’shua’s response.
- (a) **The Obvious: Have you never read what David did when he was in need and hungry?** It is clear that life takes precedence over the command that the bread was only for the priests. As Christians you should be able to discern the Heart of God on any matter and act accordingly. Is it okay to break one command in order to honor a greater command when the circumstance requires it. YES! It is such the character of Yahweh that you should do so, and that when it is done for such a reason, it is NOT EVEN reckoned as if you violated a commandment in the first place. Think of hiding Jews

from Hitler's SS and lying about it. The preservation of life supersedes "thou shalt not lie."

- (b) **The Hidden:** It is in the next chapter, 1 Samuel 22, that Abiathar is actually named (the priests mentioned by Y'shua instead of his father Ahimelech). It is a horrific story as Saul has Ahimelech and all the priests in Ahimelech's father's (Ahitub) house killed for allegedly assisting David against Saul, just for giving him and his men bread to eat! Doeg the Edomite, who is in charge of Saul's servants, is the one who reported the incident and is happy to oblige as he murders 85 priests for Saul. Saul first told his guards to do so, but they refused. Abiathar is the only survivor and eventually takes the high priest position in Jerusalem under David! In my (Dr. Jeff Hazim) humble opinion, there is no reason to believe, knowing the extent of Y'shua's knowledge, that even in His humanity, He was making a mistake by saying Abiathar and not Ahimelech in Mark's account. (Matthew 12:1-8 and Luke 6:1-5 do not mention the High Priest's name.) Considering the fate of Ahimelech and to whom Y'shua is speaking, Pharisees who are trying to trap Him, it seems that aligning with the lineage of the priesthood from where these "questioners"

descended, rather than his murdered father, was a good idea. He uses a phrase “in the days of Abiathar” rather than saying “when Abiathar was high priest.” It makes so much more sense to believe Y’shua had a motive to say such rather than believe he was wrong, or even that the writers got it wrong. Every word is measured in the Scriptures.

1. It was Abiathar who informed David what had happened and David felt responsible for it. But it was through the line of David (from Judah) that Messiah came, not Saul (from Benjamin) and we see Y’shua aligning with David and the high priest Abiathar who served under him. *“Now one of the sons of Ahimelech the son of Ahitub, named Abiathar, escaped and fled after David. And Abiathar told David that Saul had killed the LORD’s priests. So David said to Abiathar, “I knew that day, when Doeg the Edomite was there, that he would surely tell Saul. I have caused the death of all the persons of your father’s house. Stay with me; do not fear. For he who seeks my life seeks your life, but with me you shall be safe.””* 1 Samuel 22:20-23 NKJV

2. Another perfect example of shifting names shows up in Y'shua's genealogy in Matthew Chapter 1 when he ignores Bathsheba as Solomon's mother and instead says, "*and Jesse begot David the king. David the king begot Solomon **by her** who had been the wife of Uriah.*" (Matthew 1:6) Did Matthew not know **her** name, or was there a definite purpose? Always search for the hidden meaning. As disciples, it is your heritage.

## THE BEGINNING OF THE END

### 2. "These are My Feasts," says Yahweh

#### A. Seven Feasts and THE Sabbath

- (1) Visit "[Messiah in the Feasts of Yahweh](#)" link for a detailed overview and the significance of the Feasts for every Christian. Discovering Christ in the Feasts of Yahweh is a satisfying journey worthy of all your efforts.

#### B. Passover—where it all begins

- (1) The Father's the Business
  - (a) **"His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover.** And when He was twelve years old, **they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the feast.** When they had finished the days, as they

returned, the Boy Jesus lingered behind in Jerusalem. And Joseph and His mother did not know it; but supposing Him to have been in the company, they went a day's journey, and sought Him among their relatives and acquaintances. So when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking Him. Now so it was that after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers. So when they saw Him, they were amazed; and His mother said to Him, "Son, why have You done this to us? Look, Your father and I have sought You anxiously." **And He said to them, "Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?" But they did not understand the statement which He spoke to them."** Luke 2:41-50 NKJV

1. What is that business?
2. Why was He there in Jerusalem and what was He talking about? He was there for Passover, Unleavened Bread, and First Fruits.
3. Can you even imagine what the conversation was about if you don't understand Passover?

4. Modern-day Christianity which knows only Easter (a pagan goddess name) rather than Passover, can easily miss what He means by, *“Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father’s business?”* never having understood the significance of Passover?
5. As leaders, we owe it to one another and to all of God’s people to break free from the traditions of men, and to understand the depth of Yahweh’s Feasts.
6. Without knowing the feasts, which are Yahweh’s appointed times (His universal clock), we do not stand a chance understanding the prophetic reformation at hand.
7. What do you imagine Paul was talking about when he said the following about the return of Christ? And what is his clear distinction between sons of light and those who were in darkness?
  - I. “But concerning the **times and the seasons [Feasts of Yahweh]**, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. For when they say, “Peace and safety!” then sudden destruction comes upon

them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. **But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief.** You are all **sons of light** and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness.

Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober." I Thessalonians 5:1-6 NKJV

II. **Y'shua made the same allusion:** "Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. **But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come,** he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect." Matthew 24:42-44 NKJV

8. **If we are negligent:** "For the time has come for **judgment to begin at the house of God;** and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God? Now "If the righteous one is scarcely saved, Where will the ungodly and the sinner appear?" Therefore let those who suffer according to the will of God commit their

souls to Him in doing good, as to a faithful Creator.” I  
Peter 4:17-19 NKJV

9. And where did Peter get that from! “If the righteous **will be recompensed** on the earth, How much more the ungodly and the sinner.” Proverbs 11:31 NKJV  
[Recompensed means HELD ACCOUNTABLE]

(2) You must remember and understand Passover

- (a) “Now the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, “This month **shall be your beginning of months**; it shall be the first month of the year to you.

Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying: ‘On the **tenth of this month** every man shall take for himself a lamb, according to the house of his father, a lamb for a household. Exodus 12:1-3

- (b) Now you shall keep it until the **fourteenth day** of the same month. Then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it at twilight [**before sundown**]. And they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses where they eat it. Exodus 12:6-7

(3) Patterns that EVERY CHRISTIAN needs to recognize!

- (a) The Passover Lamb is picked on the 10th of the month and killed on the fourteenth BEFORE SUNDOWN.

Y'shua rode into Jerusalem on Sunday the 10th, and was Killed on a Wednesday (the 14th into the 15th) and buried before SUNDOWN. Yes, Passover was a Wednesday night that year, which allows Him exactly three days and three nights in the grave as required and as taught to us as the 'sign of Jonah.'

- I. **Lamb selected on the tenth day:** "Now when they drew near Jerusalem, and came to Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Loose them and bring them to Me. And if anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord has need of them,' and immediately he will send them." All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: "Tell the daughter of Zion, '**Behold, your King is coming to you, Lowly, and sitting on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.**' " [\*see Zechariah 9:9] So the disciples went and did as Jesus commanded them. They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their clothes on them, and set Him on them. And a very great multitude spread their clothes on the road; others cut

down branches from the trees and spread them on the road. Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: “**Hosanna to the Son of David! ‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!’** Hosanna in the highest!” And when He had come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, “**Who is this?**” So the multitudes said, “This is Jesus [**\*\*the Lamb of God**], the prophet from Nazareth of Galilee.”” Matthew 21:1-11 NKJV

- i. \**“Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, Lowly and riding on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.”* Zechariah 9:9 NKJV
- ii. **\*\*“The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold! **The Lamb of God** who takes away the sin of the world!”** John 1:29 NKJV

II. **The Sign of Jonah:** (72 hours—three days AND three nights, not part of one day, a full day, and part of a third day)— “Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered, saying, “Teacher, we want to see a sign from You.” But He answered and said to them, “An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and

no sign will be given to it except **the sign of the prophet Jonah. For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish**, so will the Son of Man be **three days and three nights** in the heart of the earth.” Matthew 12:38-40 NKJV

III. The Pattern is perfect, but you would never see it if you don't understand Passover, Unleavened Bread and First Fruits: The Passover lamb is picked on the 10th (Y'shua, the \*Passover lamb rode in on the 10th), the lamb is killed and put in the oven before Sundown on 14th (\*\*Y'shua was crucified and put in the grave before Sundown; He died at \*\*\*3PM). Then He resurrects exactly three days and three nights later on Saturday night, right before sundown, as the first fruits offering to His father. First Fruits is always the first day following the first weekly Sabbath following Passover. The only way to get exactly three days and three nights between Passover and First Fruits is if that year you pick the lamb on Sunday (10th), kill it Wednesday (14th) before sundown so it is ready for Passover, and then count three days and three nights. Wednesday evening (1st eve), Thursday day (1st day) and evening (2nd eve), Friday day (2nd day) and

evening (3rd eve), and Saturday day (3rd day)—(three days AND three nights), with a resurrection BEFORE Sundown, so you don't add a 4th evening. He is out of the grave Saturday night and when Mary approaches him on Sunday morning she is told to \*\*\*\*NOT TOUCH HIM, why? \*\*\*\*\*To pattern the shadow of the High Priest who was not to be touched for the days between Passover and First Fruits until after the First Fruits offering was made to Yahweh.

- i. \*"Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed **Christ, our Passover**, was sacrificed for us." I Corinthians 5:7 NKJV
- ii. \*\*"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

- a) **The Preparation day** is the day you are preparing to eat the Passover. Y'shua was the Passover Lamb that year so a few things become clear. He is coming down off the cross as the sacrificed lamb BEFORE Passover begins, so there is no way The Last Supper was the Passover meal, as He was the Passover Lamb. Traditionally a Preparation meal was done the day before with the leaders (not entire families as the Passover Commands.)
- b) **Y'shua had died well before the Feast Begins:**  
"Now when evening had come, **because it was the Preparation Day, that is, the day before the Sabbath,** Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent council member, who was himself waiting for

the kingdom of God, coming and taking courage, went in to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. **Pilate marveled that He was already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him if He had been dead for some time.** So when he found out from the centurion, he granted the body to Joseph.” Mark 15:42-45 NKJV

- c) The other key phrase you now must understand is what this means: **“that the bodies should not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day)”**. A complete disconnect from our Hebrew Roots has landed Christianity square in the middle of a wrong interpretation of this phrase, and is where Catholicism gave us “good Friday” as if Y’shua was crucified on a Friday. They mistakenly interpret getting Him off the cross BEFORE the Sabbath as referring to the weekly Sabbath (Saturday), but this verse is, instead, referring to the Sabbath of the First day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, which begins at sundown on the 14th and is a Commanded Sabbath (See

Leviticus 23:7, Exodus 12:16). Feast Sabbaths are traditionally called 'high days or high Sabbaths'. But you would only know this if you understood your Hebrew roots as a Christian. This mangled interpretation is why Christians worldwide must somehow cram three days and three nights between Friday night and Sunday morning, math that will never add up and a question wholly avoided by most Christians. Now you know the answer, a Sunday Lamb selection, a Wednesday Passover and a Sunday First Fruits. PERFECT!

- iii. \*\*\*We know what time He died and we know they took him off the cross before sundown. "And about the ninth hour (3:00 PM) Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" that is, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" ... And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit." (Matthew 27:46, 50)... "Later on a Joseph of Arimathea, a disciple of Jesus asks Pilot for his body so he can bury it" Matthew 27:57-61.

a) It would seem that the religious leaders are so desperate to prove Y'shua was NOT THE MESSIAH that they are willing to come out on the First day of Unleavened Bread (a high day) to beg Pilate to guard Y'shua's tomb. **“On the next day, which followed the Day of Preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees gathered together to Pilate,** saying, “Sir, we remember, while He was still alive, how that deceiver said, ‘After three days I will rise.’ Therefore command that the tomb be made secure until the third day, lest His disciples come by night and steal Him away, and say to the people, ‘He has risen from the dead.’ So the last deception will be worse than the first.” Pilate said to them, “You have a guard; go your way, make it as secure as you know how.” So they went and made the tomb secure, sealing the stone and setting the guard.” Matthew 27:62-66 NKJV

iv. \*\*\*\*You should know that after the Passover, the High Priest is supposed to stay in seclusion and cannot be touched until he makes the first fruits

offering of the barley harvest to Yahweh. Look at this fantastic imagery as Mary approaches Y'shua when she finds Him in the garden of Sunday morning (Feast of First Fruits). "Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to Him, "Rabboni!" (which is to say, Teacher). Jesus said to her, "**Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father**; but go to My brethren and say to them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.' ""  
John 20:16-17 NKJV

- v. \*\*\*\*\*And what did He ascend to do, before He comes back to minister for 40 days? "But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has **become the firstfruits** of those who have fallen asleep... But each one in his own order: **Christ the firstfruits**, afterward those who are Christ's at His coming." I Corinthians 15:20, 23 NKJV
- vi. After the First Fruits offering, Y'shua appears to the disciples that same day and breathes on them the Holy Spirit (John 20:19-23). Thomas is not present and says he does not believe it. Eight days later He

appears to Thomas and says “touch Me!” (John 20:24-29)

IV. The Patterns are essential and undeniable for your greater understanding of Y’shua, the work of the cross, and for keen prophetic insight.

(4) Separation of Sons

(a) **Blood to spare the Firstborns:** ‘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. **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. ‘So this day shall be to you a memorial; and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD throughout your generations. You shall keep it as a feast by an everlasting ordinance.

Exodus 12:12-14

(b) “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

(c) “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

- I. **Questions to ponder:** What did Passover accomplish? Who was at risk and who was not? Who came out with Israel and how? Who was left behind and why?
- II. Passover separated firstborns from firstborns. Those who had faith to apply the blood and live, from those who did not and died.
- III. Passover separated firstborns from non-firstborns. Non-firstborns were never at risk and therefore lived with or without the blood of the lamb.
- IV. Passover separated non-firstborns with faith who left in the exodus to follow the God of Israel and non-firstborns with no faith who stayed in Egypt.
- V. Please recognize that there are ultimately three types of sons here. “A mixed multitude went up with them

also, and flocks and herds—a great deal of livestock.”

Exodus 12:38 NKJV

- 1) Firstborn Sons who were delivered out of bondage by faith and the blood of the Lamb. (Note that we are the church of the Firstborn—See \*Hebrews 12:18-24)
- 2) Non-firstborn sons who were delivered out of bondage by faith alone (they did not require blood to survive but needed faith to leave on the winning side!) Who on earth today has faith in the God of Israel but is not covered by the blood of the lamb?
- 3) Firstborn sons who died immediately because they had neither faith nor blood, and non-firstborns sons who died eventually because they had no faith!

VI. **\*Look at this Passover/Exodus language when referring to the church.** “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

(5) Passover is the Birth of a Nation

- (a) The Firstborn represents the continuity of the blood line, the survival of a nation. So the death of the firstborn in Egypt was symbolic of the nation itself coming to an end, in a sense. We do know that Egypt has never again risen to prominence in the world. The firstborn of Israel, who came out in the Exodus, are symbolic of the birth of a new nation.
- (b) "Now **the sojourn** of the children of Israel who lived in Egypt **was four hundred and thirty years.**" Exodus 12:40 NKJV (they were not in Egypt 430 years, but the entire

journey of these people who were now leaving Egypt was 430 years from the call of Abraham to the Exodus)

(c) “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 12:41 NKJV

(d) **A nation freed to be a blessing:** “Therefore He who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you, does He do it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?— just as Abraham “believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.” Therefore know that only those who are of faith are sons of Abraham. And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand, saying, “**In you all the nations shall be blessed.**” So then those who are of faith are blessed with believing Abraham.” Galatians 3:5-9 NKJV

(e) **Paul Understood the 430 years:** “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

(6) Passover—the END of one thing and the start of something  
NEW

(a) When is the end? Matthew 24:3-14

(a) Don't be deceived!

(b) You will hear and see a lot of things but the END IS  
NOT YET!

(c) You will handed over to tribulation, betrayed and  
tempted by false prophets.

(d) Lawlessness will abound.

(e) BUT THE END IS NOT YET

(b) Then the end will begin! When? After the Gospel of the  
Kingdom is preached to all the world!

1. “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

(c) Everything begins with an ending: Then you see all the  
abominations and destruction as described, leading to  
the coming of Messiah from Matthew 24:15-31 And all  
that will take place in ONE GENERATION

1. ““Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near. So you also, when you see all these things, know that it is near—at the doors! Assuredly, I say to you, **this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place.** Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.” Matthew 24:32-35 NKJV
2. There was also ONE GENERATION born in the Wilderness after the original Passover, the same pattern we see in Matthew 24.
3. “These are those who were numbered by **Moses and Eleazar the priest**, who numbered the children of Israel in the plains of Moab by the Jordan, across from Jericho. **But among these there was not a man of those who were numbered by Moses and Aaron** the priest when they numbered the children of Israel in the Wilderness of Sinai. For the LORD had said of them, “They shall surely die in the wilderness.” So there was not left a man of them, except Caleb the son of Jephunneh and Joshua the son of Nun.” Numbers 26:63-65 NKJV

4. “Surely none of the men who came up from Egypt, from twenty years old and above, shall see the land of which I swore to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, because they have not wholly followed Me, except Caleb the son of Jephunneh, the Kenizzite, and Joshua the son of Nun, for they have wholly followed the LORD.’ So the LORD’s anger was aroused against Israel, and He made them wander in the wilderness forty years, **until all the generation that had done evil in the sight of the LORD was gone.**” Numbers 32:11-13 NKJV

(d) Sins should reach 3-4 generations

1. “you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children **to the third and fourth generations** of those who hate Me, but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.” Deuteronomy 5:9-10 NKJV
2. “keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the

children and the children's children **to the third and the fourth generation.**"" Exodus 34:7 NKJV

(e) And yet, in the wilderness the Sins of the Fathers are pardoned in ONE GENERATION!

1. "And now, I pray, let the power of my Lord be great, just as You have spoken, saying, 'The LORD is longsuffering and abundant in mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression; but He by no means clears the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generation. ' **Pardon the iniquity of this people, I pray, according to the greatness of Your mercy, just as You have forgiven this people, from Egypt even until now.**"" Numbers 14:17-19 NKJV

(f) Be sober and watching Matthew 24:36-44

1. Just like the days of Noah
2. Some will be prepared, some not!
3. Watch so He does not come as a thief, when you are not ready.
4. **Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."**

(g) And what does ready look like: It looks like Joseph!

1. **““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. But if that evil servant says in his heart, ‘My master is delaying his coming,’ and begins to beat his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunkards, the master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for him and at an hour that he is not aware of, and will cut him in two and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”** Matthew 24:45-51 NKJV
2. (See Genesis 41:33-44 which should make it obvious that Y’shua is **referring to Joseph. The Model for Joseph’s readiness is storing up for seven years, for the coming seven years of famine!**)
3. Pharaoh to Joseph (Genesis 41:33, 39-40)
4. **““Now therefore, let Pharaoh select a discerning and wise man, and set him over the land of Egypt.** Let Pharaoh do this, and let him appoint officers over the land, to collect one-fifth of the produce of the land of

Egypt in the seven plentiful years. And let them gather all the food of those good years that are coming, and store up grain under the authority of Pharaoh, and let them keep food in the cities. Then that food shall be as a reserve for the land for the seven years of famine which shall be in the land of Egypt, that the land may not perish during the famine." So the advice was good in the eyes of Pharaoh and in the eyes of all his servants. And Pharaoh said to his servants, **"Can we find such a one as this, a man in whom is the Spirit of God?"** Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, **"Inasmuch as God has shown you all this, there is no one as discerning and wise as you. You shall be over my house, and all my people shall be ruled according to your word;** only in regard to the throne will I be greater than you." And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt." Then Pharaoh took his signet ring off his hand and put it on Joseph's hand; and he clothed him in garments of fine linen and put a gold chain around his neck. And he had him ride in the second chariot which he had; and they cried out before him, "Bow the knee!" So he set him over all the land of Egypt. Pharaoh also said

to Joseph, "I am Pharaoh, and without your consent no man may lift his hand or foot in all the land of Egypt."” Genesis 41:33-44 NKJV

(7) John the Baptist, Elijah, Passover and the End

(a) **Why then do the scribes say that Elijah must come first? And what does John the Baptist have to do with it?**

1. “Now after six days Jesus took **Peter, James, and John** his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves; **and He was transfigured before them.** His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light. And behold, **Moses and Elijah appeared to them**, talking with Him. Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, let us make here three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “**This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.** Hear Him!” And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their faces and were greatly afraid. But Jesus came and touched them and said, “Arise, and do not be afraid.” When

they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. Now as they came down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, "Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man is risen from the dead." **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 first and will restore all things. But I say to you that Elijah has come already,** 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 17:1-13 NKJV

2. "Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. And John tried to prevent Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?" But Jesus answered and said to him, "Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed Him. When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God

descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, **“This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”**”

Matthew 3:13-17 NKJV

3. “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

4. “As they departed, Jesus began to say to the multitudes concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? But what did you go out to see? A man clothed in soft garments? Indeed, those who wear soft

clothing are in kings' houses. But what did you go out to see? **A prophet? Yes, I say to you, and more than a prophet. For this is he of whom it is written: 'Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, Who will prepare Your way before You.'** "Assuredly, I say to you, among those born of women there has not risen one greater than **John the Baptist**; but he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force. For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John. 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 11:7-15 NKJV

(b) **The restoration of all things:**

1. "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.** For Moses truly said to the fathers, 'The LORD

your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your brethren. Him you shall hear in all things, whatever He says to you. And it shall be that every soul who will not hear that Prophet shall be utterly destroyed from among the people.' Yes, and all the prophets, from Samuel and those who follow, as many as have spoken, have also foretold these days."  
Acts 3:19-24 NKJV

(c) **Who comes to restore of all things and what does it look like?**

1. Y'shua said, "Indeed, Elijah is coming first and will restore all things.
2. ""For behold, the day is coming, Burning like an oven, And all the proud, yes, all who do wickedly will be stubble. And the day which is coming shall burn them up," Says the LORD of hosts, "That will leave them neither root nor branch. But to you who fear My name The Sun of Righteousness shall arise With healing in His wings; And you shall go out And grow fat like stall-fed calves. You shall trample the wicked, For they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet On the day that I do this, " Says the LORD of hosts. **"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 4:1-6 NKJV

(d) **Where is Y’shua when this restoration is occurring?**

1. “And every priest stands ministering daily and offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, **sat down at the right hand of God, from that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool.**” Hebrews 10:11-13 NKJV
2. “But to which of the angels has He ever said: “Sit at My right hand, **Till I make Your enemies Your footstool**”?” Hebrews 1:13 NKJV

(e) **His enemies will be His footstool?**

1. “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

first and will restore all things." Matthew 17:10-11  
NKJV

2. "And He said to them, "How can they say that the Christ is the Son of David? Now David himself said in the Book of Psalms: 'The LORD said to my Lord, "**Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool.**" ' Therefore David calls Him 'Lord'; how is He then his Son?'" Luke 20:41-44 NKJV
3. ""For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he says himself: 'The LORD said to my Lord, "**Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool.**" ' "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."" Acts 2:34-36 NKJV
4. "The LORD said to my Lord, "**Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool.**" **The LORD shall send the rod of Your strength out of Zion.** Rule in the midst of Your enemies! Your people shall be volunteers In the day of Your power; In the beauties of holiness, from the womb of the morning, You have the dew of Your youth. The LORD has sworn And will not relent, "You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek."" Psalms 110:1-4 NKJV

(f) **Who makes His enemies His footstool and How?**

1. “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 first and will restore all things.**” Matthew 17:10-11  
NKJV
2. “And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.” Matthew 24:14
3. “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

## QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION

### **1. Discuss the ideas of defective priests and defective sacrifices:**

A. Give examples from Malachi chapters 1 and 2 in which Yahweh brings stern rebukes for violating these mandates.

### **2. What was King David's great "bread controversy"?**

A. How did Y'shua use that narrative to correct the religious leaders of the day?

B. Discuss and explain Y'shua's apparent "error" regarding the priest He names when he refers to that historical event. Hint: He seems to say that it was Abiathar instead of Ahimelech who was involved: It's a doozy!

### **3. Discuss the prophetic significance of the Sabbath and the seven Feasts of Yahweh.**

### **4. Why is Passover both an end and a beginning?**

A. Relate Passover to the Gospel of the Kingdom, Elijah, and the End!

B. Discuss all the imagery of Passover as it relates to believers in Y'shua as Messiah. (Consider Firstborns, the Birth of Nations, the Lamb, Blood, Dates, the Preparation Day, the prophetic significance of the Spring Feasts, the Priesthood, and the Sign of Jonah.)

- 5. At 12 years old, Y'shua stayed behind in Jerusalem after Passover:**
- A. What did His parents find Him doing?
  - B. Why is understanding Passover, Unleavened Bread and First Fruits so important if we want to be about "Our Father's Business"?
- 6. The importance of Firstborns in theology and prophecy is paramount:**
- A. Discuss in detail how Passover separates Firstborns.
  - B. Use the Exodus narrative to arrive at three eternal people groups.
  - C. Describe who lands in each group and how.
- 7. After witnessing the events on the Mount of Transfiguration, Why did Y'shua's disciples ask, "Why then do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?"**
- A. What is the ministry of Elijah?
  - B. Why did Y'shua refer to John the Baptist as being the "Elijah of that day"?
  - C. Should we be looking for "an Elijah" of some sort before the second coming of Messiah?
  - D. If so, what will that look like and what will be his message?