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- Exodus 10:1-13:16
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- Matthew 24:4-51
- Malachi 4:1-6
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PASSOVER—WHERE IT ALL BEGINS...

- And then the END will come
- The Revealing of Sons
- The Restoration of All things
- The Gospel of the Kingdom
- The Preparation Day

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Over the years, I have learned that asking questions is the most powerful way to engage someone's mind. When I was younger, and much more impetuous, I thought riddling people with a machine gun full of information would be the way to convince them of my

argument. But, as I've grown older, and the hair has become filled with silver, I've come to realize there's a much better way.

"Who do men say that I am?" was one of those provocative questions, as Y'shua challenged Peter to come to a conclusion. "The Son of God...the Messiah," he was forced to conclude. "Flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but by the Spirit," Y'shua offered in return. It's a classic and a lesson for us all. Let's try this on you.

"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." Y'shua declared. My questions are these. "What is the Gospel of the Kingdom?" and "What is the end?" Don't be too quick to answer please. Give it some serious thought. Consider that I'd not likely be asking if the answer was so simple. And lastly, considering the subject matter of this sermon—think Passover.

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

“If you endure chastening, **God deals with you as with sons;** for what son is there whom a father does not chasten? But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, **then you are illegitimate and not sons.**” Hebrews 12:7-8 NKJV

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 YOU 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. 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

PREPARATION DAY

2. John 13-17 plus...19

A. Go Prepare for the Passover

- (1) The Synoptic Gospels—**“Where do You want us to prepare for You to eat the Passover?”**
- (a) **[LUKE]** “So they said to Him, “Where do You want us **to prepare?**” And He said to them, “Behold, when you have entered the city, a man will meet you carrying a pitcher of water; follow him into the house which he

enters. Then you shall say to the master of the house,
'The Teacher says to you, "Where is the guest room
where I may eat the Passover with My disciples?"'

Then he will show you **a large, furnished upper room;**
there make ready." So they went and found it just as He
had said to them, and **they prepared the Passover."**

Luke 22:9-13 NKJV

- (b) **[MATTHEW]** "Now on the **first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread** the disciples came to Jesus, saying to Him, "**Where do You want us to prepare for You to eat the Passover?**" And He said, "Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, 'The Teacher says, "**My time is at hand; I will keep the Passover** at your house with My disciples." ' " So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them; and they **prepared the Passover."**

Matthew 26:17-19 NKJV

- (c) **[MARK]** "Now **on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they killed the Passover lamb,** His disciples said to Him, "Where do You want us to go and **prepare, that You may eat the Passover?**" And He sent out two of His disciples and said to them, "Go into the city, and a man will meet you carrying a pitcher of water; follow him. Wherever he goes in, say to the master of the house,

'The Teacher says, "Where is the guest room in which I may eat the Passover with My disciples?" ' Then **he will show you a large upper room**, furnished and prepared; there make ready for us.'" Mark 14:12-15 NKJV

(2) The Four Cups of Wine

(a) **In Exodus 6:6-7 there are four main "I will" promises of Yahweh:** "Therefore say to the children of Israel: 'I am the LORD; **[Cup 1] I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, [Cup 2] I will rescue you from their bondage, and [Cup 3] I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments. [Cup 4] I will take you as My people, and I will be your God.** Then you shall know that I am the LORD your God who brings you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.'" Exodus 6:6-7 NKJV

1. Cup of Sanctification: **"I will bring you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians."**
2. Cup of Judgment: **"I will free you from being slaves to them."**
3. Cup of Redemption: **"I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgment."**

a) **(This is the cup we see in the Last Supper Passover Rehearsal)** *“Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the [b] covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.” Matthew 26:27-28*

4. Cup of the Kingdom: **[LATER]** **“And I will take you to me for a people, and I will be to you a God”**
(Yahshua did not drink this one)

(b) At the Last Supper—the preparation meal for Passover

1. The Cup Y’shua did drink: The 3rd Cup of Redemption!

a) “Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, **“This cup is the new covenant** in My blood, which is shed for you.” Luke 22:20 NKJV

2. The Cup Y’shua did not drink: The 4th Cup of the Kingdom:

a) “For who is greater, he who sits at the table, or he who serves? Is it not he who sits at the table? Yet I am among you as the One who serves. “But you are those who have continued with Me in My trials. And I bestow upon you a kingdom, just as My Father bestowed one upon Me, **that you may eat and drink at My table** in My kingdom, and sit

on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.””

Luke 22:27-30 NKJV

3. NOTE: Can you recognize the cup He drinks and the one He does not!

a) “Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you. **For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. [the 3rd cup—the Cup of Redemption]** But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father’s kingdom **[the 4th cup—the Cup of the Kingdom].”**” Matthew 26:27-29 NKJV

b) “Then He took the cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, and they all drank from it. And He said to them, “This is **My blood of the new covenant [the 3rd cup—the Cup of Redemption]**, which is shed for many. Assuredly, I say to you, I will no longer drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it **new in the kingdom of God [the 4th cup—the Cup of the Kingdom].”**” Mark 14:23-25 NKJV

(3) Preparation...

- (a) We keep seeing the word PREPARATION! —it’s the journey we all take toward each Passover! **Where do we PREPARE to eat the Passover?**
- (b) **But in John’s Gospel... there is no mention of preparation!!! WHY?? Instead it says...**
 - 1. **“It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come** for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The evening meal was in progress...” (John 13:1-2)

B. The Upper Room Prophecy

- (1) John speaks of the Passover Destination instead of Preparation—He **knew** the hour had come.
 - (a) The last supper meal IS the preparation for Passover, for THE ULTIMATE PASSOVER)—**so let’s look at what took place in that upper room! All three Synoptic Gospels:**
 - 1. **BREAK BREAD**
 - 2. **POUR WINE**
 - 3. **MENTION THE KINGDOM**
 - 4. **AND THEN THEY LEAVE FOR GETHSEMANE**
 - (b) yet they each record **NOTHING** of the **DETAILED SERMON in the Upper Room Discourse** found in John 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17!

(2) John 13

(a) “Now **before the Feast of the Passover**, when **Jesus knew that His hour had come** that He should depart from this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end. **And supper being ended**, the devil having already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon’s son, to betray Him,”
John 13:1-2 NKJV

(b) He washes their feet, a servant is not greater than his master (John 13:3-17)

1. ...“**Do you know what I have done to you?** You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet.” John 13:12-14 NKJV

2. “Most assuredly, I say to you, **a servant is not greater than his master;** nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him.” John 13:16 NKJV

(c) Betrayer identified (John 13:18-30)

(d) A new commandment—love like I loved (John 13:31-35)

(e) Peter’s predicted denial (John 13:36-38)

(3) John 14

- (a) I am the way, the truth, and the life (John 14:1-6)
 - 1. “Jesus said to him, **“I am the way, the truth, and the life.** No one comes to the Father except through Me.”
John 14:6 NKJV
- (b) If you know Me you know My Father, I don’t speak on My own authority (John 14:7-11)
- (c) Greater works and anything you ask in My name (John 14:12-14)
- (d) The Promised Helper, the Spirit of truth (John 14:15-18)
 - 1. **““If you love Me,** keep My commandments.” John 14:15 NKJV
- (e) If you love Me you’ll keep My words, which are really the Father’s words, and My Father will love you (John 14:19-24)
- (f) The promise of peace and the Helper Holy Spirit will teach you all things, even as the ruler of this world comes who has nothing to do with Me (John 14:25-31)
 - 1. “But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, **He will teach you all things,** and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. Peace I leave with you, **My peace I give to you;** not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your

heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.” John
14:26-27 NKJV

2. “I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of
this world is coming, and **he has nothing in Me.**”
John 14:30 NKJV

(4) John 15

(a) Abide in Me, the true vine (John 15:9-17)

1. Love and Joy Perfected
2. Keep His commands is how you abide in His Love
3. Greater Love—lay down your life
4. We are now friends

(b) I chose you (John 15:1-8)

1. “By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much
fruit; so you will be My disciples.” John 15:8 NKJV

(c) The World’s Hatred, they hated Me, they will hate you
(John 15:18-25)

(d) The Spirit bears witness—you will bear witness (John
15:26-27)

(5) John 16

(a) The coming persecution—so you recognize it when it
comes (John 16:1-4)

(b) The work of the Holy Spirit (John 16:5-15)

1. I'm going away but don't have sorrow, it will be to your advantage, the Spirit will come and convict the world.
2. **All truth:** "However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, **He will guide you into all truth;** for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come." John 16:13 NKJV

(c) Sorrow will turn to joy (John 16:16-24)

1. "Therefore you now have sorrow; but I will see you again and your heart will rejoice, and your joy no one will take from you. "And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, **whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you.**"
John 16:22-23 NKJV

(d) Messiah has overcome the world (John 16:25-33)

1. "These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you **may have peace.** In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.'" John 16:33 NKJV

(6) John 17 (the Prayers)

- (a) Y'shay for Himself—glorify Me (John 17:1-5)

(a) “I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. And now, O Father, **glorify Me together with Yourself**, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.”
John 17:4-5 NKJV

(b) Y’shua for His disciples! (John 17:6-19)

1. I pray for them, not the world
2. I’ve lost none except the son of perdition
3. They are not of the world, like I am not of the world
4. “**Sanctify them** by Your truth. Your word is truth.”

John 17:17 NKJV

(c) Y’shua for all believers! (John 17:20-26)

1. ““I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word;” John 17:20
NKJV
2. That they may be perfect in one as We are one
3. That they may have glory like Mine
4. That they may be with Me
5. “And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare it, **that the love with which You loved Me may be in them**, and I in them.”” John 17:26 NKJV

(7) Kingdom Alls—Prophetic Passover Promises declared in the Upper Room Discourse:

- (a) All Knowledge
- (b) All Servanthood
- (c) All Truth
- (d) All Power
- (e) All Authority
- (f) All Love
- (g) All Obedience
- (h) All Joy
- (i) All Peace
- (j) All Promises
- (k) All Requests
- (l) All Unity
- (m) All Perfection
- (n) All Glory

C. After the Crucifixion—It was the “preparation day and...”

- (1) The Events of Crucifixion Day
 - (a) **The King on the Cross** (John 19:17-24)
 - (b) **Behold your mother** (John 19:25-27)
 - (c) **It is Finished** (John 19:28-30)
- (2) They want to pierce Him so He dies NOW so He can be taken down—And Look...it is **STILL** the Preparation Day
 - (a) **It was Preparation Day; it was a High Day:** “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." John 19:31 NKJV

1. The sabbath was a High Day? No other Gospel except the prophetic gospel writer, John, records this important detail (it is not mentioned the synoptic Gospels). We must take Y'shua off the cross because the Sabbath is approaching. Left alone, any reader would assume this means the weekly Sabbath, the seventh day, or in our vernacular, Saturday.
2. We know Y'shua went on the cross in the afternoon and we know the new day begins when the sun sets, and they need to get Him off the cross before sundown when the new day begins. Of course, the time "between the evenings" that day would be Passover (Passover is a "moment" not a day). Y'shua was the Passover Lamb that year.
3. This means the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread would begin at sundown and that is counted as a Sabbath, no matter what day of the week it is! **The Sabbaths associated with the Feasts of the Lord are called High Days!**

- a) “On the fourteenth day of the first month **at twilight [the moment] is the LORD’s Passover.** And on the fifteenth day of the same month is the **Feast of Unleavened Bread to the LORD;** seven days you must eat unleavened bread. **On the first day you shall have a holy convocation; you shall do no customary work on it [it’s a Sabbath].** But you shall offer an offering made by fire to the LORD for seven days. **The seventh day shall be a holy convocation; you shall do no customary work on it [also a Sabbath].’** ”” Leviticus 23:5-8 NKJV
4. They don’t want to be “unclean” from handling a dead body going into the Sabbath (the High Day, the first day Unleavened Bread) so they make the request.
 5. The rest is history, they show up and He has already died...then they prepare him with spices (seasonings) and place him into the grave (the Lamb into the oven) before Sundown.
 6. If you are ignorant of the Laws of God, in this case especially the Feast Commandments, you would not have a clue what a High Day means, and you would just assume that the Sabbath referred to here is the weekly Sabbath (Saturday), which would place the

crucifixion on a Friday. That is what all of Christendom has done in error, starting with the Catholic Church.

7. This then causes the problem no one wants to speak about. You can't count three days and three nights between Friday night and Sunday morning, the traditional belief about the death, burial and resurrection.
 - a) "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 12:39-40 NKJV
8. But when you understand the Feasts of the Lord, you know that the Sabbath here is NOT THE WEEKLY SABBATH and does NOT have to fall on Saturday; it can fall on any day of the week. In this case, historically, it was a Wednesday that year, which makes perfect sense. Y'shua went in the grave on a Wednesday night and He resurrected **three days and three nights** later on a Saturday night. And when they

arrived at the tomb Sunday morning, the first day of the week, He was ALREADY gone!

a) “Jesus answered and said to them, “You are mistaken, **not knowing the Scriptures** nor the power of God.”Matthew 22:29 NKJV

(b) **Scripture Fulfilled!** “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 19:36-37 NKJV

(3) Y’shua was buried and put in the grave/oven (John 19:38-42) And it’s STILL THE PREPARATION DAY!

(a) “So there they laid Jesus, because of the Jews’ Preparation Day, for the tomb was nearby.” John 19:42 NKJV

BONUS—THE PROPHET LIKE MOSES

3. Who is the Prophet Like Moses? You can see a complete teaching on this subject here: [Without Blemish or..Apostate Religion](#)

A. What Everyone Thinks!

(1) It Must be Y’shua

(a) **Moses Speaking:** “The LORD your God will raise up for you a **Prophet like me** from your midst, from your brethren. Him you shall hear, **according to all you desired of the LORD your God in Horeb** in the day of the assembly, saying, **‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God, nor let me see this great fire anymore, lest I die.’** “And the LORD said to me: ‘What they have spoken is good. **I will raise up for them a Prophet like you from among their brethren, and will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him.** And it shall be that whoever will not hear My words, which He speaks in My name, **I will require it of him.**” Deuteronomy 18:15-19

1. Before we launch into the depth of this, let me point out a few key elements within the text itself!
2. The Prophet will be like Moses. Why? This is a Key!
3. The people DO NOT want to hear from **the Lord** directly; they want someone else first to speak to the Lord and then to them.
4. This of itself should tell you that it IS NOT Y’shua (the Lord) who fulfills this prophecy, as **the Lord is putting the Lord’s words in the mouth of this prophet, so**

they don't hear directly from the Lord Himself. Then the prophet will speak to the People.

5. Hold onto this as we work our way through the text.

(2) **A Prophet Like Moses:** This one area in Deuteronomy might generate one of the greatest controversies in our faith. And although there seems to be almost universal agreement throughout Christianity that the prophet like Moses being prophesied about here is Y'shua Himself, I see glaring inconsistencies with that belief. Now, one might ask themselves, "If nearly everyone agrees, other than a fraction of percent, then how could it possibly be in error?" I might also ask that question about the relevance of the Torah for the Church. It was universally believed across all denominations up until 60 years ago, or so, that Y'shua fulfilled the Torah and therefore we, as Christians, are not obligated to the commandments of God, other than the 10 commandments (minus the Sabbath plus tithing 🤪). This is still held as a "sacred cow" by most of Christianity today. Yet this too is dangerously inconsistent with Y'shua's words and warnings:

(a) *"Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. For*

assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.” (Matthew 5:17-18)

(b) *Jesus answered them and said, “My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me.” (John 7:16)*

(c) *“Do not think that I shall accuse you to the Father; there is one who accuses you—Moses, in whom you trust. For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me. But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?” (John 5:45-47)*

(d) SO KEEP AN OPEN MIND AND LET’S TAKE A JOURNEY.

B. What the Scriptures Say! Let’s consider the following proof texts that show that Moses is, instead, referring to Elijah as the prophet to come, and not Y’shua.

(1) The Restoration of all things

(a) **Peter had learned from his Master about the restoration; so who is he talking about?** *““Yet now, brethren, I know that you did it in ignorance, as did also your rulers. But those things which God foretold by the mouth of all His prophets, that the Christ would suffer, He has thus fulfilled. 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.’” Acts 3:17-23 NKJV

(b) “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 10:12-13 NKJV

(c) “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!” Psalms 110:1-2 NKJV

(d) Manifestation of Sons! —PASSOVER: “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

1. We had a time of refreshing and now Y’shua is in heaven sitting at the right hand of the Father until something happens. What is He waiting for?
 - a) His enemies to be made His footstool.
 - b) The revealing of the sons.
 - c) The restoration of all things!
2. This restoration is something God spoke about through His prophets, and...
3. The Lord will raise up a prophet like Moses to restore all things. Who can that be?

(2) Moses and Elijah at the Transfiguration

- (a) “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 [Sun of Righteousness—Mal. 4:2], 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!”**” Matthew 17:1-5 NKJV

(b) 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.**” [SEE II **Peter 1:16-18]** Matthew 17:6-9NKJV

1. **Peter speaking of the transfiguration AFTER THE RESURRECTION:** “For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, **but were**

eyewitnesses of His majesty. For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain.” II Peter

1:16-18 NKJV

- (c) **What was on the minds of Y’shua’s Disciples when they came down from the mountain, after they saw Moses and Elijah? And what did Y’shua say the role of the prophet was?** “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

- (d) “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

- (e) **His Baptism by John the Baptist who had to come before the Lord:** "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.'** ... "

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 3:1-3, 16-17 NKJV

1. Peter, James and John join Y'shua on the mountain and he shows them what His glorified body will look like.

2. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appear (how the disciples recognized them is a wonder!)
3. The same voice appears that announced Y'shua's coming the first time! This prophetic picture shows us it will happen again!
4. This very thing, the voice and seeing the prophets, prompts this question when they come down from the mountain: **"Why then do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?"**
5. Elijah comes first to restore all things (just like Peter later teaches in Acts 3 when he refers to Deuteronomy 18).
6. He learned the answer from Y'shua before the crucifixion in Matthew 17! The shadow was John the Baptist who came how?
7. Well, at Y'shua's baptism, John is referred to as the voice of one crying, in the wilderness prepare a way for the Lord! (That is Elijah!)
8. And John the Baptist was prophesied to come in the spirit of Elijah! (Prophesied about him by his own father as we will see next!)

(3) John the Baptist was prophesied to come in the Spirit of Elijah

(a) “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, [as affirmed by Y’shua in Matthew 17] ‘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

(b) **Zacharias’ Prophecy—And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Highest:** “Now his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Spirit, and prophesied, saying: “Blessed is the Lord God of Israel, For He has visited and redeemed His people, And has raised up a horn of salvation for us In the house of His servant David, As He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets, Who have been since the world began, That we should be saved from our enemies And from the hand of all who hate us,

To perform the mercy promised to our fathers And to remember His holy covenant, The oath which He swore to our father Abraham: To grant us that we, Being delivered from the hand of our enemies, Might serve Him without fear, In holiness and righteousness before Him all the days of our life. **“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.” So the child grew and became strong in spirit, **and was in the deserts till the day of his manifestation to Israel.”** Luke 1:67-80 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. And they asked him, saying,

"Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" John answered them,

saying, "I baptize with water, but there stands One among you whom you do not know. It is He who, coming after me, is preferred before me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose."" John 1:19-27 NKJV

1. He will also go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, 'to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children. (see Malachi 4)
2. The Child will be a prophet of the Most High.
3. He says he is not Elijah or the Prophet, but why? Even after he confirms that he is "The voice of one crying, in the wilderness..."
4. For he is "the spirit and power of Elijah!"
5. With that in mind let's continue to explore who that messenger is!

(4) Preparing the way—messenger vs. Messenger

(a) “Behold, I send My **messenger, And he will prepare the way before Me.** And the Lord, whom you seek, Will suddenly come to His temple, Even the Messenger of the covenant, In whom you delight. Behold, He is coming,” Says the LORD of hosts. “But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner’s fire And like launderers’ soap. He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver; He will purify the sons of Levi, And purge them as gold and silver, That they may offer to the LORD An offering in righteousness.” Malachi 3:1-3 NKJV

(b) **Who is the coming messenger and what is his message?**
“**Comfort, yes, comfort My people!**” Says your God.
“Speak comfort to Jerusalem, and cry out to her, That her warfare 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 [the voice is in the wilderness—See Door of Hope Devotion; SufferWell.org # 254]: “Prepare the way of the LORD; Make straight in the desert A highway for our God. 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, 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.'" Isaiah 40:1-8 NKJV

1. Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, Who will prepare Your way before You.
 - a) "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

2. The messenger (Elijah) prepares the way for the Messenger (Y'shua)
 - a) Behold, the Lord GOD shall come with a strong hand, 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." Isaiah 40:10-11 NKJV [**as opposed to Jeremiah 23:1-2 in which shepherds of Yahweh have scattered the flock and not fed the sheep**].

(5) Who is the messenger (the prophet) and what is the message? PASSOVER IS COMING!

- (a) ""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

1. The messenger is Elijah!
2. The message: **Remember the Law of Moses, My servant, Which I commanded him in Horeb for all Israel!**
3. Remember Horeb from Deuteronomy 18: "The LORD your God will raise up for you **a Prophet like me** from your midst, from your brethren. Him you shall hear, **according to all you desired of the LORD**

your God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, **'Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God.'**

4. The people desired to hear someone OTHER THAN THE LORD in order to receive the Laws.
5. In the end: **Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet Before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD.**
6. **Elijah is the prophet like Moses!**

Questions & Discussion

1. **Discuss the Feasts of Yahweh and how they are relevant to Christians today.**
 - A. 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. Contemplate and Discuss the Upper Room Discourse from John 13-17:

- A. Why do we know that the Last Supper was NOT the Passover meal?
- B. Who was being addressed at the table?
- C. What was being promised?
- D. What cup of wine was shared; what cup was withheld, and why?
- E. Skipping ahead to John 19:31, what is meant by, "the bodies should not remain on the cross on the Sabbath, (for that Sabbath was a high day)"?

7. 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?

8. One of the great questions in the Scriptures is:

- A. Who is the prophet like Moses who will be raised up in the end, as prophesied by Moses himself in Deuteronomy 18?
- B. Use a detailed biblical argument to make your case.