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## SCRIPTURES

- Hebrews 12:7-8
- Luke 22:7-9; John 12-17
- Matthew 24:14; Romans 8:19

## PREPARATION DAY

- Legitimate Sons
- The Preparation
- The End

## THEME:

“But as many as received Him, to them **He gave the right to become sons of God**, to those who believe in His name: **who were born**, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but **of God.**” John 1:12-13

“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

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

“**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. **Therefore let us keep the feast, not**

**with old leaven**, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.” I Cor. 5:7-8 NKJV

“Then came the Day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover must be killed. And He sent Peter and John, saying, **“Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat.”** So they said to Him, **“Where do You want us to prepare?”**” Luke 22:7-9 NKJV

“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

## **INTRODUCTION TO TODAY’S MESSAGE:**

*Asking questions is one of the most effective ways to engage the mind on a deeper level. Paul and Y’shua used this rabbinic style often and it has continued to stir the imagination of Christians for two thousand years. A quick review of Romans, Paul’s Magnum Opus, and you will discover that ninety-two times he asked a question—each used to stitch together the fabric of the greatest theological treatise ever written—the canvas on which was painted the masterpiece of Christian doctrine. Y’shua was a skillful artist when asking provocative questions. “Who do men say that I am?” challenged Peter to confess, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And, what might be His most alluring question of all, is one that Y’shua left blank—the conclusion for you to discover.*

*“Who is the faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his estate, to feed the people at the proper time? Blessed is that servant whom, upon his return, the master finds so doing.”*

*And there is one other variation of this teaching style to consider. At times, Y’shua used incendiary statements to inspire critical prophetic inquiries from His disciples, or from anyone else with ears to hear. “Assuredly, I say to you, not one stone shall be left here upon another, that shall not be thrown down.” This disturbing image of the crumbling temple later induced His disciples to ask privately, “Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?” One such directive prompted a question from His disciples that you too might ask yourself. And coming from a modern-day Christian makes it even more flammable than His disciples’ urgent appeal 2000 years ago! “Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat.” Their expected reaction, “Where do You want us to prepare for You to eat the Passover?” Now ask yourself the same question... “How will I prepare for the Passover that we may eat?”*

**PREPARATION DAY (John 13-17)** See the [Feasts of Yahweh](#)

1. Legitimate Sons
2. The Preparation
3. The End

## LEGITIMATE SONS

### 1. Rights and Revealing

#### A. Every Christian is a Son of God

(1) How do you become a son of God?

(a) Receive Him!

1. "He came to His own, and **His own did not receive Him. But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God**, to those who believe in His name: who were **born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.**" John 1:11-13 NKJV

2. Born-again by the will of God

a) It should be clear that our inheritance is not from a bloodline, but from faith. See [Let's Get Historical](#)

b) We can see how this played out in Paul's teaching on the subject.

1) "*That is, **those who are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God; but the children of the promise are counted as the seed.***" Romans 9:8 NKJV

c) An invitation into the family by His grace.

- 1) *“For **by grace you have been saved through faith**, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God,”* Ephesians 2:8 NKJV
- d) The Children of Promise: John 1:13 (*“not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.”*)
  - 1) *“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. [26] For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.*** For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ***There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ’s, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.***” Galatians 3:5-7, 26-29 NKJV

(2) Legitimate Sons

- (a) Authenticating the claim as a true son:

1. "And **you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: "My son, do not despise the chastening of the Lord, Nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him; For whom the Lord loves He chastens, And scourges every son whom He receives."** 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.** Furthermore, we have had human fathers who corrected us, and we paid them respect. Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live? For they indeed for a few days chastened us as seemed best to them, **but He for our profit, that we may be partakers of His holiness.** Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; **nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it."**

Hebrews 12:5-11 NKJV

2. If the Lord loves you, He chastens you. He scourges every son whom He receives.

- a) *“He came to His own, and His own **did not receive Him. But as many as received Him,** to them He gave the right to become children of God.”* John 1:11-12
- b) As such, those who have legitimately received Him will face correction for training purposes.
- c) This training is purposed to purify and meant to tutor you until you grow into a mature son, as the training yields a *“peaceable fruit of righteousness!”* (Hebrews 12:11)
  - 1) *“And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, **for the equipping of the saints** for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, **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 4:11-13 NKJV

## **B. Separating Sons**

- (1) Firstborns from Firstborns from Non-firstborns
  - (a) A mixed multitude left Egypt with Israel. (Exodus 12:38)

- 1) **True Firstborns: applied the blood to the doorposts and lived.** Faith to believe + the blood of the lamb.
  - 2) **False Firstborns did not apply the blood to the doorposts and died.** No faith to believe + No blood of the lamb.
- (b) **Non-Firstborns:** not at immediate risk of dying in Egypt
- 1) **Non-firstborns who came out of Egypt with Israel.** Faith to believe with those who worshiped the true God + Did not require the blood of the lamb to avoid immediate death.
  - 2) **Non-firstborns who stayed Egypt.** Did not have the faith to believe with those who worshiped the true God + Did not require the blood of the lamb to avoid immediate death (eventually died in Egypt anyway).

### **C. Revealing the Sons of God**

#### (1) Legitimate Sons and Mature Sons

##### (a) Revealing Legitimate Sons:

1. *"If you are **without chastening**, of which all have become partakers, then **you are illegitimate** and not sons."* Hebrews 12:8 NKJV

##### (b) Revealing Mature Sons:

1. *"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

2. *"For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again **the first principles of the oracles of God**; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. For **everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness**, for he is a babe. But **solid food belongs to those who are of full age**, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil." {6:1} "Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, **let us go on to perfection...**" Hebrews 5:12-14; 6:1 NKJV*

(2) Recognizing and separating sons is Passover Language

(a) One distinction: Every Israel household applied the blood; No Egyptian household applied the blood:

1. *"...**all the firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die, ... 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*

(b) The plague shall not be on Israel:

1. Now the **blood shall be a sign for you ...**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
- (c) Every firstborn of Egypt died! It was **the end** of Egypt’s legacy as a significant nation. NOT SONS OF GOD!
  1. “And it came to pass at midnight that the Lord **struck all the firstborn in the land of Egypt...**” Exodus 12:29 NKJV
  2. “**...for there was not a house where there was not one dead.**” Exodus 12:30 NKJV
- (d) Every firstborn of Israel lived! *Consecrate to Me all the firstborns...* “ It was **the birth** of Israel’s legacy as the most significant nation. TRUE SONS OF GOD
  1. Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, “**Consecrate to Me all the firstborn, ...it is Mine.**”” Exodus 13:1-2 NKJV
  2. “**...that the Lord killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, ... but all the firstborn of my sons I redeem.**”” Exodus 13:15 NKJV
- (3) Remember: **Son Status** and **The End** are Passover Language
  - (a) The Revealing of Sons is a Passover

1. "For the earnest expectation of the **creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God.**" Romans 8:19 NKJV
- (b) The End is a Passover
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) The Next Event on God's Prophetic Calendar is a Passover (See [The Unveiling](#) Romans 8:18-22)
1. God's children are on a spiritual journey from infancy when they're born-again (the right to be sons), to adulthood when they come of age (revealed as mature sons).
  2. This is a prophetic Bar-Mitzvah: the time when a mature son is announced to the world!
  3. Creation will be delivered from its current state of decay (the restoration of all things) when God's children become spiritual adults.
- (d) True Firstborns, False Firstborns, Non-firstborns
1. "Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of **those**

**in heaven**, and of **those on earth**, and of **those under the earth**, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

Philippians 2:9-11 NKJV

- a) God’s ultimate prophetic plan is to separate mankind into three eternal people groups, as perfectly depicted in the Passover.

## THE PREPARATION

### 2. **How should we prepare for the Passover?**

#### A. **Passover 101**

(1) First: Who should prepare for and keep Passover?

(a) Don’t be unaware!

1. “Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware **that all our fathers** were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all drank the same spiritual drink. **For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ.**”

I Corinthians 10:1-2, 4 NKJV

2. Whose forefathers were in the wilderness?

- a) All our fathers! And that includes the non-Jews to whom Paul was writing in Corinth.

b) Why? Because we all become identified as Israel when we are adopted into the family of God.

(b) Should we, as Christians be keeping Passover?

1. **"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. **Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven** of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth." I Corinthians 5:7-8 NKJV

2. Keep the Feast!

a) However, do not do so with hypocrisy or a religious spirit.

**B. As such, ask yourself the question... "How will I prepare for the Passover that we may eat?"**

(1) Get the Leaven out!

(a) No time to let the bread rise (no time to let sin fester in your life).

1. ...**remove leaven** from your houses. Exodus 12:15

2. "Rise, go out. ...So the people took their dough **before it was leavened...**Exodus 12:31, 34 NKJV

3. ...**nor shall leaven be seen among you** ...This is done because of what the Lord did for me when I came up from Egypt.'" Exodus 13:7-8 NKJV
  - a) The survivors of the 10th plague had to leave Egypt in a hurry. NO TIME for the bread to rise.
  - b) This is symbolic as we "Prepare for Passover" to get the leaven (sin) out of our lives.
  - c) Sin wants to rule you but you have the power to rule it! (Genesis 4:7)
- (b) Y'shua on Leaven...Beware!
  1. ..."**Beware of the leaven** of the Pharisees, which is **hypocrisy**. For there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, nor hidden that will not be known." Luke 12:1-2 NKJV
  2. .."**Take heed and beware of the leaven** of the Pharisees and the Sadducees." ...not the leaven of bread, **but of the doctrine** of the Pharisees and Sadducees." Matthew 16:6, 11-12 NKJV
- (c) Sin is lawless...DO NOT SIN!
  1. "Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and **sin is lawlessness**." I John 3:4 NKJV
  2. "**Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness**, and sin is lawlessness. ...**Whoever abides in Him**

**does not sin.** Whoever sins has neither seen Him nor known Him. ...**Whoever has been born of God does not sin,** for His seed remains in him; **and he cannot sin,** because he has been born of God." I John 3:4-6, 9 NKJV

3. "Therefore **do not let sin reign in your mortal body, ...do not** present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, ... **For sin shall not have dominion over you, ... Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? Certainly not!"**

Romans 6:12-15 NKJV

(d) Don't even entertain sin!

1. "...**sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it.**" Genesis 4:7 NKJV
2. **A little leaven** leavens the whole lump." Galatians 5:9 NKJV
3. "... **let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, ...**" Hebrews 12:1 NKJV

(e) Don't ever go back to your old sins!

1. "For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and **has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins.**" II Peter 1:9 NKJV

2. "For if, **after they have escaped the pollutions** of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they **are again entangled in them and overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the beginning.** For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them. But it has happened to them according to the true proverb: "**A dog returns to his own vomit,**" and, "a sow, having washed, to her wallowing in the mire." " II Peter 2:20-22 NKJV

### **C. A Prophetic Journey in the Upper Room**

- (1) The preparation day: "*Where do we PREPARE to eat the Passover?*"
  - (a) The disciples were concerned about the PREPARATION for Passover! Are you? It's the journey we all take toward each Passover! Ask yourself: "*Where do we PREPARE to eat the Passover?*"
  - (b) In John's Gospel... there is no mention of the preparation before the meal!!! 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... The evening meal was in progress..." (John 13:1-2)



2. John does not mention the Preparation Day until later, and when he does, what it reveals about the day Y'shua was crucified is quite surprising to most Christians!

#### **D. The Upper Room Preparation Prophecy**

(1) First Imagine... the Joy set before Him!

(a) Imagine that, at the Last Supper, His disciples were the Joy set before Him, and by extension, so is every Christian since then, who believed because of them.

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. "Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, **who for the joy that was set before Him** endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."

Hebrews 12:1-2 NKJV

(2) In the Upper Room, at the Preparation for Passover, John records the Words of Y'shua as the Passover Destination.

- (a) He **knew** the hour had come. It was time to prepare His People.
  - (b) The last supper meal IS the preparation for THE ULTIMATE PASSOVER!
  - (c) What took place in that upper room!
  - (d) In all three Synoptic Gospels they...
    1. BREAK BREAD
    2. POUR WINE
    3. MENTION THE KINGDOM (the cup not offered)
    4. AND THEN THEY LEAVE FOR GETHSEMANE
  - (e) **...yet they each record NOTHING of the DETAILED SERMON in the Upper Room Discourse found in John 13-17!** (*Y'shua's longest recorded sermon*)
- (3) John 13
- (a) "Now \***before the Feast of the Passover**, when **Jesus knew that His hour had come** [*when the lamb must be killed and placed in the oven*] 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** [*Hint: the end is Passover*]. **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

1. Contrast the Synoptic Gospels... ***\*on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they killed the Passover lamb...***
- (b) He washed 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. **“For I have given you an example,** that you should do as I have done to you.” John 13:15 NKJV
  3. **“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)
- (4) John 14
  - (a) {6} I am the way, the truth, and the life. (John 14:1-6)
  - (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) **If you love Me**, keep My commandments. (John 14:15)
  - (e) The Promised Helper, the Spirit of truth (John 14:16-18)
  - (f) 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)
  - (g) 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)
- (5) John 15
- (a) Abide in Me, the true vine. (John 15:9-17)
    - 1. Love and Joy Perfected
    - 2. Keeping 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 to glorify My Father by bearing fruit as My disciples. (John 15:1-8)
  - (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)
- (6) 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 and {13} **guide you into all truth** by speaking what He hears about what is coming on the authority of the Father.
  - (c) Sorrow will turn to joy and {16:22-23} **whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you.** (John 16:16-24)
  - (d) Be peaceful and cheerful even when you have trials because the Messiah has overcome the world. (John 16:25-33)
- (7) John 17 (the Prayers)
- (a) Y'shua for Himself— Glorify Me with the glory I had before the world was. (John 17:1-5)
  - (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. {17} **Sanctify them** by Your truth. Your word is truth.
  - (c) Y'shua for all believers! (John 17:20-26)

1. {20} Y'shua prays for those sitting with Him AND also for all those who will even believe because of them.
2. He prays that they will be in perfect oneness exactly as He and His Father are one.
3. He prays that that they will have glory like His.
4. He prays that that they will be with Him.
5. {26} He prays that they will **possess and experience the same love for each other as the love the Father has for the the son.**

(d) Kingdom Alls—Prophetic Passover Promises declared in the Upper Room Discourse. All...

1. Knowledge, Servanthood, Truth, Power, Authority, Love, Obedience, Joy, Peace, Promises, Requests, Unity, Perfection, Glory

### **E. Preparation day and the Crucifixion**

(1) NOTICE: They want to pierce Him and then take Him down from the cross, and it is **STILL** the Preparation Day

(a) It was Preparation Day; it was a High Day

1. “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

(b) Considerations (No other Gospel but John!)

1. The sabbath approaching was a High Day?
2. No other Gospel except John, the prophetic gospel writer, records this important detail (it is not mentioned in the synoptic Gospels).
3. We must take Y'shua off the cross because the Sabbath is approaching.
4. Left alone, any reader would assume this means the weekly Sabbath, the seventh day of the week, or in our vernacular, Saturday.
5. But the high day in John 19:31 actually refers to the first day of the annual Feast of Unleavened Bread, because both the first day and the seventh day of the feast are commanded as Sabbath days, regardless of on what day of the week they fall. (See Leviticus 23:4-8)
6. We know Y'shua was nailed to the cross in the morning at 9:00 am; and we know He died at 3:00 pm; and we know according to the Bible (Genesis 1:5), the new day begins as the sun sets (approximately 7:00 pm in April in Jerusalem).
  - a) "Now it was the **third hour [9am]**, and they crucified Him. Now when the **sixth hour [noon]**

*had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the **ninth hour [3pm]** ... “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?” **And Jesus cried out with a loud voice, and breathed His last.**” Mark 15:25, 33-34, 37 NKJV*

- b) They needed to get Him off the cross before sundown when the new day begins because it was “the Sabbath of Unleavened Bread.”
- c) The time “between the evenings,” as the sun is setting, is the Passover. “On **the fourteenth day** of the first month **at twilight** is the Lord’s Passover.” Leviticus 23:5 NKJV
- d) Passover is a “moment” not a day and Y’shua was the Passover Lamb that year.

(c) What day was the crucifixion?

1. We’ve learned that the crucifixion is not required to have taken place on a Friday (as per Christian tradition).
2. The Sabbath referred to in John 19:31 is not limited to Friday and, according to the Feast of Unleavened Bread, can be any day of the week).

(d) So, what day was the Passover that year?



1. Passover that year was before sunset (between the evenings at twilight) on Wednesday before it became Thursday.
  2. This means He was nailed to the cross 9:00 am on Wednesday and at 3:00 pm Wednesday He died.
  3. He was taken down and buried before sunset on Wednesday because after the sunset it would be the Sabbath of the first day of Unleavened Bread.
  4. He was then in the grave three days and three nights as per the sign of Jonah.
    - a) *“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 12:40 NKJV
- (e) Detailed timing leading up to and after the crucifixion.
1. Thursday, Nisan 8: The anointing at Bethany 6 days before the Passover. (John 12:1)
  2. Friday, Nisan 9: The Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem, 5 days before Passover
  3. Saturday, Nisan 10: The Lamb (Y’shua) is selected for the Passover sacrifice (Exodus 12:3) and is Hidden away (John 12:36) for examination (trial), until it is

slaughtered in the daytime on Wednesday, Nisan 14 (4 days of inspection).

4. Tuesday, Nisan 13: Before sundown, the Last Supper and Upper Room Discourse (John 13-17)
  - a) Wednesday, Nisan 14: (overnight after the sunset on Tuesday), prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane, His betrayal, His religious trial (before the cock crows), and His Roman trial with Pilate in the early morning (Matthew 26-27)
  - b) Wednesday, Nisan 14: Crucified at 9:00 am and died at 3:00 pm. (Mark 15:25, 33-34, 37)
  - c) Wednesday, Nisan 14: Off the cross and in the grave before Sundown. (John 19:31)
  - d) Passover is between the evenings at twilight, as the sun is setting, on the 14th day of Nisan, the first month. (Leviticus 23:5)
5. In the grave three days and three nights. (Mat. 12:40)
  - a) Nisan 15: Wednesday at Sundown into Thursday
  - b) Nisan 16: Thursday at Sundown into Friday
  - c) Nisan 17: Friday at Sundown into Saturday
  - d) Nisan 17: Resurrected before Sundown on Saturday, a full three days and three nights after His burial.

6. Sunday, Nisan 18: the Feast of Firstfruits, the day after the first weekly sabbath following Passover. (Leviticus 23:9-14).
  - a) They arrive at the grave Sunday morning and He is already gone:
  - b) *“Now after the [weekly] Sabbath [Saturday], **as the first day [Sunday] of the week began to dawn,** Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb.”* Matthew 28:1 NKJV

THE END

### 3. Mandates and Conclusions (Results)

#### A. The Gospel of the Kingdom

(1) The Gospel of 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 [Passover] will come.**” Matthew 24:14 NKJV

(2) THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM: Isaiah 40

- (a) **““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, ...  
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; Malachi 4:4-6] ...  
**The glory of the LORD shall be revealed [Romans 8:21], ...Behold, the Lord GOD shall come with a strong hand [Malachi 4:4-6], ...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

1. WHO KNOWS THE MIND OF YAHWEH—THOSE WHO UNDERSTAND THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM!
  - a) “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
  - b) Read I Corinthians 2:1-5 (The Gospel of Salvation)
  - c) Read I Corinthians 2:1-16 (The Gospel of the Kingdom)
2. The Gospel of... “*God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.*” I Corinthians 2:10
  - a) Maturity
  - b) Perfection

- c) Discipleship
- d) The government of Heaven
- e) God's mysteries
- f) The Fullness and Stature and Image of Christ
- g) Joint Heirship
- h) The Revealing of Son
- i) And the Restoration of all things

## **B. The Restoration of All Things**

- (1) Peter had learned from his Master about the restoration; and when it would happen
  - (a) ""...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, ...**" 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) "**Your enemies Your footstool...** Psalms 110:1-2 NKJV
- (2) All of creation is waiting for it! It comes at Passover with the announcing of mature Sons (bar-mitzvah)!

- (a) "...For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for **the revealing of the sons of God**. ...into the glorious liberty of the children of God. ..." 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 (Passover).
    - c) The restoration of all things (creation is delivered from the bondage of corruption **into the glorious liberty of the children of God**)!
  2. This restoration is something God spoke about through His prophets, and...
  3. The Lord will raise up a prophet to restore all things. Who can that be?
- (3) Moses and Elijah at the Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-13)
- (a) **..Arise, and do not be afraid.** ...**"Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man is risen from the dead."** [See **II Peter 1:16-18**] Matthew 17:6-9 NKJV
1. Peter, James and John joined Y'shua on the mountain and he showed them what His glorified body will look like.

2. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appear. The disciples recognized them because they know prophecy!
3. The same voice appears that announced Y'shua's coming the first time (at His baptism)! 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)
6. He learned the answer from Y'shua before the crucifixion here 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!)
9. Peter speaking of the transfiguration AFTER THE RESURRECTION: II Peter 1:16-18 NKJV

(4) What was on the minds of the 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?

(a) \*"**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

(b) ...“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

(5) Elijah comes **at Passover**, before Y'shua, to restore all things... John the Baptist came in the spirit of Elijah before the Lord's first coming:

(a) “...**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, ...



**“This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”**”

Matthew 3:1-3, 16-17 NKJV

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

(a) **...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: ...“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, ...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, .., “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,” ’ ...  
“Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ,  
nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?” ...”** John 1:19-27 NKJV

1. The Child will be a prophet of the Most High.
  2. 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...”
- (d) For he is “the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children—the Restoration of All Things.
1. *“**Remember the Law of Moses**, My servant, Which I commanded him in Horeb for all Israel, With the statutes and judgments. **Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet** Before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord. And **he will turn The hearts of the fathers to the children, And the hearts of the children to their fathers, Lest I come and strike the earth with a curse.**”* Malachi 4:4-6 NKJV

### **PREPARATION DAY (John 13-17) See the [Feasts of Yahweh](#)**

1. Legitimate Sons
2. The Preparation
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