



## SCRIPTURES

- Hebrews 12:7-8
- Luke 22:7-9
- John 12-17, 19
- Matthew 24:14
- Romans 1:19-20; 8:19

## PASSOVER: THE FINAL

### DESTINATION

- The Legitimate Sons
- The Preparation
- The End
- The Perfect Testimony

**THEMES:** (See the [Feasts of Yahweh](#) for an overview of all Feasts)

“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

“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

“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

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

“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

“**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

“**As you sent me** into the world, even so **I have sent them** into the world. For their sakes I sanctify myself, that they themselves also may be sanctified in truth. “Not for these only do I pray, but **for those also who will believe in me** through their word, **that they may all be one**; even as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that **they also may be one in us; that the world may believe that you sent me.** The glory which you have given me, I have given to them, **that they may be one, even as we are one, I in them, and you in me, that they may be perfected into one, that the world may know**

**that you sent me** and loved them, even as you loved me.” John  
17:18-23 WEBUS

“because that which is known of God is **revealed in them**, for God **revealed it to them**. For **the invisible things of him** since the creation of the world are **clearly seen**, being **perceived through the things that are made**, even his everlasting power and divinity [godhead], that they may be **without excuse**.” Romans 1:19-20  
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## **INTRODUCTION TO TODAY’S MESSAGE:**

*Asking questions is one of the most effective teaching styles to engage the mind on a deeper level. Y’shua used this rabbinic style often, and it has continued to stir the imagination of Christians for two thousand years. Y’shua was a skillful artist when asking provocative prophetic 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 of all questions: “Who is the faithful and wise servant, whom his Master made ruler over His household, to feed the people at the proper time?” Y’shua never gave us the answer; the mystery is for you to discover. What He did do is leave us inspired to do so: “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. To them, 2000 years ago, His urgent instructions would seem ordinary. But, for the modern-day Christian, it might feel flammable! "Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat," Y'shua directed. Their expected reaction, "Where do You want us to prepare for You to eat the Passover?" Now, ask yourself a similar question... "How will I prepare for the Passover that we may eat?" Do you even know why or how you should? Let's find out.*

## THE LEGITIMATE SONS

### **1. Rights and Revealing**

#### **A. Every Christian is a Child of God**

- (1) How do you become a child 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
2. Born-again by the will of God
  - a) Our inheritance is not from our bloodline, but from our 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
  - c) An invitation into the family is 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
  - d) 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***

(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

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) The purpose of this training is to purify and tutor you until you grow into a mature son, as the training yields a *“peaceable fruit of righteousness!”* (Hebrews 12:11)
- d) The Training Program (Ephesians 4:11-13)
  - 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;**”*

## **B. Passover Reveals Mature 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
  - (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

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 [mature]**, 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 [maturity]**..." Hebrews 5:12-14; 6:1*

(2) Revealing and separating sons is Passover Language

- (a) **One key distinction:** every Israelite 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
- (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
  2. “...for there **was not a house where there was not one dead.**” Exodus 12:30
- (d) Every firstborn of Israel lived! *Consecrate to Me all the firstborns...* “ It was **the new 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
  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
- (3) **Son Status** and **The End** are Passover Language
  - (a) The Revealing of Sons is at Passover
    1. “The earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the **revealing of the sons** of God.” Romans 8:19
  - (b) The End is at Passover

1. "Now before the feast of the **Passover**, Jesus, knowing that **his time had come** that he would depart from this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, **he loved them to the end**." John 13:1
  2. "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
- (c) The Next Event on God's Prophetic Calendar is another Passover (See [The Unveiling](#) Romans 8:18-22)
1. God's children are on a spiritual journey from infancy at which time they are born-again and can claim **the right to become sons**, to adulthood at which time they are **revealed as mature sons**.
  2. This can also be considered a **prophetic Bar-Mitzvah**: the celebration when a mature son is announced to the world!
- (d) Creation will be delivered from its current state of decay (the restoration of all things) when God's children become spiritual adults.
1. "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 8:20-22

### **C. Passover Separates Sons into Three Groups**

- (1) It separates Firstborns from Firstborns from Non-firstborns
  - (a) God's ultimate prophetic plan is to separate mankind into **three eternal people groups**, as perfectly depicted in the Passover and alluded to here in Paul's words.
    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 [Born-again Christians]**, and of **those on earth [Faithful Jews]**, and of **those under the earth [Heathen Pagans]**, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." Philippians 2:9-11
      - a) (Group 1) Heaven; (Group 2) Earth; (Group 3) Hell
        - 1) **Group 1–Born-again Christians** (*Rulers in the New Heaven*): Firstborns who lived and were saved because they were required to apply the

blood of the lamb and they did. They were all native Israelites who had faith in the true God.

- a. **Prophetically depicted** by the first-borns who exited Egypt after the first Passover.
- b. *“But **against any of the children of Israel** a dog won’t even bark or move its tongue, against man or animal, that you may know **that Yahweh makes a distinction** between the Egyptians and Israel.”* Exodus 11:7
- c. *“The blood shall be to you for a token on the houses where you are. When I see the blood, I will pass over you, and **no plague will be on you to destroy you** when I strike the land of Egypt.”* Exodus 12:13
- d. Note: Christians are, *“the **church of the firstborn**, whose **names are written in heaven...the righteous made perfect.**”*  
Hebrews 12:23
- e. *“For whom he foreknew, he also predestined to be **conformed to the image of his Son**, that he might be **the firstborn among many brothers.**”* Romans 8:29

f. **There are two Israels:** *“But it is not as though the word of God has come to nothing. For **they are not all Israel that are of Israel.**”*

Romans 9:6

g. **Christians are “heavenly Israel.”** *“Therefore remember that **once you, the Gentiles** in the flesh, who are called “uncircumcision” by that which is called “circumcision” (in the flesh, made by hands), that you were **at that time separate from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel,** and strangers from the covenants of the promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But **now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off are made near** in the blood of Christ. {19} So then **you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but you are fellow [heavenly] citizens with the saints and of the household of God,**” Ephesians 2:11-13, 19*

2) **Group 2–Faithful Jews** (*Citizens of the New Earth*): Non-firstborns who lived because they were not required to be saved by the blood of the lamb as they were not firstborns. They did,

however, have faith in the true God, which was demonstrated when they exited Egypt with all the surviving firstborns. (This, of course, was a \*mixed multitude of people comprised of native Israelites and foreigners from other slave nations who chose to trust in the true God.)

- a. **Prophetically depicted** by the non first-borns (natives and foreigners) who exited Egypt with Israel after the first Passover.
- b. \**“A **mixed multitude [of non-firstborns]** went up also with **them [firstborns]**, with flocks, herds, and even very much livestock.”* Exodus 12:38
- c. **Again note ‘two’ Israels:** *“But it is not as though the word of God has come to nothing. For **they are not all Israel that are of Israel.**”* Romans 9:6
- d. *“saying, “Don’t harm the earth, the sea, or the trees, until we have sealed the bondservants of our God on their foreheads!” I heard the number of those who were sealed, **one hundred forty-four thousand,***

***sealed out of every tribe of the children of Israel:***” Revelation 7:3-4

- e. *“I saw **a new heaven and a new earth**, for the first heaven and the first earth have passed away, and the sea is no more.”* Rev. 21:1
- f. *“in the middle of its street. On this side of the river and on that was the tree of life, bearing twelve kinds of fruits, yielding its fruit every month. **The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.**”* Revelation 22:2

3) **Group 3–Heathen Pagans** (*Permanent Residents of Hell*): Firstborns who died because they were required to be saved by the blood of the lamb as they were firstborns, but they did not apply the blood. Every firstborn who died was from Egypt or another pagan nation, because they also had no faith in the true God.

- a. **Prophetically depicted** by all first-borns who immediately died in Egypt, plus any non-first-borns who died later because they decided to remain in Egypt after the first Passover.
- b. *“At midnight, **Yahweh struck all the firstborn in the land of Egypt**, from the firstborn of*

**Pharaoh** who sat on his throne to the firstborn of **the captive who was in the dungeon, ...in Egypt, for there was not a house where there was not one dead.**"

Exodus 12:29-30

- c. **"All who dwell on the earth will worship him [the beast],** everyone whose name has not been **written from the foundation of the world in the book of life** of the Lamb who has been killed." Revelation 13:8
- d. "I saw a great white throne and him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the sky fled away. There was found no place for them. I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and they opened books. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. **The dead were judged out of the things which were written in the books, according to their works.** The sea gave up the dead who were in it. Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them. **They were judged, each one according to his works. Death and Hades were thrown into the lake**

*of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. If anyone was not found written in the book of life, he was cast into the lake of fire.” Revelation 20:11-15*

- (2) **Review:** Who lives and who dies?
- (a) **Firstborns:** at immediate risk of dying in Egypt
- 1) **Firstborns who applied the blood to the doorposts lived:** They had the faith to believe in the true God and they needed to apply the blood of the lamb to save them.
  - 2) **Firstborns who did not apply the blood to the doorposts died:** They did not have the faith to believe in the true God, nor did they apply the blood of the lamb needed to save them.
- (b) **Non-Firstborns:** not at immediate risk of dying in Egypt
- 1) **Non-firstborns who came out of Egypt with Israel lived:** They had faith to believe with those who worshiped the true God. They were not required to apply the blood of the lamb to avoid immediate death, but their faith led to a new life with Israel in the Exodus.
  - 2) **Non-firstborns who stayed in Egypt died:** They did not have the faith to believe with those who

worshiped the true God. They were not required to apply the blood of the lamb to avoid immediate death, but their lack of faith left them in Egypt after the Exodus where they would eventually die anyway

## THE PREPARATION

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

#### A. Passover 101

(1) 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, **all ate the same spiritual food**, and **all drank the same spiritual drink**. For **they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ.**" 1 Cor. 10:1-4

2. Whose forefathers were in the wilderness?

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

b) Because when Gentiles become Christian, they come under the same covenants and receive the same promises as Israel because they are adopted

into the family of God; and are now identified as being part of Israel.

- 1) *“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.**”* Ephesians 2:11-13

(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
2. Yes, keep the Feast!
  - a) Get rid of the leaven (sin); it’s a time of renewal.

- b) **Christ is our Passover:** again refer above what Passover produces—it identifies and separates three types of sons.
- c) Can you now see **how important** understanding and preparing for Passover is to Christians?
- d) However, **do not** prepare for or keep Passover with hypocrisy or a religious spirit.

**B. As such, ask yourself the question... “How will I prepare for the Passover?”**

(1) Get the Leaven out!

(a) No time to let the bread rise (no time to let sin fester in your life). ***“For we have spent enough of our past time doing the desire of the Gentiles, and having walked in lewdness, lusts, drunken binges, orgies, carousings, and abominable idolatries.”*** 1 Peter 4:3

1. Prophetic Significance...**remove [sin] leaven** from your houses [life]. Exodus 12:15
2. “Rise, go out. ...So the people took their dough **before it was leavened...**Exodus 12:31, 34
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

- a) The survivors of the 10th plague had to leave Egypt in a hurry. There was **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
- 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

(c) Sin is lawless...DO NOT SIN!

- 1. “**Whoever commits sin 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

2. “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

(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
2. **A little leaven** leavens the whole lump.” Gal. 5:9
3. “... **let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, ...**” Hebrews 12:1

(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
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

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

(1) The preparation day: *“Where do we PREPARE to eat the Passover?”*

(a) 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 **had ended...**” (John 13:1-2)

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

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

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

(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 the Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke) we see Y'shua...
1. Break bread and offer it as His Body...
  2. Pour the third cup of wine (the cup of redemption)...
  3. Speak of the Kingdom (the 4th cup of wine), but that He will NOT drink of it until He can do so with them in His Father's Kingdom.
  4. Then they leave for the Mount of Olives where He will be betrayed in the Garden of Gethsemane.
  5. And Y'shua predicts Peter's coming denial...
- (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*)
- (f) *Why, because everything we see in John's Gospel takes place AFTER THE MEAL HAS ENDED! The Upper Room Discourse, in a sense, is the cup of the coming Kingdom explained in every detail.*
- (g) Kingdom Alls—Prophetic Passover Promises declared in the Upper Room Discourse. All...
1. Knowledge, Service, Purity, Truth, Power, Authority, Love, Obedience, Joy, Peace, Promises, Requests, Unity, Witness, Perfection, Glory

2. We will explore the Kingdom in every detail at this years Passover rehearsal.

### **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
  - (b) Considerations (No other Gospel but John!)
    1. The prophetic gospel writer records these important details (not mentioned in the synoptic Gospels).
    2. We must take Y’shua off the cross because it’s **the preparation day** and **the Sabbath is approaching**.
    3. That sabbath was a *High Day!*
    4. Left alone, any reader would assume this means it was a **Friday** and the weekly Sabbath is the next day, 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. Sabbath Days associated with the Feasts of the Lord were known as *High Days!*
7. 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
  - b) They needed to take Him off the cross before sundown, when the new day begins, because it was “the Sabbath (high day) 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

- d) Passover is a "moment" not a day and Y'shua was the Passover Lamb that year.
- (c) What day was the crucifixion?
- 1. The Sabbath in John 19:31...
    - a) ...refers to the first day of Unleavened Bread
    - b) ...is not the weekly Sabbath (7th day, Saturday)
    - c) ...is not limited to falling on the 6th day (Friday)
    - d) ...can occur any day of the week.
  - 2. Therefore, the crucifixion...
    - a) ...is not required to have taken place on a Friday (as per Christian tradition).
    - b) **What a relief!** You are no longer forced to explain how to fit the 72 hours of 3 days and 3 nights into the 36 hours between Friday night and Sunday morning!
- (d) So, what day was the Passover the year Y'shua was crucified?
- 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 sunset it becomes Thursday, 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
- (e) Detailed timing leading up to and after the crucifixion.  
See Chart with details: [From Anointing to Resurrection](#)
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); 1 day before Passover
  - 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, in the first month. (Leviticus 23:5); as Wednesday is becoming Thursday.
5. In the grave three days and three nights. (Mat. 12:40)
  - a) Nisan 15: Wednesday before Sundown going into Thursday
  - b) Nisan 16: Thursday before Sundown going into Friday
  - c) Nisan 17: Friday before Sundown going into Saturday

- d) Nisan 17: Resurrected before Sundown on Saturday, a full three days and three nights after His burial.
- 6. Sunday, Nisan 18 (after the sun has set on Saturday): Feast of Firstfruits; the day after the first weekly sabbath following Passover. (Lev. 23:9-14)
  - a) They arrive at the grave Sunday morning and He is already gone: *"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

PASSOVER IS THE END

### 3. Mandates and Conclusions (Results)

#### A. The Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-13)

(1) A glimpse into the future...

(a) Peter, James and John joined Y'shua on the mountain; and then Moses and Elijah appeared.

1. "and **He was transfigured** before them. **His face shone like the sun**, and **His clothes became** as white as the **light.**" Matthew 17:2

a) Y'shua transformed in front of them into a glorified human—a being of light.

- 1) **“I am the light** of the world.” John 8:12; 9:5
- 2) **“You are the light** of the world.” Matthew 5:14
- b) Paul later described this **“spiritual body”**...
  - 1) *“So also is the resurrection of the dead. The body is sown in corruption, it is **raised in incorruption**. It is sown in dishonor, it is **raised in glory**. It is sown in weakness, it is **raised in power**. It is sown a natural body, it is **raised a spiritual body**. There is a natural body, and there is a **spiritual body**. And so it is written, “The first man Adam became **a living being**.” The last Adam became **a life-giving spirit**.”* I Corinthians 15:42-45

(b) Back on the mountain...

1. “And behold, **Moses and Elijah appeared** to them, talking with Him.” Matthew 17:3
  - a) Moses and Elijah appeared and had a conversation with Y’shua.
  - b) The disciples recognized them because they know prophecy (Malachi 4)!

(c) Then a familiar voice...

1. “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 17:5

- a) This is the same voice and same message that announced Y’shua’s first coming at His baptism!
  - 1) *“Jesus, **when he was baptized**, went up directly from the water: and behold, the heavens were opened to him. He saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove, and coming on him. **Behold, a voice out of the heavens said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”**”* Matthew 3:16-17
- b) This prophetic picture showed is that it will happen again!
- c) But, it also frightened Peter, James, and John greatly, and Y’shua told them they need not be afraid (Matthew 17:6-7).
- d) He also told them something else...
  - (d) Tell no one else what you just witnessed until the proper time—until after My death, burial, and resurrection!
    - 1. “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.”**”  
Matthew 17:9

- a) And that is exactly what Peter did later in his second letter...
- 1) *“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. And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed *\*as a light that shines in a dark place*, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts;”* II Peter 1:16-19
- b) A whole new meaning to... *“**I am the light** of the world. He who follows Me **shall not walk in darkness**, but have the light of life.”* John 8:12
- 1) *“**He was transfigured** before them. **His face shone like the sun**, and **His clothes became** as white as the **light.**”* Matthew 17:2

(e) Hearing the voice and seeing the prophets prompted this all-important prophetic question when they came down from the mountain:

1. “And His disciples asked Him, saying, **“Why then do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?”**”

Matthew 17:10

a) How did they know to ask?

b) Peter’s second letter the he later wrote clues us in on how they knew from prophecy... *“so we have the prophetic word confirmed.”*

c) We will see that prophecy shortly, but first...

(f) Y’shua’s answer was an explosion of prophetic insight...

1. “Why then do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?” Jesus answered and said to them, **“Indeed, Elijah is coming first** and will **restore all things**. But I say to you that **Elijah has come already** and they did not know him but **did to him whatever they wished**. Likewise the Son of Man is also about to suffer at their hands.” Then **the disciples understood that He spoke to them of John the Baptist.**” Matthew

17:10-13

a) Elijah is coming first... (Malachi 4:4-6)

b) Elijah will restore all things... (Acts 3:19-23)

- c) Elijah has come already... (Luke 1:13-17)
- d) They did to him whatever they wished... (Matthew 14:10-12)
- e) The disciples understood Y'shua was referring to John the Baptist... (Matthew 11:13-15)

## **B. John and Elijah...**

(1) Why did they know Y'shua was referring to John and therefore Elijah, after they saw Moses and Elijah on the mountain?

### **(a) Prophecy in the last three verses of the Old Testament points to Elijah coming first...**

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

- a) First notice how Malachi's prophecy includes both Moses and Elijah (like they appeared together on the mountain).
- b) These are two messengers with two messages!

- c) If you focus in on Elijah in the prophecy, you see that he must come before Y'shua comes (and that means before both His first coming and His second coming).
- d) Elijah's role is described as "**turning hearts** of families." Also realize that the turning hearts is the Hebrew equivalent of **repentance**.
- e) Keep that in mind as we learn more about John who, *"came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, and saying, **Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!**" ... **The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; Make His paths straight.'**" " Matthew 3:1-3*
- f) And there are dire consequences for those who ignore Elijah (more on that later)!
- g) **Note:** *"the great and dreadful day of the Lord"* is prophetically pointing to **THE END** which is a "final Passover," the bookend of Israel's inaugural Passover—that which we are commanded to rehearse every year—the meal at which a chair is set for Elijah to attend.

**(b) Elijah's Role: Restore all things...**

1. **“Repent** therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that **times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord**, and **that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before, whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets** since the world began. For Moses truly said to the fathers, ‘The Lord your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your brethren. Him you shall hear in all things, whatever He says to you. And **it shall be that every soul who will not hear that Prophet shall be utterly destroyed** from among the people.’” Acts 3:19-23
  - a) *REPENT so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord: What presence?*
  - b) *That He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before: Since this was written after the birth, life, death, burial, resurrection, and ascension of Y’shua, this obviously refers to **His return at the second coming!***
  - c) *Whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things: Confirmed! He is in*

heaven waiting for the restoration and then He will return. And these things must come first!

- 1) The gospel of the kingdom must be preached to the whole world before **THE END (the final Passover)** can come. Matthew 24:14
  - 2) Y'shua will remain at the right hand of His Father in heaven, waiting until His enemies (sin and Satan) are crushed under His feet. Hebrews 10:12-13
  - 3) The bar-mitzvah that reveals the **mature sons** of God to all of creation at Passover. Romans 8:18-22
- d) *Which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets: as per detailed by Malachi 4:4-6*
- 1) Remember the Law of Moses!
  - 2) Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet and he will turn hearts!
- e) *It shall be that every soul who will not hear that Prophet shall be utterly destroyed: Malachi says, "Lest I come and strike the earth with a curse."*
- 1) This is not a 'new curse' per se, but refers instead to the curse that already exists because of Adam's sin in the Garden!

2) The curse will not be lifted until Elijah comes again: hearts must be transformed, and God's people must become mature 'sons.' If not, the curse remains!

3) *“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 8:20-22

f) The restoration of all things refers to a heart transformation in families—the prophetic restoration of the human family as the image of God (the Divine Family). (See [In the Image of God](#))

1) Prophetic insight: Passover's focus is family.

*“Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel and said to them, **“Pick out and take lambs for yourselves according to your families, and kill the Passover lamb.”** Exodus 12:21*

2) Every generation is OBLIGATED to FEEL as though they personally experienced the Exodus

3) We are commanded to remember the Passover and tell (Haggadah) the story.

g) *“Indeed, Elijah is coming first and will restore all things.”*

**(c) But... Elijah has come already (the spirit of Elijah in the person of John). That's how *“the disciples understood that he spoke to them of John the Baptizer.”* Mat 17:13**

1. **...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
2. **Zacharias’ Prophecy: “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** [prophecy from Isaiah], 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
3. **“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,'" [prophecy from Isaiah]... "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" ..."** John 1:19-27

- a) He says he is not Elijah or the Prophet, but why is this true after he confirms that he is "The voice of one crying, in the wilderness?" (From Isaiah 40:3)
- b) John the Baptist was prophesied to come in the **"the spirit and power of Elijah"**, to turn hearts (the Restoration of All Things).
- c) He will be a prophet of the Most High who prepares a way for the Lord. (Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!)
- d) John is not **the prophet** (Elijah) but has the spirit of the prophet (Elijah)!

**(d) They did to him whatever they wished...**

1. "So he sent **and had John beheaded in prison**. And his head was brought on a platter and given to the girl, and she brought it to her mother. Then his

disciples came and took away the body and buried it, and went and told Jesus." Matthew 14:10-12

a) He was executed for his bold declarations of truth!

1) *"The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "**Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!**"* John 1:29

2) *"But **when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees** coming to his baptism, he said to them, "**Brood of vipers!** Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?"* Matthew 3:7

3) He knew! *"He must increase, but **I must decrease.**"* John 3:30

**(e) The disciples understood Y'shua was referring to John the Baptist...**

1. "In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, and saying, **"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"** For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet **Isaiah**, saying: **"The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; Make His paths straight.'** ""

Matthew 3:1-3

a) John was fulfilling Isaiah's prophecy.

- 1) *“The voice of one who calls out, **“Prepare the way of Yahweh in the wilderness!** Make a level highway in the desert for our God.”* Isaiah 40:3
2. “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 11:13-15
  - a) If you are willing to receive it and have ears to hear... John, in the spirit of Elijah, was fulfilling the prophecy from Isaiah for Y’shua’s first coming.
  - b) And Elijah will come again before Y’shua’s second coming
  - c) When will Elijah come? Before Y’shua comes again, Elijah will come **at Passover** (*before the great and dreadful day of the Lord*) to restore all things.

### **C. What is Elijah’s role at Passover?**

(1) He comes at the Ultimate Passover to preach...

#### **(a) The Gospel of the Kingdom**

1. “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
  - a) The Gospel of Salvation births children.

b) The Gospel of the Kingdom matures children into adults.

**(b) He comes at the Ultimate Passover to mature sons...**

1. "...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

a) Passover is when mature Sons are presented to the world (a bar-mitzvah).

b) All of creation is waiting for it!

c) The restoration of all things is creation being delivered from the bondage of corruption (from the Garden) into the glorious liberty of the children of God—the image of God in the earth!

d) Y'shua is waiting on us to fulfill our role...

1) *"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 3:21

**(c) He comes at the Ultimate Passover to destroy sin...**

1. "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** [from Psalms 110:1-2].” Hebrews 10:12-13

- a) God’s chief enemies are Satan and sin.
- b) His enemies are made His footstool when God’s children conquer sin!
- c) **Each Passover is practice to get the leaven (sin) out of your life, until the Ultimate Passover!**
- d) Sin is waiting to pounce!
  - 1) “...*But if you do not do what is right, **sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it.***” Genesis 4:7
- e) Enough living like a pagan!
  - 1) “*For **you have spent enough time in the past doing what pagans do**—living in debauchery, lust, drunkenness, orgies, carousing and detestable idolatry.*” 1 Peter 4:3
- f) You are no longer a slave to sin! (Read Romans 6)
  - 1) “*For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that **we should no longer be slaves to sin**— because **anyone who has died has been set free from sin.***” Romans 6:6-7
- g) You are no longer destined to sin!

1) “We know that **anyone born of God does not continue to sin...**” 1 John 5:18

h) Sin is no longer your lord:

1) “**Sin is no longer your master** because you are no longer too weak to obey God; but you are instead empowered by His grace to obey His Word!” Romans 6:14

## THE PERFECT TESTIMONY

### 4. The Ultimate Fulfillment (Purpose) of Passover...

#### A. The Witness

(1) You will NEVER want to miss Passover (or preparing for Passover) ever again!

#### (a) **Ponder this...**

1. “As you sent me into the world, even so I have sent **them** into the world. For their sakes I sanctify myself, that they themselves also may be sanctified in truth. “Not for these only do I pray, but **for those also who will believe in me** through their word, **that they may all be one**; even as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that **they also may be one in us; that the world may believe that you sent me.** The glory which you have given me, I have given to them, **that they may**

**be one, even as we are one, I in them, and you in me, that they may be perfected into one, that the world may know that you sent me and loved them, even as you loved me.”** John 17:18-23

a) It all comes down to this:

1) Just by looking at you (the “oneness” of family), the entire world will know that Y’shua was sent by the Father and that you were sent by Him, and they will all come to know Him!

b) No more excuses!

1) *“because that which is known of God is **revealed in them**, for God **revealed it to them**. For **the invisible things of him** since the creation of the world are **clearly seen**, being **perceived through the things that are made**, even his everlasting power and divinity [godhead], that they may be **without excuse**.”* Romans 1:19-20