Is Passover for Today?

Today we are going to look at a particular subject; and I am going to ask a lot of questions today; because it is important to examine ourselves to see if we hold certain things to be true or not.

I'm going to start by asking first; if I were to tell you that there was something in the Scripture that you needed to *stop doing*? But that *thing* was something that when YHWH commanded it, He used words like <u>forever</u>, <u>year by year</u>, <u>everlasting</u>, <u>throughout your generations</u>, and <u>teach your children to do it</u>; and when His Son Yahushua came, <u>He did that very thing</u>, <u>exactly as YHWH had</u> <u>commanded</u>, and never told anyone to change standard operating procedure <u>concerning that thing</u>, and there was <u>no example</u> of <u>any</u> of YHWH's prophets or Yahushua's taught ones <u>ever</u> doing or teaching to do differently; as a matter of fact there was <u>no one</u> with YHWH's authority in Scripture <u>ever doing differently</u>; but nevertheless; what if I said to you, concerning a thing like that, "You should stop doing that thing... It is offensive to YHWH" what should you do?

You should remain calm and yell in a loud voice, "Dial 911! Dial 911! Tell them to send help fast! Stan has done fell and bumped his head! He is delirious and talking crazy stuff!" That's what you should do! *Why*? Because if there is <u>no</u> <u>Scriptural evidence</u> that we should be doing any differently than the way that YHWH commanded; it *would* indeed be crazy talk to say that you shouldn't do that thing anymore; wouldn't it? Amein?

But there are people who will tell you that's *exactly* what you should do! And that is what we will be looking at in our study today.

Do you ever become disturbed at the way that the Church, through *spiritualization* and *humanization* has twisted the words of Paul and others, to do away with the Torah of YHWH?

Psa 19:7 The Torah of הוה is <u>perfect</u>, bringing back the being; The witness of

is trustworthy, making wise the simple;

According to BDB this word perfect is H8549

tâmîym

1) complete, whole, entire, sound

- 1a) complete, whole, entire1b) whole, sound, healthful
- 1c) complete, entire (of time)1d) sound, wholesome, unimpaired, innocent, having integrity1e) what is complete or entirely in accord with truth and fact (neuter adjective/substantive)

Perhaps that is why YHWH tells us the following.

Deu 12:32 "All the words I am commanding you, guard to do it - <u>do not add to it</u> <u>nor take away from it</u>.

He doesn't want us <u>adding to</u> or <u>taking away</u>! Do you think that just maybe that's because you can't take that which is *perfect* and make it *more perfect*? If we were to "add to or take away from" it would corrupt that which is already perfect; wouldn't it?

We all understand that if we take away from that which is complete, that it becomes less complete. Amein? Likewise it is impossible for us to add to that which is already complete and make it more complete?

YHWH is telling us don't monkey with His Torah! <u>His</u> Torah is perfect and is already complete!

So do you think maybe He becomes just a little irritated when people try to make changes? It is kind of like telling YHWH that we have a more excellent way and that He made a mistake; amein?

So as we begin to look into our subject today we are going to Number1: Look to the *Perfect Torah of YHWH* and, Number 2: Look into the example, (i.e. the witness and testimony) of Yahushua Messiah.

Could anyone have a problem with that? I should hope not. Turn with me to Matthew 5.

Mat 5:17 "Do not think that I came to destroy the Torah or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to complete.

- Mat 5:18 "For truly, I say to you, till the heaven and the earth pass away, one jot or one tittle shall by no means pass from the Torah till all be done.
- Mat 5:19 "Whoever, then, breaks one of the least of these commands, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the reign of the heavens; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the reign of the heavens.

Question: What is the *command* given to us in verse 17?

Mat 5:17 "Do not think that I came to destroy the Torah or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to complete.

Okay; what part of our being does this command refer to? Our minds! So we are told not to think. But, not to think; what? We are not to think that Yahushua came to destroy the Torah or the Prophets.

Who then did not come to destroy the Torah or the Prophets? Yahushua!

Now some will conclude that this is a standard way that the Jews would judge one another's interpretation of the Scriptures. If another man believed that your interpretation was incorrect then it was said that you were destroying the Torah. But if your interpretation was believed to be sound then those who agreed would say that you were fulfilling the Torah or making the Torah complete.

But notice what Yahushua's interpretation was in verse 18.

Mat 5:18 "For truly, I say to you, <u>till the heaven and the earth pass away</u>, one jot or one tittle **shall by no means** pass from the Torah till **all be done**.

So according to Yahushua, just exactly how much of the Torah shall pass, till all be done? None of it!

Till heaven and earth pass away, not one jot or one tittle. That seems to be pretty **clear** doesn't it? Yahushua says don't think that he is going to destroy it and plainly says none of it shall pass; amein? He would naturally say this since His Father said neither add to nor take away from; amein? So can we conclude that when people say that Yahushua *did do away* with the Torah, or any part of it when He was nailed to the stake, that they are (*with their brains*) thinking, to use Him to do away with the Torah, *even though He said do not think that I came to do that*?

Of course that is what they are doing!

Okay, how about this one? Who will be called least in the reign of the heavens?

Mat 5:19 "Whoever, then, breaks one of the least of these commands, (Which commands? He just said; the Torah and the Prophets.) and teaches men so, shall be called least in the reign of the heavens; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the reign of the heavens.

So *according to Yahushua*, <u>whoever</u> breaks and teaches to break, <u>even the least</u> of the commands in the Torah and the Prophets, will be called *least* in the reign of the heavens!

What does least mean? It means they will be called the smallest of small; of little or no value.

Next question: Be careful how you answer; this one because this is a loaded one! But I am going to share with you a concept that perhaps you had never considered. Did Paul do away with the Perfect Torah of YHWH?

By Yahushua's own words; "one jot or one tittle would **by no means** pass from the Torah till all be done." Amein? If Paul had taught otherwise, do you know what that would have made him? From Yahushua's own testimony; if Paul had taught anything other than an unwavering adherence to the complete Torah of YHWH, he would not be a great apostle; he would be called <u>least</u> in the reign of the heavens!

You can't have it both ways! Paul was either Torah observant or he is called least in the reign of the heavens; unless of course you want to consider that Yahushua was either wrong or lying when he said all of that during His Sermon on the Mount; and that is a road that you will have to go down without me. Just as a side note: *Paul's did not come to straighten Yahushua out*!

Some will argue, "They didn't *do away* with any of the (Perfect) Torah of YHWH; they only <u>changed</u> the (Perfect) Torah of YHWH". According to Merriam Webster's online dictionary, the first two definitions for the word "change" are:

- 1 a : to make different in some particular : (alter)
- 2 a : to replace with another

Dose either of these two definitions surprise anyone? Now; Yahushua said one jot or one tittle would *by no means pass*, and YHWH said that we are not to add to not take away from.

Psa 89:34 "I shall not profane My covenant, Neither would I change what has gone out from My lips.

So the evidence mounts that YHWH's Perfect Torah is neither done away with nor changed and we are not to use Yahushua for that purpose; and anyone trying to change something is called least in the reign of the heavens!

How about the author of the book of Hebrews? Does he get to add to take away or change anything in the *Perfect Torah of YHWH*? Nope! What category did Yahushua say that this would put him into if he did? That's right; least in the reign of the heavens!

So what's the point Stan?

The point is that outlaws or illegalist or antinomians or what ever you want to call them, particularly like to run to Paul or Hebrews to prove their lawlessness. And by doing so (according to the words of Yahushua) discredit the very witnesses that they wanted to call in the first place, as being least in the reign of the heavens! So if either of these two, (Paul or Hebrews) seem to us to change something in the *Perfect Torah of YHWH*, we had better figure out what it is that we don't understand or we had better come to grips with the fact that they are against the witness and the testimony of Yahushua Messiah! <u>*If*</u> they are against the testimony and witness of Yahushua Messiah, then they are also against the *Perfect Torah of YHWH* and should be thrown out! Amein? You cannot have it both ways! You can not!

So I want to set some parameters for our study today. Why am I singling out Paul and Hebrews? I am not. We need to be careful.

Yahushua said,

- Mat 7:22 "Many shall say to Me in that day, 'Master, Master, have we not prophesied in Your Name, and cast out demons in Your Name, and done many mighty works in Your Name?'
- Mat 7:23 "And then I shall declare to them, 'I never knew you, depart from Me, you who work lawlessness!'

So before we get ourselves deceived, and find ourselves in the crowd being told to *depart*, I think it would be wise to take care not to be doing all kinds of things "in Yahushua's Name", <u>while practicing lawlessness!</u> Amein? Amein!

That is why I am setting some parameters for our study today. 1. Any argument *predicated on the words*, "Yeah but Paul said" will be disregarded.

This applies as well to the book of Hebrews or any other "proof texts" that disagree with the witness and testimony of Yahushua Messiah! I am not saying that we may not quote Paul or Hebrews; I will be doing that very thing shortly. Please, let me be **clear** about this; I am saying that for it to be considered a valid interpretation of Scripture, it must line up with the *Perfect Torah of YHWH* and the witness and testimony of Yahushua Messiah!

Is that unreasonable? I should hope not.

If you are not standing on the Rock, you are standing on shaky ground! Study more or throw it out!

2. Evidence that includes the words, "That's spiritual now" will be met with the same consideration. Disregarded!

In critical thinking, this argument is called, "Having your cake". For something to be "spiritual" <u>now</u>, infers that it <u>used to be</u> physical, but *now* that which <u>was</u> physical has been <u>taken away</u> and the "spiritual" <u>added</u> in its place! "<u>You do not add to and you do not take away from</u>". Furthermore; how do you define spiritual? Does that mean that it is all metaphoric now and that we define the *Perfect Torah of YHWH* with "types and shadows" and symbology? Or do you

mean that it all has to do with the heart now and it is all about belief? Or do you mean that it only applies to those in the spiritual realm?

At dictionary.com under the listing "spiritual" the first resource has 12 entries for the word "spiritual"!

The word "spiritual" is used a total of *26 times* in the Scriptures. All of those are contained in the Epistles. Guess who used it 25 of those 26 times?

Paul.

Paul seemed to like the word. But some people seem to like to use Paul to wrest way the *Perfect Torah of YHWH*. Paul said that the Torah was spiritual after all; didn't he? And if we "spiritualize" the Torah, well, "we just don't have to do them any more because "that's spiritual now".

Rom 7:14 For we know that the Torah is <u>Spiritual</u>, but <u>I am fleshly</u>, sold under sin.

So Paul says that the Torah is spiritual but he is fleshly. Does that mean that fleshly Paul was not bound by the spiritual Torah while in his physical state? Of course not!

As a matter of fact, Paul is pointing out that this spiritual Torah is good and rules over we physical people in sinful flesh!

Was not this same spiritual Torah given to physical Yisra'el on the mount?

Once again, this is an example of people using Paul to take the Torah away from us and in so doing condemn him to be <u>least</u>.

Also; anyone who thinks that he is spiritual, would you please demonstrate it by running through a wall for us?

3. Please don't say, "We don't have to do that now because Yahushua did it for us" or "Yahushua is the... (Fill in the blank) now.

Why? Because this one has both of the first two *bad arguments* in league with one another! It uses Yahushua to do away with the Torah, (which He instructed us not to even think), and it uses Him as the catalyst through which it is spiritualized away! These are favorite Christian propaganda tools and techniques!

Here are some examples of things that they use Yahushua for that *we* would consider silly or grossly misunderstood.

"We don't have to be circumcised because Yahushua was circumcised for me. He is my circumcision now!" "We don't have to keep Sabbath any more because Yahushua is "Master of the Sabbath" and He gives us rest. We keep the "L-rd's day" now." "We don't have to keep the old "Jewish" law because J.C. died on the cross! He did it all! He set me free from the bondage of the law. It was a curse! That's why we can eat pork now. The Jews couldn't eat pork 'cause they were under the curse of the law! J.C. said that it is not what goes in our mouth that makes us unclean, it is what comes out! Because we are in the New Covenant, of the blood of J.C. now! Hallelujah!" And this just scratches the surface!

We would think that this to be silly; amein? Or dangerous!

Well; let us look at where that *same line of logic* might take *us*. Look at all of the things in YHWH's Perfect Torah that you can do away with by spiritualizing Yahushua. And tell me the difference between this and what we just considered from Christian thought.

We don't have to keep the Feast of Tabernacles anymore because Yahushua *pitched His tent among us*!

We don't have to observe first-fruits because Paul said that Yahushua is the first-fruits now.

Yahushua is the way the truth and the life; and because of that, I can walk another way, I can bear false witness, and I can kill.

He is the Prince of Peace! So I can be angry and strive with my brothers.

He is my contentment; so I can covet every thing that you have; including your spouse; and that's a good thing because, *He is my fidelity*, so I can cheat on my spouse.

He is humble for me. So I can be prideful!

We don't even have to read our Scriptures anymore because John said that "the Word became flesh"!

He has done it all for me! He paid my debt at Calvary and I am no longer under the bondage and the curse of The *Perfect Torah of YHWH*!

Do we see how silly this is?

But is this not the same line of reasoning that Christians use when they use Yahushua to do away with the *Perfect Torah of YHWH*?

There are Nazarenes that do this too! I call them **Nazaristians**!

What is a Nazaristian? It is someone who claims to be a Nazarene, but *still holds fast* to Christo-pagan practices which they learned in the Christian Church and *handed down to them by Rome*.

Where does the madness stop? Yahushua said that we were not to do this!

Fact: You cannot develop a belief that states that Yahushua has done away with the Torah without **first having the thought** to consider that He did! Amein?

He said <u>do not think that</u>! Did He mean what He said, or was He just pulling our chubby little legs? If we then believe that He said what He meant; why then would we not do what He said? Yahushua said that "I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life." Let us then endeavor to look at the *Way* that He showed us, believe that what He said was the *Truth*, and do it; so that we might have *Life*! Okay so let's get with it.

We are going to be looking at the Passover; and "is it for today?" The tendency among most people today is to insist that the commands concerning the Passover have either been changed or done away with all together. **They use Yahushua to do this!**

The Church has applied *imagery* or *spiritualized* things to the point that *Torah keepers* are accused of "minimizing Yahushua's sacrifice" and being heretics! Typically the argument centers around two or three incidences recorded in the Scripture, where Yahushua is referred to as a "lamb".

- Rev 13:7 And it was given to him to fight with the set-apart ones and to overcome them. And authority was given to him over every tribe and tongue and nation.
- Rev 13:8 And all those dwelling on the earth, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the slain Lamb, from the foundation of the world shall worship him.

Joh 1:29 On the next day Yoḥanan saw יהושע coming toward him, and said, "See, the Lamb of Elohim who takes away the sin of the world!

- Joh 1:35 Again the following day, Yohanan was standing with two of his taught ones,
- Joh 1:36 and looking at הושע walking, he said, "See the Lamb of Elohim!"

First of all, neither of these says <u>anything concerning *instruction* for how we are</u> to keep the Torah concerning the Passover. We can agree on that; right? All such beliefs are *inferred by man* rather than *prescribed by Elohim*. Secondly,

<u>Passover is not about sin</u>, as we will see. Furthermore, there is only one verse in the *entire Scripture* that even has the words "Passover" and "sin" in the same sentence!

Num 9:13 'But the man who is clean and is not on a journey, and has failed to perform the Passover, that same being shall be cut off from among his people, because he did not bring the offering of דנה at its appointed time - that man bears his sin.

This is the only Scripture that says anything at all about the two together, "Passover" and "sin", and it says that it is a *sin not to perform it*!

Another popular place to prove that Yahushua did away with the sacrifice is:

- Dan 9:26 "And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off and have naught. And the people of a coming prince shall destroy the city and the set-apart place. And the end of it is with a flood. And wastes are decreed, and fighting until the end.
- Dan 9:27 "And he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week. And in the middle of the week he shall <u>put an end to slaughtering and (grain)</u> <u>meal</u> <u>offering</u>. And on the wing of abominations he shall lay waste, even until the complete end and that which is decreed is poured out on the one who lays waste."

Now in the first place, "Messiah" and *this* "coming prince" are not the *same persons*! It is the <u>coming prince</u>, who puts an end to the slaughtering <u>and</u> meal offerings and on the *wings of abomination* lays waste and makes desolate. <u>Yahushua does not come on the wings of abomination</u>; amein? And unless we spiritualize this somehow; Yahushua did *not* put an end to the slaughtering and the meal offerings. How do I know this? That very evening after His death, the evening sacrifice was offered! The next morning the morning sacrifice was made! And so forth and so on.

Some people will say, "Yeah but YHWH didn't *accept* them anymore." If this were so; would we not think that Yahushua *would have instructed Paul* concerning Yahushua's putting an end to the sacrifices and meal offerings? You would think so. However:

Act 21:18 And on the following day Sha'ul went in with us to Ya'aqob, and <u>all the</u> <u>elders came</u>.

- Act 21:19 And having greeted them, he was relating one by one what Elohim had done among the gentiles through his service.
- Act 21:20 And when they heard it, they praised the Master. And they said to him, "You see, brother, how many thousands of Yehudim there are who have believed, and all are ardent for the Torah.

Act 21:21 "And they have been informed about you that you teach all the

Yehudim who are among the gentiles to forsake Mosheh, saying not to

circumcise the children nor to walk according to the practices.

Act 21:22 "What then is it? They shall certainly hear that you have come.

Act 21:23 "So do this, what we say to you: <u>We have four men who have **taken a**</u> <u>**vow**</u>.

- Act 21:24 "Take them and be <u>cleansed</u> with them, and pay their expenses so that they <u>shave their heads</u>. And <u>all shall know that what they have been</u> informed about you is not so, but that <u>you yourself also walk orderly</u>, <u>keeping the Torah</u>.
- Act 21:25 "But concerning the gentiles who believe, we have written and decided that they should keep themselves from what is offered to idols, and blood, and what is strangled, and whoring."
- Act 21:26 <u>Then Sha'ul took the men on the next day</u>, and <u>having been cleansed</u> with them, went into the Set-apart Place to announce (that "YHWH does not accept these offerings anymore!" Wait a minute; is that what your Scriptures say? No? That's funny; mine does not say that either! It says.)
- Act 21:26 Then Sha'ul took the men on the next day, and having been cleansed with them, went into the Set-apart Place (the Temple) to announce the completion of the days of **separation** until the **offering** should be presented for each one of them.

This was a vow of separation; a Nazarite vow. Here are the Torah instructions for the Nazarite vow.

Num 6:1 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh, saying,

- Num 6:2 "Speak to the children of Yisra'ĕl, and say to them, 'When a man or woman does separate, by making a vow of a Nazirite, to be separate to יהוה,
- Num 6:3 he separates himself from wine and strong drink he drinks neither vinegar of wine nor vinegar of strong drink, neither does he drink any grape juice, nor eat grapes or raisins.
- Num 6:4 <u>'All the days of his separation</u> he does not eat whatever is made of the grapevine, from seed to skin.

Num 6:5 'All the days of the <u>vow of his separation</u> a razor does not come upon his head. Until the days are completed for which <u>he does separate himself</u> to הוה, he is set-apart. He shall let the locks of the hair of his head grow long.

Num 6:6 'All the days <u>of his separation to הוה</u> he does not go near a dead body.

Num 6:7 'He does not make himself unclean for his father, or for his mother, for his brother or his sister, when they die, because <u>his separation</u> to Elohim is on his head.

Num 6:8 'All the days of <u>his separation</u> he is set-apart to יהוה.

Num 6:9 'And when anyone dies beside him in an instant, suddenly, and he has defiled the <u>head of his separation</u>, then he shall shave his head <u>on the day of his cleansing</u> - on the seventh day he shaves it.

Num 6:10 'And on the eighth day he brings <u>two turtledoves or two young pigeons</u> (slaughterings) to the priest, to the door of the Tent of Meeting,

Num 6:11 and the priest shall prepare one as a sin offering and the other as a <u>burnt offering</u>, and shall make atonement for him, because he sinned by reason of the dead body. And he shall set apart his head on that day,

Num 6:12 and shall <u>separate</u> to הזה the days of <u>his separation</u>, and <u>shall bring a</u> <u>male lamb a year old, as a guilt offering(slaughtering)</u>. But the former days are not counted, because his separation was defiled.

Num 6:13 'And this is the Torah of the Nazirite: <u>When the days of his separation</u> <u>are completed</u>, he is brought to the door of the Tent of Meeting,

Num 6:14 and he shall <u>bring his **offering**</u> to היה: <u>one male lamb</u> a year old, a perfect one, as a burnt offering, and <u>one ewe lamb</u> a year old, a perfect one, as a sin offering, and <u>one ram</u>, a perfect one, as a peace offering, (slaughterings)

- Num 6:15 and a <u>basket of unleavened bread</u>, <u>cakes of fine flour mixed</u> with oil, and <u>unleavened thin cakes</u> anointed with oil, and their <u>grain offering</u> (meal offerings) with their drink offerings.
- Num 6:16 'And the priest shall bring them before הוה and <u>prepare his sin</u> <u>offering and his burnt offering</u>.
- Num 6:17 'And he shall <u>prepare the ram</u> as a peace offering to יהוה, together with the <u>basket of unleavened bread</u>. And the priest shall <u>prepare its grain offering</u> and its drink offering.
- Num 6:18 'And the Nazirite shall shave the head of his separation at the door of the Tent of Meeting, and shall take the hair from the head of his separation and shall put it on the fire which is under the slaughtering of the peace offering.
- Num 6:19 'And the priest shall take the <u>boiled shoulder of the ram</u>, and <u>one</u> <u>unleavened cake</u> from the basket, and <u>one unleavened thin cake</u>, and put them upon the hands of the Nazirite after he has shaved his hair of separation.
- Num 6:20 'Then the priest shall wave them, a wave offering before אים". It is setapart for the priest, besides <u>the breast of the wave offering and besides the</u> <u>thigh of the contribution</u>. And afterwards the Nazirite shall drink wine.'

Num 6:21 "This is the Torah of the Nazirite who vows to הוה the offering for his

separation, and besides that, whatever else his hand is able to provide. According to the vow which he takes, so he shall do according to the Torah of his separation."

Paul was the kind of man who was not afraid to speak his mind! He was imprisoned, beaten, and stoned for Messiah.

Remembering that Paul agreed to do this so that "all shall know that what they have been informed about you is not so, but that you yourself also *walk orderly*, <u>keeping the Torah</u>." Do we think for one moment that Paul would have kept his

mouth shut if he thought that there was something wrong with what was going on here? But what did Paul do?

Act 21:26 Then Sha'ul took the men on the next day, and having been cleansed with them, <u>went into the Set-apart Place to announce the completion of the days of separation</u> - until the <u>offering should be presented for each one of them</u>.

So we see here, by the witness of <u>Paul's participation in this</u>, that the death of Yahushua <u>had not</u> caused the offerings to cease and YHWH did indeed accept them!

Second witness:

- Heb 8:4 For if indeed He were on earth, He would not be a priest, since there <u>are (present tense) priests who offer (present tense) the gifts according to the Torah</u>,
- Heb 8:5 who <u>serve</u> (present tense) a copy and shadow of the heavenly, as Mosheh was warned when he was about to make the Tent. For He said, "See that you make all according to the pattern shown you on the mountain."

So again we see offerings being made after Yahushua's death. Also note that the author of Hebrews does not condemn this practice; it's simply stated matter of fact.

In addition; isn't it just a little inconsistent to say that Yahushua caused the slaughtering <u>and</u> *meal offerings* to cease; declare that this is why we don't slaughter at Passover anymore, and then turn right around and eat a *meal* offering (unleavened bread), when we take the <u>bread</u> and "the fruit of the vine"? Do you see the irony and inconsistency in that?

That is a *very weak argument* because; if He did away with the slaughter *and* meal offerings then you should not participate in a meal/grain offering either. We can't have it both ways.

Exo 12:1 And הוה spoke to Mosheh and to Aharon in the land of Mitsrayim, saying,

- Exo 12:2 "This month is the beginning of months for you, it is the first month of the year for you.
- Exo 12:3 "Speak to all the congregation of Yisra'ĕl, saying, 'On the tenth day of this month each one of them is to take for himself a lamb, according to the house of his father, a lamb for a household.
- Exo 12:4 'And if the household is too small for the lamb, let him and his neighbour next to his house take it according to the number of the beings, according to each man's need you make your count for the lamb.
- Exo 12:5 'Let the lamb be a perfect one, a year old male. Take it from the sheep or from the goats.

- Exo 12:6 'And you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month. <u>Then</u> <u>all the assembly of the congregation of Yisra'ĕl shall kill it</u> (It what; "it" the lamb; right?) <u>between the evenings.</u>
- Exo 12:7 'And they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses where they eat **it**.
- Exo 12:8 'And they shall eat the flesh on that night, roasted in fire with unleavened bread and with bitter herbs they shall eat **it**.
- Exo 12:9 'Do not eat it raw, nor boiled at all with water, but roasted in fire, its head with its legs and its inward parts.
- Exo 12:10 'And do not leave of **it** until morning, and what remains of **it** until morning you are to burn with fire.
- Exo 12:11 'And this is how you eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the Passover of הנה.
- Exo 12:12 'And I shall pass through the land of Mitsrayim on that night, and shall smite all the first-born in the land of Mitsrayim, both man and beast. And on

all the mighty ones of Mitsrayim I shall execute judgment. I am יהוה.

- Exo 12:13 'And the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I shall pass over you, and let the plague not come on you to destroy you when I smite the land of Mitsrayim.
- Exo 12:14 'And <u>this day **shall** become to you a remembrance</u>. And you <u>shall</u> observe it as a festival to יהוה <u>throughout your generations</u> observe it as a festival, <u>an everlasting law</u>.
- Exo 12:15 'Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread. Indeed on the first day you cause leaven to cease from your houses. For whoever eats leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that being shall be cut off from Yisra'ěl.
- Exo 12:16 'And on the first day is a set-apart gathering, and on the seventh day you have a set-apart gathering. No work at all is done on them, only that which is eaten by every being, that alone is prepared by you.
- Exo 12:17 'And you shall guard the Festival of Unleavened Bread, for on this same day I brought your divisions out of the land of Mitsrayim. <u>And you shall guard this day throughout your generations, an everlasting law</u>.
- Exo 12:18 'In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month, in the evening, you shall eat unleavened bread until the twenty-first day of the month in the evening.
- Exo 12:19 'For seven days no leaven is to be found in your houses, for if anyone eats what is leavened, that same being shall be cut off from the congregation of Yisra'ĕl, whether sojourner or native of the land.
- Exo 12:20 'Do not eat that which is leavened in all your dwellings you are to eat unleavened bread.' "
- Exo 12:21 And Mosheh called for all the elders of Yisra'ĕl and said to them, "Go out and take lambs for yourselves according to your clans, and slaughter the Passover lamb.

Exo 12:22 "And you shall take a bunch of hyssop, and dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and strike the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood that is in the basin, and you, none of you shall go out of the door of his house until morning.

Exo 12:23 "And יהוה shall pass on to smite the Mitsrites, and shall see the blood

on the lintel and on the two doorposts, and הוה shall pass over the door and not allow the destroyer to come into your houses to smite you.

Exo 12:24 "And you shall guard this word <u>as a law for you and your sons,</u> <u>forever.</u>

Exo 12:25 "And it shall be, when you come to the land which שוה gives you, as He promised, that you shall guard this service.

Exo 12:26 "And it shall be, <u>when your children say to you, 'What does this</u> <u>service mean to you?'</u> (Then you shall say, "It is because I will send my son to die on the stake to atone for your sins". Wait a minute; is that what your Scriptures say? No? That's funny; mine does not say that either! It says.)

Exo 12:26 "And it shall be, when your children say to you, 'What does this service mean to you?'

Exo 12:27 then you **shall say**, 'It is the Passover slaughtering of יהוה, who passed over the houses of the children of Yisra'ĕl in Mitsrayim when He smote the Mitsrites and delivered our households.' " And the people bowed their heads and did obeisance.

Question: (This is a no brainer, okay.) Since the Torah says that we are supposed to teach our children that Passover is about *YHWH passing over the houses of the children of Yisra'el when He smote the Mitsrites and delivered our households*; if we tell them something different than that; are we not teaching something contrary to what the Torah says that we are to teach them? The answer is: Yes we are!

Exo 12:28 And the children of Yisra'ĕl went away and did so - as ההיה had commanded Mosheh and Aharon, so they did.

- Exo 12:41 And it came to be at the end of the four hundred and thirty years, on that same day it came to be that all the divisions of שנה went out from the land of Mitsrayim.
- Exo 12:42 It is a night to be observed unto הוה for bringing them out of the

<u>Iand of Mitsrayim.</u> This night is unto יהוה, to be observed by all the children of Yisra'ĕl throughout their generations.

- Exo 12:43 And הזה said to Mosheh and Aharon, (Note that this is future tense) "This is the law of the Passover: No son of a stranger is to eat of it,
- Exo 12:44 but any servant a man has bought for silver, when you have circumcised him, then let him eat of it.

Exo 12:45 "A sojourner and a hired servant does not eat of it.

Exo 12:46 "It is eaten in one house, you are not to take any of the flesh outside the house, nor are you to break any bone of it.

Exo 12:47 "All the congregation of Yisra'ĕl are to perform it.

- Exo 12:48 "And when a stranger sojourns with you and shall perform the Passover to יהוה, <u>let all his males be circumcised</u>, and <u>then let him come near</u> <u>and perform it</u>, and he shall be as a native of the land. But let no uncircumcised eat of it.
- Exo 12:49 "There is one Torah for the native-born and for the stranger who sojourns among you."
- Exo 12:50 And all the children of Yisra'ĕl did as הוה commanded Mosheh and Aharon, so they did.
- Exo 12:51 And it came to be on that same day that הוה brought the children of Yisra'ĕl out of the land of Mitsrayim according to their divisions.

Exo 13:1 And הוה spoke to Mosheh, saying,

Exo 13:2 "Set apart to Me all the first-born, the one opening the womb among the children of Yisra'ĕl, among man and among beast, it is Mine."

Exo 13:3 And Mosheh said to the people, "Remember this day in which you went out of Mitsrayim, out of the house of slavery. For by strength of hand יהות brought you out of this place, and whatever is leavened shall not be eaten.

- Exo 13:4 "Today you are going out, in the month Abib.
- Exo 13:5 "And it shall be, when הוה brings you into the land of the Kena'anites,

and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Hiwwites, and the Yebusites, which He swore to your fathers to give you, a land flowing with milk and honey, that you shall keep this service in this month.

- Exo 13:6 "Seven days you eat unleavened bread, and on the seventh day is a festival to יהוה.
- Exo 13:7 "Unleavened bread is to be eaten the seven days, and whatever is leavened is not to be seen with you, and leaven is not to be seen with you within all your border.
- Exo 13:8 "<u>And you **shall** inform your son in that day, saying, 'It is because of</u> what יהוה did for me when I came up from Mitsrayim.'

Exo 13:9 "And it shall be as a sign to you on your hand and as a reminder between your eyes, that the Torah of הוה is to be in your mouth, (Does this

language sound just a little familiar?) for with a strong hand יהוה has brought you out of Mitsrayim.

This is what Passover is about! And *this* is what YHWH says that we are to tell our children! Hear are the passages where there are *instructions* concerning the Passover. Exodus chapter 12 and 13 and 34:25, Leviticus 23:4, Numbers 9:1-14, (where in the second year after coming out of Mitsrayim we see Yisra'el performing the Passover. This is where we find out that it is *so important* that YHWH gives us a second opportunity to perform it should we be unclean. This is also were we learned that a man would bear his sin for *not performing it*.) Numbers 28:16, Deuteronomy 16:1-7, and Ezekiel 45:21.

Here are the passages where there are <u>examples</u> of the people keeping the Passover. Exodus chapter 12 and 13, Numbers 9:1-14, Joshua 5:10 & 11, 2nd Kings 23:21-23, 2nd Chronicles 30 and 35, Ezra 6:19-21, and Hebrews11:23-28. Please, forgive me if I missed a couple.

By the way; Passover was *home event*. You *will* read however of two instances where the *Levites* prepared the Passover. Both of these instances were at the order of a sovereign! Hezekiah and Josiah both commanded the observance of the Passover in an attempt to bring the Children of Yisra'el back into favor with YHWH. These however were both the exception rather than the rule. In 2 Ch we see this clearly.

2Ch 30:17 For <u>many in the assembly had not set themselves apart</u>. **Therefore** <u>the Lewites were over the slaughter</u> of the Passover <u>for everyone who was</u> <u>not clean</u>, to set them apart to הזה.

Next let us look at Yahushua's example. In Luke 2:41 we see that when Yahushua was a child, his parents went to Yerushalayim *every year* to the Passover.

Luk 2:41 And His parents went to Yerushalayim every year at the Festival of the Passover.

Luk 2:42 And when He was twelve years old, they went up to Yerushalayim according to the practice of the festival.

And as a man:

Joh 2:23 And when He was in Yerushalayim <u>at the Passover</u>, at the festival, many believed in His Name when they saw the signs which He was doing.

Let me assure you that they *were* eating lambs and goats. And of course; in Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, the evening before He was impaled.

Some people argue that Yahushua did not *even* eat the Passover. One such attempt is to maintain that when Yahushua broke the bread, the Greek word "artos" was used. "Artos" typically means bread that has been leavened while the Greek word for unleavened bread is "azumos". The Hebrew equivalents are "lechem" which is a general term for "bread and usually means "*leavened* bread"

and "matzah" for "*unleavened bread*" respectively. Now as we will see; the Scripture **clearly** demonstrates that this meal *was the Passover*; but beyond that; we have only to look into the <u>Word of YHWH to discover that even YHWH refers</u> to "matzah" as "lechem".

KJV with Strong's numbers:

Deu 16:3 Thou shalt eat^{H398} no^{H3808} leavened bread^{H2557} with^{H5921} it; seven^{H7651} days^{H3117} shalt thou eat^{H398} <u>unleavened bread^{H4682} (matzah)</u> therewith,^{H5921} *even* <u>the bread^{H3899} (lechem) of affliction</u>;^{H6040} for^{H3588} thou camest forth^{H3318} out of the land^{H4480 H776} of Egypt^{H4714} in haste:^{H2649} that^{H4616} thou mayest remember^{H2142 (H853)} the day^{H3117} when thou camest forth^{H3318} out of the land^{H4480 H776} of Egypt^{H4714} all^{H3605} the days^{H3117} of thy life.^{H2416}

YHWH Himself calls "unleavened bread" "matzah" "bread" "lechem" of affliction"! And do you know why? Because unleavened bread is still "bread"! And especially when we look at <u>all</u> of the evidence to the contrary; it is *no "proof*" that that Yahushua did not eat Passover based solely on the fact that He broke (in Greek) "artos" since it can just as easily be "azumos" "artos of affliction"! Just as we saw with the "matzah" "lechem" of affliction!

So let's see!

Our first witness here does not directly say lamb; it says Passover. But remember; to the Hebrew, they were used interchangeably.

- Mat 26:17 And on the first day of Unleavened Bread the taught ones came to גרושע, saying to Him, "<u>Where do You wish us to prepare for You to eat the</u> **Passover**?"
- Mat 26:18 And He said, "Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, 'The Teacher says, "My time is near. <u>I am to observe the Passover at your house</u> with My taught ones." ' "
- Mat 26:19 <u>And the taught ones did as הרשע had ordered them, and prepared</u> <u>the Passover</u>.

Mat 26:20 And when evening came, He sat down with the twelve.

- Mat 26:21 And <u>while they were eating</u>, (Eating what? One would think that it was the Passover that they had prepared.)He said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you shall deliver Me up."
- Mat 26:22 And they were deeply grieved, and began to say to Him, each of them, "Master, is it I?"
- Mat 26:23 And He answering, said, "He who has dipped his hand with Me in the dish, he shall deliver Me up.
- Mat 26:24 "Indeed, the Son of Adam goes as it has been written concerning

Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Adam is delivered up! It would have been good for that man if he had not been born."

Mat 26:25 And Yehudah - he who delivered Him up - answering, said, "Rabbi, is it I?" He said to him, "You have said it."

Now I want for you to notice what He does next, to the bread and the cup. It is the same in all three of the synoptics; Matthew, Mark, and Luke.

Mat 26:26 And as they were eating, שמשע took bread, and having blessed, broke

and gave it to the taught ones and said, "Take, eat, this is My body."

Mat 26:27 And taking the cup, and giving thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you.

Mat 26:28 "For this is My blood, that of the renewed covenant, which is shed for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Mat 26:29 "But I say to you, I shall certainly not drink of this <u>fruit of the vine</u> from now on till that day when I drink it anew with you in the reign of My Father."

Next witness please...

Mar 14:12 And on the first day of Unleavened Bread, <u>when they were</u> <u>slaughtering the Passover lamb</u>,(Ladies and gentlemen, we have lamb!) <u>His</u> <u>taught ones said to Him</u>, "Where do You wish us to go and prepare, for You <u>to eat the Passover?</u>" Who was slaughtering the lamb? His taught ones!

Mar 14:13 And He sent out two of His taught ones and said to them, "Go into the city, and there a man bearing a jar of water shall meet you, follow him.

Mar 14:14 "And wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, 'The <u>Teacher says, "Where is the guest room in which I am to eat the Passover</u> with My taught ones?" '

Mar 14:15 "And he shall show you a large upper room, furnished, ready. <u>Prepare</u> for us there."

Mar 14:16 And His taught ones went out and came into the city, and found it as He said to them, and they prepared the **Passover**.

Mar 14:17 And evening having come, He came with the twelve.

Mar 14:18 And <u>as they sat and ate</u>, ארושע (Ate what? Oh I don't know; could it have been the Passover that they had just prepared?) said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you who is eating with Me shall deliver Me up."

Mar 14:19 And they began to be grieved, and to say to Him one by one, "Is it I?" And another, "Is it I?"

Mar 14:20 And He answering, said to them, "It is one of the twelve, he who is dipping with Me in the dish.

Mar 14:21 "The Son of Adam is indeed going, as it has been written of Him, but

woe to that man by whom the Son of Adam is delivered up! It would have been good for that man if he had not been born." Notice again what He does next, to the bread and the cup.

Mar 14:22 And as they were eating, <u>הושע took bread, having blessed, broke it,</u> <u>gave it to them</u> and said, "Take, eat, this is My body."

Mar 14:23 And taking the cup, giving thanks, He gave it to them, and they all drank from it.

Mar 14:24 And He said to them, "This is My blood, that of the renewed covenant, which is shed for many.

Mar 14:25 "Truly, I say to you, I shall certainly no more drink of the <u>fruit of the</u> <u>vine</u> till that day when I drink it anew in the reign of Elohim."

Third witness please...

Luk 22:7 And the Day of Unleavened Bread came when the **Passover had to be slaughtered**.

Luk 22:8 And <u>He sent</u> Kepha and Yohanan, <u>saying</u>, "Go and prepare the

Passover for us to eat."

Luk 22:9 And they said to Him, "Where do You wish us to prepare?"

Luk 22:10 And He said to them, "See, as you enter into the city, a man shall meet you carrying a jar of water. Follow him into the house he enters.

Luk 22:11 "And you shall say to the master of the house, <u>'The Teacher says to</u> you, "Where is the guest room where I might eat the Passover with My taught ones?" '

Luk 22:12 "And he shall show you a large, furnished upper room. Prepare it there."

Luk 22:13 And going they found it as He had said to them, and they prepared the Passover.

- Luk 22:14 And when the hour had come, He sat down, and the twelve emissaries with Him.
- Luk 22:15 And He said to them, "<u>With desire I have desired to eat this Passover</u> with you before My suffering,

Luk 22:16 for I say to you, I shall certainly not eat of it again until it is <u>filled in the</u> reign of Elohim." Wait a minute! Did He not just say that Passover would be fulfilled in the Reign of Elohim at a <u>later time</u>? And that *He* would not eat of it again until then?

Yes He did!

Does this statement, of *Yahushua*, then, not indicate that what was about to happen to Him was about something else; other than Passover; *and not a fulfillment of Passover*? One would think. "I shall certainly not eat of it again until it is <u>filled in the reign of Elohim</u>."

"Notice again what He does next, to the bread and the cup.

- Luk 22:17 And taking the cup, giving thanks, He said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves,
- Luk 22:18 for I say to you, I shall certainly not drink of the <u>fruit of the vine</u> until the reign of Elohim comes
- Luk 22:19 And taking the lamb, giving thanks, He broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you, do this in remembrance of Me." (Wait a minuet! Does your version say lamb here? Nope! Neither does mine! I says,)

- Luk 22:19 And <u>taking **bread**</u>, giving thanks, He broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you, do this in remembrance of Me."
- Luk 22:20 <u>Likewise the cup also</u>, after supper, saying, "This cup is the renewed covenant in My blood which is shed for you.

Where is Yahushua's reference to Him being the <u>lamb</u> in this meal? Did He not just miss a *great opportunity to type Himself to the Passover lamb*? Yahushua was awesome at visual illustrations! Just think about His parables. Why then did He let this wonderful opportunity slip through His fingers?

It's because He *never* intended for His taught ones to identify Him as the Passover lamb! But instead He went to great lengths to type Himself with two other symbols.

Did Yahushua teach against all traditions? Or did He only teach against those that nullify the commands of Elohim? He went to Yerushalayim during Chanukah. Chanukah is not commanded. He never condemned it. Where are any instructions in the Torah for a wedding festival? There are none. Wedding traditions are man made! Yet Yahushua attended them and even used them for examples in His teachings!

Do you remember that I asked you to notice that Yahushua was blessing the bread and giving thanks for the wine separately from one another? Could Yahushua have been performing a Jewish tradition here? You see, sometimes when folks come out of Christianity, as most of us have, we gloss right over or don't *even realize* some things that a person raised in Judaism spots right off the bat. Why would they recognize it right off the bat; because it is a common place occurrence to them!

We *have* to consider that what Yahushua was doing here is a Jewish tradition; a tradition that Jewish folks <u>still do today</u>. On the Shabbat and the High days when they come together to fellowship and "break bread"; part of that fellowship is a tradition mentioned in the Scripture that has taught us Western folks to say "let's get together and "break bread" when *we* really mean have a meal and fellowship meal.

This tradition is called the Hamotzi and Kiddush. Search it up on the internet! You will see the exact same custom as what Yahushua performed that night; with the exception that the Jews do not associate it with the body and blood of Yahushua of course.

The leader will take bread and say (in Hebrew of course),

"Blessed are You Adonai (Yahweh) our Elohim, Ruler of the Universe, Who brings forth bread from the earth." He then <u>breaks the bread</u> and <u>hands it to everyone around the table</u>; *just like Yahushua did*!

Likewise, but separately, *just like Yahushua did it*, he will take the cup and say, "Blessed are You, Adonai (Yahweh) our Elohim, Ruler of the Universe, who creates the "**fruit of the vine**" *just as Yahushua did*.

Interestingly; when they ask the blessing on the cup; they <u>do not say</u>, "Blessed are You, Adonai (Yahweh) our Elohim, Ruler of the Universe, who creates the "**wine**".

No; they say, Blessed are You Adonai (Yahweh) our Elohim, Ruler of the Universe, who creates the "<u>fruit of the vine</u>"

So what's the big deal in that?

Though the word "wine" is used on multiple occasions in the Messianic writings; the words, "*fruit of the vine*" only occur *three times* in the Messianic writings. Guess where every single one of these three occurrences are found? Every single time is *once in Matthew, once in Mark, and once in Luke*; and each and every time the term "*fruit of the vine*" occurs is when Yahushua is performing this blessing *on the cup* before He gives it to those sitting around the table with Him.

Is that not the most awesome coincidence that you ever heard of? That Yahushua the Jew, living in Judah, raised by Jews in a Jewish community, who worshipping with Jews at the Synagogue, speaking Aramaic and Hebrew, who came for the Lost Seep of the House of Yisra'el, would, <u>without so much as</u> <u>speaking a single word to indicate that He was changing anything</u>; *replaced the everlasting commands of YHWH concerning the Passover*, with something as commonplace in Jewish society, as is asking the blessing over the food, opening doors for ladies, or peanuts and Cracker Jacks at a baseball game is in our culture?

When you look at it that way; is that not *one of the craziest things* you ever heard of?

What Yahushua did that night was *actually* one of those things familiar to a Jew but unrealized by a person raised in a culture absent from all things Jewish?

<u>I am going to embellish just a little here</u>, for the purpose of supposition only. Perhaps the intent was something like this; "Brothers; we have just spent the most awesome three and a half years together! This has been real, and it's been fun. But it is about to not be real fun. You see I am about to be delivered up! And I am going to give my life for you. I am going to miss you more than you can ever know. I would desperately love to be here with you, *but I cannot*. So what I would like is that, whenever you get together to fellowship and break bread with one another at these Appointed Times, which have come to mean so much and be so special to Me, is that when you do; remember me." "Do *this* in remembrance of Me."

Is it not just a wee bit possible that Yahushua, the same man who said, "For *truly*, I say to you, *till the heaven and the earth pass away*, <u>one jot or one tittle</u> shall **by no means** <u>pass from the Torah till **all** be done</u>." (shall by **no means** pass) was not *adding* something to or *taking something away* from the Torah, but was applying these symbols *not to Passover*, but rather, to anytime that His followers get together to fellowship at YHWH's appointed times? I think that this is most worthy of further consideration.

Most of us have been taught that we should no longer kill a goat or lamb at Passover because *Yahushua* is the lamb now and that would *minimize* His sacrifice (even though Passover is not about sin).

In a misguided attempt to change the *Perfect Torah of YHWH*, we are all familiar with all of the ways that we have been *taught* to type Yahushua to the Passover lamb.

He was without blemish, not a bone of Him broken, killed at the "*exact*" moment that the Passover lamb was being slaughtered (which He wasn't because as we just read they were killing the lambs on the evening *before* He was killed.).

But let us not turn a blind eye some things that *don't line up for a change; okay?*

<u>His</u> body was not roasted nor burnt up that night, (even the bread that He said was His body was surely <u>baked</u>).

Where in the Torah does it say to blindfold the lamb and strike it in the face; beat the lamb to a bloody pulp, take a cat of nine tails and rip the flesh from its living body, spit upon it, pull the hair out of its face, sheer it /strip it naked, puncture its head with thorns, hang it on a stake, stab it with a spear, mock it and laugh at it while it suffers and *inflict countless blemishes upon it* until it dies! Yet all of this happened to Yahushua Messiah!

But wait there is more? According to the Torah, *who was supposed to kill the Passover Lamb*?

All of Yisra'el, right?

Who killed Yahushua?

Well; *some* Jews (not all) had him arrested on false charges. But <u>who performed</u> <u>the actual slaughte</u>r?

Was it "all Yisra'el"? ... The priesthood? No! Yahushua was not slaughtered by "all Yisra'el"

Yahushua was <u>slaughtered by the **uncircumcised!**</u> Pagan, Roman, heathens! <u>Not Yisra'el!</u>

Exodus 12:48 says that the uncircumcised <u>weren't even supposed to come near</u>, much less perform the slaughter!

Some might protest, "The Jews *couldn't* kill Him because they were under Roman rule!

That is actually a *very weak argument*. Why? Well for starters; who killed Stephen? It was the Jews/Yehudim the circumcised; while under Roman rule; right?

Who stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city "thinking that he was dead"? The Jews/Yehudim the circumcised; while under Roman rule; right? Here are two examples of the Jews, *after Yahushua's death and during the same time frame*, under Roman rule, taking it upon them selves to execute capital punishment for what they considered blasphemy!

So we see that the <u>Jews were indeed capable of carrying out an execution if they</u> wanted to badly enough.

But guess what? That doesn't matter one way or the other! YHWH could have had Yahushua killed by the circumcised if He had wanted; He could have sent the Messiah during a time period when Yisra'el was not under foreign rule, for that matter. But that is not the way it happened at all!

The fact is that "all Yisra'el" <u>did not perform His slaughter</u>! As a matter of fact; <u>none of Yisra'el performed His slaughter!</u>

<u>He was slaughtered by the uncircumcised</u> Pagan, Roman, heathens! End of point!

Please do not infer that I am saying that Yahushua is not our Passover. I believe that He typifies Passover and much more! Interestingly, at each of YHWH's Setapart days there was to be "<u>one male goat</u> to atone for your sins". I am simply saying that there are too many conflicting circumstances concerning Yahushua's death, *to conclude that He took the place of the Torah* concerning the practice of Yisra'el killing the Passover (which YHWH said was to be an everlasting law and teach our children) to say that we don't have to do that anymore because it's all about Yahushua now.

Yahushua never said that!

But didn't Paul say that Yahushua is our Passover now? At the risk of making Paul least in the kingdom of heaven, let us take a look.

- 1Co 5:7 Therefore cleanse out the old leaven, so that you are a new lump, as you are unleavened. For also Messiah our Passover was offered for us.
- 1Co 5:8 So then let us observe the festival, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of evil and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Is this visual, symbolic, metaphoric, language? Yes it is!

You are not a lump of dough? No! This is not to be taken literally! Contextually; in this chapter, Paul is addressing the issue of the man who was *whoring with his father's wife*; he was not a chapter devoted to addressing Passover protocol.

Additionally; please tell me; where in this passage is Paul's instruction to end the everlasting, forever, throughout your generations, Torah concerning the killing of a lamb or goat at Passover?

It is not there!

Interestingly; in the chapter immediately preceding this one, Paul says the following.

1Co 4:6 And these matters, brothers, I have applied in a figure to myself and Apollos for your sakes, so that in us you might learn not to think beyond what is written, so that none of you be puffed up on behalf of one against the other.

A mere 23 verses before; on the same page if you will; Paul warns against <u>thinking</u> beyond what is written! There is nowhere in the entire Scripture where it is written for us to stop killing the Passover in the forever manner that YHWH instructed! Nowhere! There is only one way in which one can conclude that Paul or anyone for that matter ever instructed against the prescribed practice of YHWH; and do you know what that is? <u>You have to think beyond what is</u> written!!!

It is sophistry to presume that 1 Co 5:7-8 suggests that we must stop keeping this Torah. If it were suggesting such a thing, it would be against the testimony and the witness of Yahushua messiah in Mat 5:17 & 18 where Yahushua warned against *thinking* something very similar!

Mat 5:17 **"Do not think** that I came to destroy the Torah or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to complete.

Mat 5:18 "For truly, I say to you, <u>till the heaven and the earth pass away, one jot</u> or one tittle shall by no means pass from the Torah till all be done.

"By no means" means by no means! You can't have it both ways!

And finally; we are going to look at in our Scriptures at something that is <u>not</u> the inspired word of Elohim. Turn with me; in your Scriptures, to Matthew chapter one. Now, back up one page. What do you see? You see a page that says "New

Testament" right? Guess what? That page is *not authorized by Elohim*! <u>That is a</u> <u>manmade addition</u> that has only muddles the water! Some people think that *everything* to the right of that page is binding for today and that the part on the left side of that page has been done away with or changed! *I have got a news flash for you*!

The Elohim that said everlasting on the right side of that page *is the same Elohim* that said everlasting on the left side of that page!

If you can't count on Him to mean business when He said *everlasting* on the left side of that page then neither can you count on him when He says *everlasting* on the right side of that page; and you might as well fold up this book (the Scriptures) and throw it in the trashcan! Amein? Amein!

So I have a challenge for anyone who will take it.

Within those passages where the Scripture makes a **clear** distinction; can you show even *one single solitary witness,* <u>from the Scripture</u>, of <u>anyone ever</u> having a lambless or goatless Passover?

Just one!

I mean; if there is all of this overwhelming and compelling evidence that Yahushua, (or one of His taught ones), did something so *profound* as to <u>change</u> the *everlasting instructions*, of **YHWH All Mighty**, concerning something as important as the Passover, in such a way as to take away the *central part of the meal (the lamb or goat)* and replace it with a new ceremony <u>that looks more like</u> <u>something the Pope would do</u>, *with a cracker and a goblet*, than it does the Passover; if this is the case then a challenge that seeks to produce *just one single solitary passage* that **clearly** demonstrates such a profound change as this, **should surely neither be too much to ask nor too difficult to provide**!

But do you know what? No one will take me up on this challenge. And do you know why they won't? **Because it is not there!!!**

That would be like asking them to show where Yahushua went into the church on Sunday to teach Sunday school! There is <u>no evidence</u> of <u>anyone</u> in the Scripture <u>ever</u> having a lambless or goatless Passover. That's what makes it the Passover!

And if it this practice of <u>not</u> slaughtering is <u>nowhere to be found in the Scripture;</u> well... that sort of makes it, you know, unscriptural doesn't it? Yes it does.

You can take the bread and "the fruit of the vine" *alone* and call it Passover *if you like*; but **it is <u>not</u> the Passover**; it never was and never will be; and <u>you are not</u>

participating in Passover, just because you call it Passover either! Neither is taking the bread and "the fruit of the vine" alone following YHWH's everlasting commands nor is it following Yahushua's example! And this is an axiom: You cannot walk as Yahushua walked while walking a different way!

1Jn 2:6 The one who says he stays in Him <u>ought himself also to walk, even as</u> <u>He walked</u>.

And He ate goat or lamb at Passover every year since He had teeth to chew it; *maybe even before*! And it was so important that it was the last literal observance of YHWH that He kept before He died!

When we take the bread and "*fruit of the vine*" <u>alone</u> and call it Passover; we are doing little more than performing a very old <u>Jewish tradition</u> that has been "Christianized" by the Roman Church, who called it "Communion" which the Protestant Catholics carried with them into their various Protestant denominations and continued in to this day. They then either continued also to call it "Communion" or changed it to "The Lord's Supper" or some other slight variance. But any way that you slice it; the idea of replacing the Passover meal with the bread and the "fruit of the vine" is something that we learned, *not from the Word of YHWH and the example of Yahushua;* it is something that we learned from the **mouth and example of Rome!** And there is not one penny's worth of difference between observing "Communion" and calling it Passover, and observing Sunday and calling it the Sabbath! And they both come from the same place!

- Dan 7:24 'And the ten horns are ten sovereigns from this reign. They shall rise, and another shall rise after them, and it is different from the first ones, and it humbles three sovereigns,
- Dan 7:25 and <u>it speaks words against the Most High</u>, and it *wears out the setapart ones of the Most High*, and <u>it intends to change **appointed times and**</u> <u>**law**</u>, and they are given into its hand for a time and times and half a time.

<u>Man will reject Yahushua's **clear instructions** to us</u>. He will say, "Oh, but Yahushua *did* do away with the Torah, or He *changed* it, or *He* is the lamb now, or because Paul said..."

But since Yahushua said that <u>He did not</u> come to do away with *anything*, regarding the Torah; and that would include changing the old for a new! Since He told you not even to *think such a thing*. Since He told you "till heaven and earth pass away *one jot* or *one title* would **by no means** fall from the Torah till all be done" (and killing the Passover is a chunk, not a jot)! Since this was *His witness* and His testimony to us. Since *none* of the Prophets *ever* said to stop. Since *neither Paul nor any other of Yahushua's taught ones ever said to stop* (and if

they did they would be called least in the reign of the heavens according to the testimony and witness of Yahushua Messiah.). Since YHWH says that it is **everlasting, forever, throughout your generations, and when your children ask, this is what you tell them...**

And since the practice of not killing the lamb is an unscriptural practice; from where did man think to get this idea and from what authority?

It didn't come from YHWH, it didn't come from Yahushua, it didn't come from the prophets, and it did not come from the taught ones.

Who else is left?

Oh I don't know... who could it be...let's just think about that one for a moment ...who else is there...maybe it's...I don't know...could it be... Satan?

YHWH says kill the *goat or lamb*; <u>it is the Passover</u>! Since YHWH calls "it" the Passover, then how in the world can you leave *that part out* and still call it Passover?

The answer is: You can't!

Man thinks that he know best! He argues that, "this *minimizes* Yahushua's sacrifice!"

But this manmade claim truly begs the question; does this minimize Yahushua's sacrifice, or does it *maximize His example*?

Why; it maximizes His example of course!

So then; if it *maximizes* Yahushua's example to us; <u>how in the world could it</u> *possibly* minimize His sacrifice?

That is a great question!

If it *maximizes* His example, how in the world could it possibly minimize His sacrifice?

The answer is: is doesn't!

1Jo 2:6 The one who says he stays in Him ought himself also to walk, even as He walked.

People may try to call it whatever they might. But can it *really* be the Passover without performing the Passover Slaughtering, of the Passover *goat or lamb*, as YHWH commanded; as Yahushua did all of His life?

That would sort of be like trying to perform an immersion/baptism without having any water; wouldn't it?

And since the instruction to stop this is **nowhere** to be found in the Scripture; the answer has to be, "no; it cannot *really* be Passover without the Passover slaughtering of the goat or lamb".

Again: since Yahushua said that <u>He did not</u> come to do away with anything in the Torah; and that would include changing the old for a new! Since He told you not even to *think such a thing*. Since He told you "till heaven and earth pass away *one jot* or *one title* would <u>by no means</u> fall from the Torah till all be done" (and killing the Passover is a big part of the Word, not a jot)! Since *this was His witness and His testimony to us*. Since none of the Prophets ever said to stop. Since neither Paul nor *any other* of Yahushua's taught ones **ever** said to stop (and if they did they would be called least in the reign of the heavens according to the testimony and witness of Yahushua Messiah.). Since <u>YHWH says</u> that it is **everlasting, year by year, forever, throughout your generations, and when your children ask...this is what you tell them...**

And since the practice of **not** killing the lamb is nowhere to be found in the Scripture *at all, period*; **do we walk as Yahushua walked; or do we go another way?**

Do we walk as Yahushua walked; or do we walk another way?

Who are you going to follow?

Who are you going to obey?

Who are you are going to believe; the command of YHWH and the example of Yahushua, the Prophets, and the Yahushua's taught ones; *or men,* who <u>while</u> <u>standing on no Scriptural authority</u> say,

"You shouldn't do that! It is offensive to YHWH"?

Jos 24:15 "And if it seems evil in your eyes to serve הזה, choose for yourselves this day whom you are going to serve, whether the mighty ones which your fathers served that were beyond the River, or the mighty ones of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But I and my house, we serve הזה."

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