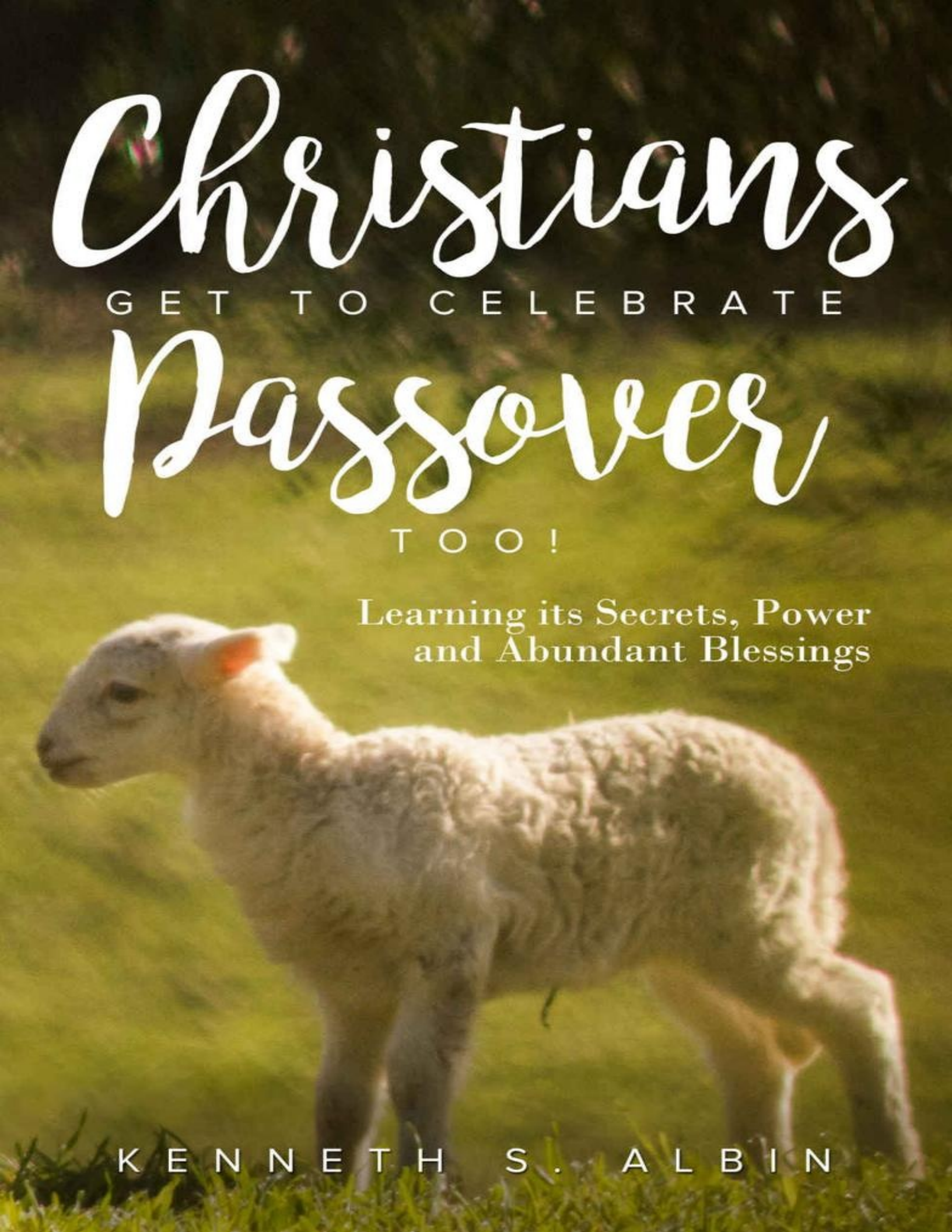
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INTRODUCTION:

The Backstory

I am so glad you decided to read this book! You are one of the ones who are curious and seeking to know the true meaning of Passover and the roots of the Christian faith.

When Michelangelo painted his famous portrait of the last supper, he displayed to the world an icon that is etched in the minds of people; Jesus' last meal. When you read the Scriptures you will also discover that this was a very special time of the year, especially for Jerusalem and the people who worshipped the God of Israel, for it was known as the Passover.

But what really is the Passover? Why is it the last meal of Jesus? Did you know that when the Christian Church today celebrates communion by eating the wafers of bread and the cup of juice or wine they are actually referencing this same Passover meal that Jesus ate with His disciples on the night of His betrayal?

During this meal Jesus will hand a piece of bread to Judas and speak about His betrayal and the Shepherd being struck and the sheep scattered. He also will speak about the bread and wine, which were elements of the Passover meal called the Seder.

Seder actually means "order" and during the time of Jesus it was not quite as formal as it is today. Yet still, during the Seder the Passover Story of how God delivered Israel from Egypt will be read and remembered in obedience to what God had told Israel to do. God had told Israel to keep the Passover every year on a certain day. This was also to become a new beginning of the months and the year, for on this certain day it will be remembered how God redeemed and delivered His people from slavery in Egypt.

The backstory of this journey and how it began is fascinating. It starts with a dream that the patriarch Abram had just after he made a covenant with God. During this dream the glory and fire of God confirmed what would happen to his descendants. Let's read the story now for ourselves.

Genesis 15:12-14 AMP

12 When the sun was setting, a deep sleep overcame Abram; and a horror (terror, shuddering fear, nightmare) of great darkness overcame him. 13 God said to Abram, "Know for sure that your descendants will be strangers [living temporarily] in a land (Egypt) that is not theirs, where they will be enslaved and oppressed for four hundred years. 14 But on that nation whom your descendants will serve I will bring judgment, and afterward they will come out [of that land] with great possessions.

This dream is a warning and a promise. It is a warning of four hundred years of slavery in a land that is not theirs. It is also the promise of deliverance and great wealth.

During this dream, Abram was overcome with darkness at the horror of his descendants being in bondage for so long. The number 40 is the number of "trials" or "a generation", while the number 10 is the number of "judgment". It would be ten generations until the trial and affliction would be judged and come to an end. This is where our story begins; with a dream and a promise. But how will Abram's descendants get to that place called Egypt? What or who will bring them there?

Abraham is the first in line of three patriarchs. They are known collectively as Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Each of these would have his own encounter with Yahweh who revealed Himself as the One who would give and keep His covenant to those who would have faith and obey Him.

Something begins to happen with Jacob whom through another divine encounter has his name changed by God to Israel. This man, Israel, has twelve sons. This is where we get the names of the twelve tribes of Israel. These sons unfortunately are jealous of Joseph who seems to be getting special favor and recognition from his father. To make things worse, Joseph is a dreamer who boasts of his dreams of exaltation and ruler ship.

Job 33:14-17 NLT

14 “For God speaks again and again, 15 in dreams, in visions of the night when deep sleep falls on men as they lie on their beds. 16 He opens their ears in times like that and gives them wisdom and instruction, 17-18 causing them to change their minds, and keeping them from pride, and warning them of the penalties of sin, and keeping them from falling into some trap.

Dreams are many times given to us by God to show us glimpses of future possibilities, but also to help us not to be prideful and not to trust in our own ability and strength. In this case, it seems the dreams went to Joseph’s head and he would almost pay for it with his life had it not been for Judah, who convinced the brothers to sell him instead to some descendants of Ishmael, Abraham’s son by Hagar. So they sold Joseph to these Midianites as they heading down to Egypt.

The story of Joseph is filled with so many insights we can learn from. Joseph persevered through his journey to and in Egypt as he goes from low to high, then high down to even lower. As Joseph is trying to forget his identity, his past and his dreams, it seems like the trial will be over when a butler remembers Joseph as a dream interpreter.

Psalm 105:17-22 NKJV
17 He sent a man before them— Joseph—who was sold as a slave.
18 They hurt his feet with fetters, He was laid in irons. 19 Until the time that his word came to pass, The word of the Lord tested him. 20 The king sent and released him, The ruler of the people let him go free. 21 He made him lord of his house, And ruler of all his possessions, 22 To bind his princes at his pleasure, And teach his elders wisdom.

It took many years of process for Joseph to finally see his own dreams come to pass. According to Joseph, at the end he did not blame his brothers for what they had done to him or retaliate against them like they thought he would. He attributed his journey to Egypt as divine providence. Look at how he describes what happened to him.

Genesis 45:3-11 NKJV
3 Then Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph; does my father still live?” But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed in his presence. 4 And Joseph said to his brothers, “Please come near to me.” So they came near. Then he said: “I am Joseph your brother, whom you sold into Egypt. 5 But now,

do not therefore be grieved or angry with yourselves because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. 6 For these two years the famine has been in the land, and there are still five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvesting. 7 And God sent me before you to preserve a posterity for you in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance. 8 So now it was not you who sent me here, but God; and He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt.9 "Hurry and go up to my father, and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph: "God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not tarry. 10 You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near to me, you and your children, your children's children, your flocks and your herds, and all that you have. 11 There I will provide for you, lest you and your household, and all that you have, come to poverty; for there are still five years of famine."'

Joseph absolved his brothers of any guilt or blame. Joseph had a revelation, or perhaps he knew about the dream God gave to his great grandfather, Abraham. Either way, Joseph acknowledges God's sovereignty and hand in guiding not only him to Egypt, but the whole family of Jacob (Israel) down into Egypt as well. He sends carts filled with the goods of Egypt to fetch his father and the family so they can live in the best of Egypt and have Joseph completely provide for them.

The story of Joseph is prophetic and points to Christ who will come and rescue from sin and a type of Egypt, known as the world. Jesus, like Joseph, has promised to provide all our need according to His riches in glory just like Joseph provided for Israel from his position and glory of Egypt. This is how the dream God gave to Abraham is beginning to evolve.

The land of Egypt is a strange land for the family of Israel, but like a womb where they begin to grow from a family of about seventy into a nation of millions. As they begin to grow and multiply, the favor that Israel had will be forgotten.

Exodus 1:8-14 NKJV

8 Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. 9 And he said to his people, "Look, the people of the children of Israel are more and mightier than we; 10 come, let us deal shrewdly with them, lest they multiply, and it happen, in the event of war, that they also join our enemies and fight against us, and so go up out of the land." 11 Therefore they set taskmasters over

them to afflict them with their burdens. And they built for Pharaoh supply cities, Pithom and Raamses. 12 But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew. And they were in dread of the children of Israel. 13 So the Egyptians made the children of Israel serve with rigor. 14 And they made their lives bitter with hard bondage—in mortar, in brick, and in all manner of service in the field. All their service in which they made them serve was with rigor.

The dream that God had given to Abram is now in full swing. The descendants of Abraham are now living as slaves, suffering with cruelty and bondage, so much that when God does send to them a deliverer they could not respond due to the harshness and cruelty of their lives. They were in a survival mode and desperate for a change. It is getting close to the four hundred or so year mark and the set-time that God told Abraham his people would come out by a great deliverance and possessions.

How will this happen and why, thousands of years later, are people still remembering and marking this event? I hope you will continue with me on this quest. Let’s begin!

INTRODUCTION:

Personal or Small Group Study

1. What does the word Seder really mean? _____

2. God had told Israel to keep the _____ every year on a certain day. This was also to become a new _____ of the months and the _____, for on this certain day it will be remembered how God _____and _____ His people from slavery in Egypt.

3. When Abram had his dream, what were the two things that were used to confirm the covenant with Abraham? The _____ and the _____.

4. Genesis 15:13 AMP - God said to Abram, “Know for sure that your _____ will be _____ [living temporarily] in a land (Egypt) that is not theirs, where they will be _____ and oppressed for _____ years.

5. The number 40 is the number of “_____” or “a generation”, while the number 10 is the number of “_____”.

6. This is where our story begins; with a _____ and a _____.

Can you relate to this? If so, how?

_____

7. Dreams are many times given to us by God to show us _____ of future _____, but

also to help us not to be _____ and not to trust in our own _____ and strength.

8. Describe what Joseph does that gets him in trouble with his brothers?

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9. Have you ever heard the statement, “Don’t share your dreams with your half -brothers?” What does that mean to you?

_____

10. Genesis 45:7 NKJV - God sent me before you to preserve a _____ for you in the earth, and to save your lives by a great _____.

11. Exodus 1:8-9 NKJV - Now there arose a _____ king over Egypt, who did not know _____ 9 And he said to his people, “Look, the people of the children of Israel are _____ and _____than we;

12. Exodus 1:12-13 NKJV - But the more they _____ them, the more they multiplied and _____. And they were in _____of the children of Israel. 13 So the Egyptians made the children of Israel _____with rigor.

CHAPTER ONE:

What is in Your Hand?

So we began with Abraham because he is known as the “Father of Faith” and the father of all who call Jesus Lord.

Romans 4:16 NKJV
16 Therefore it is of faith that it might be according to grace, so that the promise might be sure to all the seed, not only to those who are of the law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all.

At the end of Abram’s dream God tells him that his descendants have the promise of inheriting the land of the seven nations of Canaan.

Genesis 15:14-20 NKJV
14 And also the nation whom they serve I will judge; afterward they shall come out with great possessions. 15 Now as for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried at a good old age. 16 But in the fourth generation they shall return here, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete.”17 And it came to pass, when the sun went down and it was dark that behold, there appeared a smoking oven and a burning torch that passed between those pieces. 18 On the same day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying: “To your descendants I have given this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates— 19 the Kenites, the Kenezzites, the Kadmonites, 20 the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Rephaim, 21 the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites, and the Jebusites.”

Apparently, from the dream we can gather that the process of redemption from slavery, to the time of their possession of the Promised Land, will take some time. They will need a god who will perform miracles. So, if God is going to do this, then He needs to have someone on the earth to work through.

By divine providence a young child, Moses, is miraculously spared from

Pharaoh's decree to kill all the males of the Hebrews. He is adopted by Pharaoh's daughter, who also compensates Moses' real mother to care for him until he is weaned.

When he is older, something inside Moses begins stirring him to see his people, but in his zeal and haste he kills one of Pharaoh's taskmasters and has to flee Egypt for his life.

Moses had presumed that the Israelites would have recognized him as the one God sent as a deliverer, but they did not. So now, on the backside of a desert, Moses keeps the sheep of his father-in-law faithfully for forty years. Like Joseph, his dream of being a deliverer or something great has now died. Yet, as the children of Israel began to cry out, the Bible says that God remembers His covenant promise with the patriarchs and a thorn bush is lit with a supernatural fire that doesn't consume the bush. It was then that Moses turned aside to see and God spoke to him.

Exodus 3:4-10 NKJV

4 So when the Lord saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." 5 Then He said, "Do not draw near this place. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground." 6 Moreover He said, "I am the God of your father—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look upon God. 7 And the Lord said: "I have surely seen the oppression of My people who are in Egypt, and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters, for I know their sorrows. 8 So I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and large land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites. 9 Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel has come to Me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. 10 Come now, therefore, and I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring My people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt."

So now God has Moses' attention and will give him instructions on what to do, what to say and what He will need to bring His people out of Egypt. God has not forgotten what He told Abraham and what He would do after four hundred years to his descendants.

“Why is this story so important”, you might be thinking. In the Passover Seder, the entire story, with all the details, are read as a reminder of the God who performed miracles in the past and still does them today. The connection and testimony of what God did in the past can also point and lead to a testimony of what God will continue to do in the future. So now let’s look at some of the things Moses says and uses to cooperate with God and see the great deliverance.

Exodus 4:1-5 NKJV

Then Moses answered and said, “But suppose they will not believe me or listen to my voice; suppose they say, ‘The Lord has not appeared to you.’”

2 So the Lord said to him, “What is that in your hand?”

He said, “A rod.” 3 And He said, “Cast it on the ground.” So he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from it. 4 Then the Lord said to Moses, “Reach out your hand and take it by the tail” (and he reached out his hand and caught it, and it became a rod in his hand), 5 “that they may believe that the Lord God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has appeared to you.”

One of the hidden truths about Passover is beginning to be revealed through what Moses has in his hand. I want you to go with me back to the very beginning of creation where God gives to mankind an authority to rule and have dominion over the earth.

When Adam and Eve sinned they lost the glory that covered them and were banished from the Garden of Eden and the Tree of Life. In the garden the devil, disguised as a snake or serpent, used his power of deception to deceive Eve by having her question or doubt what God said. When Eve began to look at the fruit and listen to the lie of the serpent, she was tempted and her desire overcame her and she and Adam lost the authority and dominion God had given them.

Genesis 1:26-28 NKJV

26 Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all[b] the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” 27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over

every living thing that moves on the earth."

When God asked Moses, "What is in your hand," God knew it was a rod. The rod was a reference to authority; specifically the authority that was given to man in the garden and later lost.

ROD: A staff, a branch, as of ruling a scepter.
Figuratively a tribe comes from a root word meaning to extend or stretch.

Even the very definition of rod indicates "a ruling or authority that can be of a leader or a people." The rod must be stretched or extended in its definition and this is what Moses will do many times at the command of God towards Pharaoh.

God is showing Moses that in his hand is the rod of God's authority and power and all he needs to do is stretch it out and use what God has put in his hand. This is a powerful truth because we, too, have been given the authority of Christ Himself, including the authority of His Name, yet we are not stretching or extending the authority that has been given us to free the people.

So Moses is getting a lesson from God on the power of his authority as Moses throws the rod down and it becomes a serpent. God tells Moses to take the serpent by the tail and it becomes a rod again. So what does a serpent have to do with Passover?

SERPENT: A SNAKE to hiss, i.e. whisper a (magic) spell; generally, to prognosticate

ROOT WORD OF SERPENT IS: To practice divination, divine, observe signs, learn by experience, diligently observe, practice fortunetelling, sorcery take as an omen

Egypt is a land that has given itself over to the divination of the serpent. They were a people who worshipped many false gods and idols. They looked to the power of sorcery and magic as the true authority. When God redeems Israel, He will execute judgment on the gods of Egypt according to Exodus 12:12.

Genesis 3:1 WEB
Now the serpent was more subtle than any animal of the field which Yahweh God had made. He said to the woman, "Has God really said, 'You shall not eat of any tree of the garden?'"

To be subtle, be shrewd, be crafty, beware, take crafty counsel, be prudent

Subtle: also means to make naked, to uncover.

This is how the serpent, by deception, caused Adam and Eve to be naked, uncovered and separated form God's glory, His presence and His Light. We can see something about the serpent from the very beginning, The serpent is crafty and his desire is to uncover or make man naked. He desires to take man's glory for himself and steal man's authority. This is exactly what happens in the garden.

In the garden, Adam and Eve gave away their rod of authority to the serpent (devil). They lost their glory and authority and they immediately began to try to cover themselves. This is how the subtle serpent works his magic. In Egypt, Israel will have to get desperate enough to cry out for a deliverer who can take the authority and power back from the serpent and Egypt. Moses is the man who will uses the rod to swallow up Pharaoh's serpents.

Exodus 7:8-13 NKJV
8 Then the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying, 9 "When Pharaoh speaks to you, saying, 'Show a miracle for yourselves,' then you shall say to Aaron, 'Take your rod and cast it before Pharaoh, and let it become a serpent.'" 10 So Moses and Aaron went in to Pharaoh, and they did so, just as the Lord commanded. And Aaron cast down his rod before Pharaoh and before his servants, and it became a serpent. 11 But Pharaoh also called the wise men and the sorcerers; so the magicians of Egypt, they also did in like manner with their enchantments. 12 For every man threw down his rod, and they became serpents. But Aaron's rod swallowed up their rods.

The Passover is a time that the authority of God is greater than the demonic realm and powers of Egypt. Passover is a time where God shows up and shows off. His power and authority will be known above every other power and authority. This is very good news, for Passover is a time of the miraculous power of God.

Moses went before Pharaoh. The rod that was stretched out by Aaron ate up Satan's subtle serpent. The rod of God's authority is seen in the Passover as the power to redeem.

REDEEM: To buy back, act as kinsman-redeemer, avenge, revenge, ransom,

do the part of a kinsman by marrying brother's widow to beget a child for him, to redeem from slavery, to redeem land, to exact vengeance

Satan, as the subtle serpent, uncovered man in the garden, but the Passover Lamb has the power to redeem and take back what the devil stole! The blood of the Lamb applied to your life gives you covering and restoration of what was lost by Adam in the garden.

Now it’s time to look at the miracle of Passover more closely because the miracle that happened to Israel actually happened to you, if you know Jesus. So, like Moses, start to take the rod of authority in your hand and use it to swallow Satan’s subtle serpent and deliver the people.

CHAPTER ONE:

Personal or Small Group Study

1.Romans 4:16 NKJV - Therefore it is of _____ that it might be according to _____, so that the promise might be sure to all the _____, not only to those who are of the law, but also to those who are of the faith of _____, who is the _____ of us all.

2.The land that was promised to Abraham was promised to whom by God?

_____

3.What does God remember when the children of Israel cry out in their bondage?

_____

4.When Moses turned aside to look, what happened?

_____

5.What happens in your life when you turn aside to see what God is saying?

_____

6.What do you think would be the results of turning from the world and to God?

_____

7. God is showing Moses that in his _____ is the rod of God's _____ and power and all he needs to do is _____ it out and use what God has put in his hand.

8. Do you feel that as a Christian you must too use the power and authority that has been given to you in His name? How can you access and use this power more?

_____

9. In the Passover Seder, the entire story, with all the details, are read as a _____ of the God who performed _____ in the past and still does them today.

10. The Passover is a time that the _____ of God is greater than the demonic realm and _____of Egypt.

11. Egypt is a land that has given itself over to the _____ of the serpent. They were a people who _____ many false gods and idols.

12. They looked to the power of _____ and magic as the true _____. When God redeems Israel, He will execute _____on the gods of Egypt.

CHAPTER TWO:

Your Passover Miracle

Genesis 15:13-14NLT
13 Then the Lord said to Abram, “You can be sure that your descendants will be strangers in a foreign land, where they will be oppressed as slaves for 400 years. 14 But I will punish the nation that enslaves them, and in the end they will come away with great wealth.

The promise given to Abram does come to pass, but not without miraculous intervention from God Himself. The desire of God has always been for fellowship and to receive true worship. He desires to have a nation and a people who will be a light to the nations on how life is really meant to be. In order for this to happen, what will it take? MIRACLES!

A miracle is a divine supernatural intervention by God’s hand into a naturally impossible situation or circumstance.

Exodus 4:22-23 NKJV
22 Then you shall say to Pharaoh, ‘Thus says the Lord: “Israel is My son, My firstborn. 23 So I say to you, let My son go that he may serve Me. But if you refuse to let him go, indeed I will kill your son, your firstborn.”’”

Israel is God’s nation that He chose to be His. From the very beginning God warns Pharaoh of what would happen to his firstborn if he continues to refuse God’s people to come and worship Him in the wilderness. Moses explains what God has told him to the elders and look at what was said.

Exodus 3:15-22 NKJV
5 Moreover God said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the children of Israel: ‘The Lord God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This is My name forever, and this is My

memorial to all generations.’ 16 Go and gather the elders of Israel together, and say to them, ‘The Lord God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, appeared to me, saying, “I have surely visited you and seen what is done to you in Egypt; 17 and I have said I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt to the land of the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites, to a land flowing with milk and honey.”’ 18 Then they will heed your voice; and you shall come, you and the elders of Israel, to the king of Egypt; and you shall say to him, ‘The Lord God of the Hebrews has met with us; and now, please, let us go three days’ journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to the Lord our God.’ 19 But I am sure that the king of Egypt will not let you go, no, not even by a mighty hand. 20 So I will stretch out My hand and strike Egypt with all My wonders which I will do in its midst; and after that he will let you go. 21 And I will give this people favor in the sight of the Egyptians; and it shall be, when you go, that you shall not go empty-handed. 22 But every woman shall ask of her neighbor, namely, of her who dwells near her house, articles of silver, articles of gold, and clothing; and you shall put them on your sons and on your daughters. So you shall plunder the Egyptians.”

When Moses told Pharaoh about the three days of worship, he refused and made life even harder on the Hebrews. Not only would they have to keep up the building quota, but also gather the materials to make the bricks. There is something interesting about “three days”. It will be mentioned six times in the Passover story. Let’s look what happens to Israel during the plague of darkness over Egypt.

Exodus 10:21-23

21 Then the Lord said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, darkness which may even be felt.” 22 So Moses stretched out his hand toward heaven, and there was thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three days. 23 They did not see one another; nor did anyone rise from his place for three days. But all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings.

It is in these three days we can see a similarity in what happened to Jesus after His crucifixion and death. He was in the darkness for three days. It was in the darkness of the grave that death could be felt. In death, Jesus destroyed the power of the devil.

Notice it was dark in Egypt, but Israel had supernatural and miracle light in their homes. The power of darkness would not be able to stand against the light inside Israel. When Jesus came He was the Light that the darkness could not overcome. The dark grave was no match for the Light of the World.

Psalm 88:6
You have laid me in the lowest pit, In darkness, in the depths.

So, three days of darkness is relevant because it points to Jesus who was three days in the darkness of the grave. After three days, Jesus rose with the keys to death, hell and the grave.

So what is it going to take to get Israel finally free from Egypt? It will take ten judgments or plagues that will be executed on the gods of Egypt. The number ten is significant in the Bible because it can mean “judgment” and also “a legal congregation”. It is also the number of the Ten Commandments given to the congregation of Israel near Mount Sinai.

Here is a summary of each plague and the gods of Egypt that were judged.

Exodus 11:1-7MEV
Now the Lord said to Moses, “I will still bring one plague more upon Pharaoh, and upon Egypt. Afterwards he will let you go from here. When he lets you go, he shall surely thrust you out from here altogether. 2 Speak now in the hearing of the people, and let every man borrow of his neighbor and every woman of her neighbor, articles of silver and articles of gold.

The final plague or judgment will be a fulfillment of what was originally told to Pharaoh about letting Israel, God’s firstborn go so they may worship for three days in the wilderness. God had promised Abram in a dream that there would be 400 years of slavery and then his descendants would be free and come out with great wealth and abundance.

•Pharaoh would promise after each judgment to let Israel go from Egypt and worship their God but he would quickly change his mind when the judgment ceased.

•It was not until the 10th judgment that Pharaoh would finally release Israel to their destiny.

•The 10th plague or judgment was one that dealt with Pharaoh's legacy, future and family. It is the death of the first-born.

Now let's read about this tenth plague and the greatest of the miracles.

Exodus 12:1-12 NT

The Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron in Egypt: 2 "This month is to be the first month of the year for you. 3 Give these instructions to the whole community of Israel: On the tenth day of this month each man must choose either a lamb or a young goat for his household. 4 If his family is too small to eat a whole animal, he and his next-door neighbor may share an animal, in proportion to the number of people and the amount that each person can eat. 5 You may choose either a sheep or a goat, but it must be a one-year-old male without any defects. 6 Then, on the evening of the fourteenth day of the month, the whole community of Israel will kill the animals. 7 The people are to take some of the blood and put it on the doorposts and above the doors of the houses in which the animals are to be eaten. 8 That night the meat is to be roasted, and eaten with bitter herbs and with bread made without yeast. 9 Do not eat any of it raw or boiled, but eat it roasted whole, including the head, the legs, and the internal organs. 10 You must not leave any of it until morning; if any is left over, it must be burned. 11 You are to eat it quickly, for you are to be dressed for travel, with your sandals on your feet and your walking stick in your hand. It is the Passover Festival to honor me, the Lord. 12 "On that night I will go through the land of Egypt, killing every first-born male, both human and animal, and punishing all the gods of Egypt. I am the Lord. 13 The blood on the doorposts will be a sign to mark the houses in which you live. When I see the blood, I will pass over you and will not harm you when I punish the Egyptians. 14 You must celebrate this day as a religious festival to remind you of what I, the Lord, have done. Celebrate it for all time to come."

•The children of Israel would kill a spotless and innocent lamb as a substitute and redemption for their own first-born.

•The substitute of the lamb for the firstborn of Israel has a hidden meaning.

•Israel was considered God's first-born people. To redeem them they would need a lamb as a substitute and price of redemption.

•Prophetically, Jesus is the Lamb of God that is a substitute for the sins of

Israel and the world. When Jesus died on the cross, He was the paid-in-full price of redemption to redeem Israel and those who would believe in their God.

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

The judgment of the first-born and the application of the blood on houses of Israel cannot be overstated in importance of prophetic implications. For in this we can easily see how it brought, or should I say, bought a powerful redemption for Israel from the clutches of Egypt.

Each family must kill and eat a lamb in haste on the 14th of Nissan. On the tenth of that month, the lamb would be chosen and inspected for five days for blemishes or impurities. At the same time, all Israel would kill the lamb, roast it and then eat it with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. The blood of the lamb must be applied to each homes doorway in three places.

The Israelites had to do this in obedience and in faith, for that is what God is pleased by and was required by Him. As they did this, the angel of death would Passover their homes and execute the final judgment that will bring them to travel the next day into a new beginning of freedom from the slavery and cruelty of Egypt.

Passover is a time of miracles. Those who have been born again have come out of spiritual Egypt and have crossed over into the Kingdom of Light. You have been grafted in to Israel, according to Romans chapter eleven, and have the privilege of being connected forever through Abraham, David and Jesus. If Passover is a time of miracles and freedom for Israel, then it is for you too!

Galatians 3:26-29 NLT
26 For you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus. 27 And all who have been united with Christ in baptism have put on Christ, like putting on new clothes 28 There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And now that you belong to Christ, you are the true children of Abraham. You are his heirs, and God’s promise to Abraham belongs to you.

•God told Abraham he would be blessed to be a blessing so that all the families of the earth would be blessed through his seed (Messiah-Jesus).

•The blessing would intertwine or graft us into the family of Abraham who was known as a Hebrew (One who has crossed over).

•Abraham crossed over from the Euphrates River and from idol worship into a new land and the true and living God.

•Israel crossed over the Red Sea into a new beginning

•You have crossed over out of spiritual Egypt into the Kingdom of Light.

•When you celebrate and keep the Passover, you are declaring the blood of the Lamb has redeemed you from sin and spiritual Egypt, which is a type of the worldly systems and kingdom.

•You are declaring the power of the cross and the blood of the Lamb that has crossed you from death to life and from darkness to light.

•You are declaring how the God of miracles has redeemed you and your people from slavery, oppression and bondage.

PASSOVER IS YOUR TIME FOR MIRACLES!

•*MIRACLES OF DELIVERANCE*

•*MIRACLES OF SALVATION*

•*MIRACLES OF FREEDOM AND NEW BEGINNINGS*

•*MIRACLES OF FINANCIAL WEALTH TRANSFERS*

•*MIRACLES OF HEALING.*

Psalm 105:37 GNT
Then he led the Israelites out; they carried silver and gold, and all of them were healthy and strong.

Exodus 4:19-23 NKJV
19 Now the Lord said to Moses in Midian, “Go, return to Egypt; for all the men who sought your life are dead.” 20 Then Moses took his wife and his sons and set them on a donkey, and he returned to the land of Egypt. And Moses took

the rod of God in his hand. 21 And the Lord said to Moses, “When you go back to Egypt, see that you do all those wonders before Pharaoh which I have put in your hand. But I will harden his heart, so that he will not let the people go. 22 Then you shall say to Pharaoh, ‘Thus says the Lord: “Israel is My son, My firstborn. 23 So I say to you, let My son go that he may serve Me. But if you refuse to let him go, indeed I will kill your son, your firstborn.”’”

CHAPTER TWO:

Personal or Small Group Study

1.A _____ is a divine supernatural _____ by God's hand into a naturally _____ situation or circumstance.

2.Exodus 4:22-23 NKJV
22 Then you shall say to Pharaoh, 'Thus says the Lord: "Israel is My _____, My _____ 23 So I say to you, let My son go that he may serve Me. But if you refuse to let him go, indeed I will kill your _____, your _____."

3.How many days did Moses ask Pharaoh to let the children of Israel go into the wilderness? _____. What did God want them to do there?

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4.Why are the three days and this number significant?

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5.The number ten is significant in the Bible because it can mean _____ and also a _____ congregation. It is also the number of the Ten _____given to the congregation of Israel near Mount Sinai.

6.God had promised Abram in a _____that there would be _____ years of slavery and then his descendants would be free and come out with great _____ and abundance.

7.It was not until the _____judgment that Pharaoh would finally release Israel to their _____.

8.Who is Jesus is proclaimed by God to be?

_____

9.Israel was considered God's _____-_____ people. To redeem them they would need a lamb as a _____ and price of _____.

10.Prophetically, Jesus is the Lamb of God that is a _____ for the sins of Israel and the _____. When Jesus died on the cross, He was the paid-in-full price of _____ to redeem _____and those who would believe in their God.

11.When you celebrate and keep the _____, you are declaring the _____of the Lamb has redeemed you from sin and _____Egypt, which is a type of the worldly_____ and kingdom.

12.You are declaring the power of the _____ and the blood of the Lamb that has crossed you from _____ to life and from _____ to light.

13.You are declaring how the God of _____has redeemed you and your _____ from slavery, _____ and bondage.

14.What Kingdom have you crossed over from and are now in?

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CHAPTER THREE:

Redeemed by the Blood of the Lamb

Redeem: To buy back, act as kinsman-redeemer, avenge, revenge, ransom, do the part of a kinsman by marrying brother's widow to beget a child for him, to redeem from slavery, to redeem land, to exact vengeance

Exodus 13:15 MEV
15 And when Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, that the Lord killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man, and the firstborn of beast. Therefore, I sacrifice to the Lord the first male offspring of every womb, but all the firstborn of my sons I redeem.'

The first-born of all sons would belong to God, but an offering of a lamb could redeem them. Jesus is the first-born Son of God according to John 3:15! Jesus will give His life as an unblemished Lamb to redeem the rest of Israel & all of mankind from the bondage of sin and death.

Jesus is from the tribe of Judah and a near kin to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. The Torah law has provision for a right of redemption when someone or a family loses or forfeits their inheritance, which can include their name, land and possessions. Our God is a god of justice and mercy and He has provided some ways for His people to see restoration. You can see this in great detail in the book of Ruth as Boaz, a type of Jesus and kinsman redeemer, buys back Naomi's lost inheritance and marries Ruth to re-establish the family name.

Ruth was a Moabite under a ten-generation curse who saw redemption and a new beginning. The Israelites, who were redeemed after ten-generations (or four hundred years), saw God's power, justice and mercy.

Leviticus 25:25 ISV
"If your brother becomes so poor that he has to a sell portion of his

inheritance, then his nearest kinsman redeemer is to come and redeem what his brother has sold.

Exodus 13:13 MEV

13 But every first offspring of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb. And if you do not redeem it, then you shall break its neck, and all the firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem.

God has always required the first and the best of everything. In His mercy He allows us to redeem back the firstborn in their place.

Exodus 6:2-9 NLT

2 And God said to Moses, “I am Yahweh—‘the Lord.’ 3 I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob as El-Shaddai—‘God Almighty’ —but I did not reveal my name, Yahweh, to them. 4 And I reaffirmed my covenant with them. Under its terms, I promised to give them the land of Canaan, where they were living as foreigners. 5 You can be sure that I have heard the groans of the people of Israel, who are now slaves to the Egyptians. And I am well aware of my covenant with them. 6 “Therefore, say to the people of Israel: ‘I am the Lord. I will free you from your oppression and will rescue you from your slavery in Egypt. I will redeem you with a powerful arm and great acts of judgment. 7 I will claim you as my own people, and I will be your God. Then you will know that I am the Lord your God who has freed you from your oppression in Egypt. 8 I will bring you into the land I swore to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. I will give it to you as your very own possession. I am the Lord!’” 9 So Moses told the people of Israel what the Lord had said, but they refused to listen anymore. They had become too discouraged by the brutality of their slavery.

•Jesus is the first-born Son of God! He gave His life as an unblemished Lamb to redeem the rest of Israel & all of mankind from the bondage of sin and death.

•When you accept Jesus as Messiah, you become grafted and intertwined with Israel and the covenant God gave to Abraham the Hebrew. (Romans 11)

•When Jesus dies, as the Lamb of God He doesn’t just take away Israel’s sins like He promised in Jeremiah 31, He also takes away the sins of the world.

John 1:29 NKJV

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

When Jesus is worshipped in the book of Revelation, you will see He is identified as the Lamb slain before the world began. You see, God made provision for our redemption even before Adam fell. This is why Passover is so powerful; it gives us a glimpse into the heart of God. When God poured out his wrath on Egypt, it was so He could redeem His people and give them back the inheritance He had promised Abraham.

The lamb for Egypt was actually something the held in high regard and worshipped. This shows us how a partial truth is sometimes more dangerous than a blatant lie. The Lamb is to be worshipped, but not the animal that is created by God. The Lamb of God is Jesus and He took away the sin of the world. It is He alone that is worthy, worthy, worthy!

Revelation 13:8 NKJV
8 All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

Revelation 5:8-14 NKJV
8 Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. 9 And they sang a new song, saying: “You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, 10 And have made us king and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth.”

The blood of the Lamb applied to your heart is necessary for redemption and salvation. Just like the blood of the lamb had to be put on three places on the doorway to each house, the blood of Jesus must be applied to our hearts, our minds and our bodies.

Another way to look at where the blood is to be applied is how the priest would put the blood of atonement on the right ear, the right thumb and the right big toe of the foot. We can see that the blood needs to be applied to what we hear, what we do, and where we walk as well.

The agreement and covenant God has with Israel is for you who have been

grafted and intertwined and have become the seed of Abraham. In the next chapter we will see how the Passover is not just a one-time event, but also an appointed time to be kept by faith and obedience. I like to tell people, “You don’t have to keep the Passover, but you get to!” You have been redeemed from Satan and sin’s power! You have access now to the throne of grace and can come boldly because of the blood of the Lamb.

As we close this chapter, I hope you are seeing the secrets that are revealed prophetically in the Passover story. There is still so much more! The power to overcome the enemy is and will forever be in the blood of our Passover Lamb.

Hebrews 10:16-19 LB

16 “This is the agreement I will make with the people of Israel, though they broke their first agreement: I will write my laws into their minds so that they will always know my will, and I will put my laws in their hearts so that they will want to obey them.” 17 And then he adds, “I will never again remember their sins and lawless deeds.” 18 Now, when sins have once been forever forgiven and forgotten, there is no need to offer more sacrifices to get rid of them. 19 And so, dear brothers, now we may walk right into the very Holy of Holies, where God is, because of the blood of Jesus.

•The blood has to be applied to your heart and life and purchase you out of the slavery of sin and connect you to God as His covenant people and the congregation.

•The spiritual connection to God comes through the blood of Jesus and new birth where you get a spiritual blood transfusion!

•You get a new DNA and you can trace your lineage back to the Father of Faith, Abraham, through Christ.

Galatians 3:29

29 And if you are Christ’s, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.

1 Peter 1:18-19 AMP

18 For you know that you were not redeemed from your useless [spiritually unproductive] way of life inherited [by tradition] from your forefathers with perishable things like silver and gold, 19 but [you were actually purchased] with precious blood, like that of a [sacrificial] lamb unblemished and spotless, the

priceless blood of Christ.

A false, ungodly inheritance had been passed down, but what was Peter really talking about? Since he knew the Scriptures, he knew Israel's history; of how it got divided and how both the House of Judah and the House of Israel had gone astray into idolatry. The inheritance passed down were the lies that they could worship idols of gold & silver and that this would make them righteous before God. This was the sin of Jeroboam who caused Israel to sin with the worship of golden calves in Bethel and in Dan.

Jeroboam led the ten Northern tribes into apostasy saying it was too difficult to keep the appointed feasts and travel to Jerusalem to offer the sacrifice, which was the way it was written in God's instructions. The sin of Jeroboam took on many forms. It had in its root the pride of rebellion and stubbornness. He made false priests, false holidays and false places to worship, just to name a few of his ways. He also led the ten Northern tribes of Israel, known as the House of Israel, or Ephraim, into sin and they eventually lost their identity and were scattered by the Assyrians into the nations.

1 Kings 12:28-31 NLV
28 So the king asked the leaders what he should do. And he made two calves of gold. Then he said to the people, "It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem. Here are your gods, O Israel, that brought you up from the land of Egypt." 29 He put one in Bethel, and the other in Dan. 30 Now this thing became a sin. For the people went to worship in front of them, even as far as Dan. 31 Jeroboam made houses on high places. He made religious leaders from among all the people, who were not of the sons of Levi.

Revelation 9:20 CEV
The people who lived through these terrible troubles did not turn away from the idols they had made, and they did not stop worshiping demons. They kept on worshiping idols that were made of gold, silver, bronze, stone, and wood. Not one of these idols could see, hear, or walk.

•The price of redemption is not silver, gold, or worship that is not in sprit and truth. The price of redemption is not self-righteousness.

•God does not accept man's idolatry and false worship as a price of redemption.

Psalm 4:6-9 LB

6 They trust in their wealth and boast about how rich they are, 7 yet not one of them, though rich as kings, can ransom his own brother from the penalty of sin! For God's forgiveness does not come that way.8-9 For a soul is far too precious to be ransomed by mere earthly wealth. There is not enough of it in all the earth to buy eternal life for just one soul, to keep it out of hell.

•When you celebrate Passover, you are celebrating the one and true God who redeems from Egypt.

Deuteronomy 6:20-24 GW

20 In the future your children will ask you, "What do these regulations, laws, and rules which the Lord our God commanded you mean to you?" 21 Tell them, "We were Pharaoh's slaves in Egypt, but the Lord used his mighty hand to bring us out of there. 22 Right before our eyes the Lord did miraculous signs and amazing things that were spectacular but terrible for Egypt, Pharaoh, and his whole family. 23 The Lord led us out of there to bring us here and give us this land he promised to our ancestors with an oath. 24 The Lord our God commanded us to obey all these laws and to fear him. These laws are for our own good as long as we live so that he will preserve our lives. It's still true today.

God redeems us from Egypt to bring us into a place of freedom and blessing! The price of redemption is costly and cannot be measured by silver or gold. It is Christ alone who has become our Passover Lamb and He alone has redeemed His congregation, which are His people and His church.

Psalm 74:2 NAS

Remember Your congregation, which You have purchased of old, Which You have redeemed to be the tribe of Your inheritance; And this Mount Zion, where You have dwelt.

1 Chronicles 17:20-22 LB

20 O Lord, there is no one like you—there is no other God. In fact, we have never even heard of another god like you! 21 "And what other nation in all the earth is like Israel? You have made a unique nation and have redeemed it from Egypt so that the people could be your people. And you made a great name for yourself when you did glorious miracles in driving out the nations from before your people. 22 You have declared that your people Israel belong to you forever,

and you have become their God.

•When you celebrate the Passover, you are celebrating a New Beginning and a New Life!

•When the first murder in the Bible occurred, the blood of Abel, a righteous man, began to cry out for justice from the earth.

The blood of Jesus that has been applied to our heart speaks in heaven for us and gives us more than justice; it gives us access as sons and daughters to a Father.

Hebrews 12:24 AMP
24 And to Jesus, the Mediator (Go-between, Agent) of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood which speaks [of mercy], a better and nobler and more gracious message than the blood of Abel [which cried out for vengeance].

Revelation 12:10-11NKJV
10 Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, “Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. 11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.

Psalm 107:1-2 NKJV
Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever. 2 Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, Whom He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy,

The price and power of redemption is so great. Before Jesus died, He had one last meal with His disciples. It reveals a deeper and hidden meaning of Passover. Are you ready to hear it? Let’s continue together!

CHAPTER THREE:

Personal or Small Group Study

1.What does the word redeem mean to you?

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2.Exodus 13:15 MEV - I _____ to the Lord the first male offspring of every womb, but all the _____ of my sons I _____.'

3.Jesus is from the tribe of _____ and a near kin to the lost sheep of the house of _____. The _____ law has provision for a right of _____ when someone or a family loses or forfeits their _____, which can include their name, land and _____.

4.Leviticus 25:25 ISV - "If your brother becomes so _____ that he has to a sell portion of his _____, then his nearest kinsman _____ is to come and _____what his brother has sold.

5.Jesus is the _____-_____ Son of God! He gave His life as an unblemished Lamb to _____ the rest of _____ & all of _____ from the bondage of sin and death.

6.When you accept Jesus as Messiah, you become _____ and intertwined with Israel and the covenant God gave to Abraham the _____. (Romans 11)

7.What three places does Jesus apply His blood in our lives?

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8.We can see that the blood needs to be applied to what we

_____, what we _____, and where we _____ as well.

9.The _____ has to be applied to your heart and life and _____ you out of the slavery of _____ and connect you to God as His _____ people and the _____.

10.God redeems us from Egypt to bring us into a place of _____ and _____! The price of _____ is costly and cannot be measured by _____or _____.

11.The blood of Jesus that has been applied to our heart speaks in heaven for our _____ and gives us more than _____, it gives us _____ as sons and daughters to a _____.

12.When Jesus became your Passover Lamb and died for you, it connected you to Abraham and the promises made to his seed. Describe how this truth makes you feel and respond?

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CHAPTER FOUR:

Jesus in the Passover

The Passover is the first appointed time and yearly celebration that the children of Israel were given by God to remember they are a redeemed people. Passover is the first of seven appointed times (Moedim) that are given to God's people to rehearse and remember God's faithfulness in the past, as well as a sign and shadow of things to come.

The Moedim were actually given by God in the book of Genesis when He created the sun, moon and stars for Moedim.

Genesis 1:14 GW
Then God said, "Let there be lights in the sky to separate the day from the night. They will be signs and will mark religious festivals, days, and years.

MOED: properly, an appointment, a fixed time or season; specifically, a festival; conventionally a year; by implication, an assembly (as convened for a definite purpose); technically the congregation; by extension, the place of meeting; also a signal (as appointed beforehand): —appointed (sign, time), (place of, solemn) assembly, congregation, (set, solemn) feast, (appointed, due) season, solemn(-ity), synagogue, (set) time (appointed).

ROOT WORD: a primitive root; to fix upon (by agreement or appointment); by implication, to meet (at a stated time), to summon (to trial), to direct (in a certain quarter or position), to engage (for marriage):—agree,(make an) appoint(-ment, a time), assemble (selves), betroth, gather (selves, together), meet (together), set (a time).

The seven Moedim are found in Leviticus chapter twenty three.

Guess which one is the first to be kept? *You are right*; it is **Passover**.

Leviticus 23:4-5 NKJV
4 ‘These are the feasts of the Lord, holy convocations which you shall proclaim at their appointed times. 5 On the fourteenth day of the first month at twilight is the Lord’s Passover.

Now, let’s look at Jesus in the Passover on the night of His betrayal. What He does and what happens to Him that night can be seen prophetically in the first Passover when God redeemed His people from Egypt.

Matthew 26:17, 18, 26-27 NKJV
17 Now on the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying to Him, “Where do You want us to prepare for You to eat the Passover?” 18 And He said, “Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, ‘The Teacher says, “My time is at hand; I will keep the Passover at your house with My disciples.”’”

26 And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, “Take, eat; this is My body.” 27 Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you. 28 For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. 29 But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father’s kingdom.”

Jesus is taking the bread and the cup and speaks a blessing, which is customary in the Passover Seder meal. Then Jesus begins to explain the true meaning of Passover. It is not just the redemption of Israel from Egypt, but the bread represents His body to be broken and given as a Passover Lamb and the cup is now to be remembered as the blood that He sheds as that Lamb. Every time the Passover is to be kept, it is to be with this greater revelation and remembrance. Jesus is also pointing to the covenant that will be written on the hearts of the house of Israel and Judah. So if Jesus is the Passover Lamb, then let’s confirm this with the Scriptures.

The Passover season actually begins five days before on the tenth of the month when a lamb is chosen and inspected.

Exodus 12:3
3 Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying: ‘On the tenth of this month

every man shall take for himself a lamb, according to the house of his father, a lamb for a household.

If Jesus were the Lamb that Israel would choose, then He must be inspected for blemishes and faults. What many have called the “Passion Week beginning” is actually an inspection of the lamb.

John 18:35-38 NKJV

35 Pilate answered, “Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered You to me. What have You done?” 36 Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here.” 37 Pilate therefore said to Him, “Are You a king then?” Jesus answered, “You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.” 38 Pilate said to Him, “What is truth?” And when he had said this, he went out again to the Jews, and said to them, “I find no fault in Him at all.

The Talmud is a book that contains the teachings and opinions of thousands of Jewish rabbis on a variety of subjects. It tells what happened when 600,000 Jewish heads of household began rounding up their lambs on the 10th of Nissan.

The lamb was worshipped as a deity in ancient Egypt, so this caused quite a commotion. The firstborn of Egypt confronted the Jews, and were told: "We are preparing an offering to God. In four days, at the stroke of midnight, God will pass through Egypt in order to execute the tenth and final plague; all firstborn will die, and the people of Israel nation will be freed."

The firstborn, having already witnessed the first nine plagues occur exactly as Moses had warned, approached Pharaoh and his generals and demanded that the Jews be freed immediately. When Pharaoh refused, the firstborn took up arms against Pharaoh's troops, killing many of them.

John 19:4-6 NKJV

5 Then Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. And Pilate said to them, “Behold the Man!” 6 Therefore, when the chief priests and officers saw Him, they cried out, saying, “Crucify Him, crucify Him!”

Pilate said to them, “You take Him and crucify Him, for I find no fault in

Him."

Again, Pilate says another two times that he cannot find fault in Jesus who will be offered upon the cross as the Passover Lamb. Let's read the part of the Passover story that has to do with the lamb and see what else we can find to point to Jesus.

Exodus 12:5-10 NKJV

5 Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats. 6 Now you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month. Then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it at twilight. 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. 8 Then they shall eat the flesh on that night; roasted in fire, with unleavened bread and with bitter herbs they shall eat it. 9 Do not eat it raw, nor boiled at all with water, but roasted in fire—its head with its legs and its entrails. 10 You shall let none of it remain until morning, and what remains of it until morning you shall burn with fire.

Why a lamb or goat? The ten Passover plagues were specifically against the Egyptian gods. They worshiped many gods. They also worshipped the sun, moon and stars. During the month of Nissan, the main constellations in the sky are Capricorn/kid goat (dominates at midnight) & Aries/ram/lamb (dominates at dawn; this was the deity of the first born of Egypt). During this time there is a full moon. They believed this was when the gods were at their peak in power.

God destroyed their lamb/goat gods that they worshipped in the sky on the very night they were supposed to be at their most powerful. He showed Egypt that HE was the True God, the God who made the stars. He replaced their "lamb-god" with the true Passover Lamb of God! One of the reasons the Passover lamb had to be eaten that night and anything left burned by fire is because that is what God commanded Israel to do to any idol or false god. It must be burned with fire! (Deuteronomy 7)

The details regarding the Passover lamb were specific and each was confirmed and fulfilled by what Jesus did as our Passover Lamb. The first Passover marked a new spiritual year and new beginning. It was to be kept as a memorial and an appointed day. This is what Jesus, His disciples and all

Jerusalem were doing on the very same Passover time when Jesus would be crucified. Jesus would fulfill everything written about the lamb in Exodus.

•**A lamb must be chosen** (Exodus 12:3)

•**A lamb must be a male** (Exodus 12:5)

•**A lamb must be without blemish** (Exodus 12:5)

•**A lamb must be killed at twilight** (Exodus 12:6)

•**The bones are not to be broken (**Exodus 12:46)

•**The blood must be sprinkled on the doorposts** (Exodus 12:7)

•**The lamb must be roasted with fire** (Exodus 12:7)
•**The sacrificed lamb must be eaten** (Exodus 12:8-11)
•**The lamb must be eaten with bitter herbs** (Exodus 12:8)
•**The remains must be burned with fire** (Exodus 12:10)

Exodus 12:21-27 NKJV
21 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. 22 And you shall take a bunch of hyssop, 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 none of you shall go out of the door of his house until morning. 23 For the Lord will pass through to strike the Egyptians; and when He sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the Lord will pass over the door and not allow the destroyer to come into your houses to strike you. 24 And you shall observe this thing as an ordinance for you and your sons forever. 25 It will come to pass when you come to the land, which the Lord will give you, just as He promised, that you shall keep this service. 26 And it shall be, when your children say to you, ‘What do you mean by this service?’ 27 that you shall say, ‘It is the Passover sacrifice of the Lord, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt when He struck the Egyptians and delivered our households.’” So the people bowed their heads and worshiped.

Even the hyssop that was used to apply the lamb’s blood to the house and the bitter herbs will be seen in what happens to Jesus, our Passover Lamb.

John 19:28-37 NKJV

28 After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, “I thirst!” 29 Now a vessel full of sour wine was sitting there; and they filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on hyssop, and put it to His mouth. 30 So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, “It is finished!” And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit. 31 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. 32 Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who was crucified with Him. 33 But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. 34 But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out. 35 And he who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you may believe. 36 For these things were done that the Scripture should be fulfilled, “Not one of His bones shall be broken.” 37 And again another Scripture says, “They shall look on Him whom they pierced.

The sour wine represents the bitter herbs that they were to eat with the lamb on the Passover night. The hyssop was a plant that is first mentioned in Exodus as to the application of the blood on the doorposts (mezuzah). It is applied with the hyssop. The soldiers gave Jesus the sour wine with the hyssop branch on the cross. The hyssop itself is very pungent and bitter. It is commonly used as a cleansing agent.

Leviticus 14:1-7 NKJV

Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 2 “This shall be the law of the leper for the day of his cleansing: He shall be brought to the priest. 3 And the priest shall go out of the camp, and the priest shall examine him; and indeed, if the leprosy is healed in the leper, 4 then the priest shall command to take for him who is to be cleansed two living and clean birds, cedar wood, scarlet, and hyssop. 5 And the priest shall command that one of the birds be killed in an earthen vessel over running water. 6 As for the living bird, he shall take it, the cedar wood and the scarlet and the hyssop, and dip them and the living bird in the blood of the bird that was killed over the running water. 7 And he shall sprinkle it seven times on him who is to be cleansed from the leprosy, and shall pronounce him clean, and shall let the living bird loose in the open field.

Hyssop is used many times prophetically in the Bible in the cleansing of the leprosy where two birds are used; one is killed and the living one is cleansed

with the dead bird's blood over running water with the hyssop. This also points to Jesus.

In Jesus' death we see blood and water flowing from His side. The cleansing of the dead bird (House of Israel) is cleansing spiritual leprosy off the living bird that is being dipped into the water and the blood and sprinkled with the hyssop. There are other things and elements that also point to the work of the cross.

•**Cedar** – hard stiff wood – represents pride
•**Scarlet Yarn** – represents sin (though your sins be red as scarlet)
•**Red Heifer** – represents Satan and his ultimate desire to be God.
•**Hyssop** – flexible and bends; represents humility; (1 Kings 4:33), a humble plant springing out of the wall; the extreme contrast to the cedar.
•**Running Water** – mayim chaim "living waters"
•**Leprosy** – the result of lashon hara (gossip; slander; ruining someone's reputation)

Moses also used hyssop at the foot of Mount Sinai. This is when the people receive the Torah and promised to obey it.

Exodus 24:6-8 NKJV
6 And Moses took half the blood and put it in basins, and half the blood he sprinkled on the altar. 7 Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read in the hearing of the people. And they said, "All that the Lord has said we will do, and be obedient." 8 And Moses took the blood, sprinkled it on the people, and said, "This is the blood of the covenant which the Lord has made with you according to all these words."

The book of Hebrews gives the details concerning how the blood is sprinkled and how it is always done with the hyssop, just like the first Passover.

Hebrews 9:19-22 NKJV
19 For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water, scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, 20 saying, "This is the blood of the covenant which God has commanded you." 21 Then likewise he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle and all the vessels of the ministry. 22 And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without

shedding of blood there is no remission.

So, we can see the hyssop not just in the Passover, but as a way the blood of the covenant is confirmed; by pointing back to the Passover and being applied to the doorposts of the home. Hyssop is also flexible and, like Jesus, we must be humble and willing to bend and bow to the will of the Father.

I have given you much to think about. I hope you are seeing how special the Passover is and why you get to keep it! Finally, I want you to realize, if it happened to the descendants of Abraham, then it happened to you and to your descendants. Don't let anyone disconnect you from your inheritance or from being an heir of salvation.

In the Passover Seder ceremony, the Passover story is read and rehearsed again to remind Israel of the greatness of their God who has delivered and will continue to deliver. I want you to experience the power of keeping and celebrating this feast as a descendant of Abraham.

Galatians 3:29 NKJV
29 And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Deuteronomy 5:1-3 NKJV
And Moses called all Israel, and said to them: "Hear, O Israel, the statutes and judgments which I speak in your hearing today, that you may learn them and be careful to observe them. 2 The Lord our God made a covenant with us in Horeb. 3 The Lord did not make this covenant with our fathers, but with us, those who are here today, all of us who are alive.

Deuteronomy 6:20-24 NKJV
"When your son asks you in time to come, saying, 'What is the meaning of the testimonies, the statutes, and the judgments which the Lord our God has commanded you?' 21 then you shall say to your son: 'We were slaves of Pharaoh in Egypt, and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand; 22 and the Lord showed signs and wonders before our eyes, great and severe, against Egypt, Pharaoh, and all his household. 23 Then He brought us out from there that He might bring us in, to give us the land of which He swore to our fathers. 24 And the Lord commanded us to observe all these statutes, to fear the Lord our God, for our good always, that He might preserve us alive, as it is this day.

Remember, now that you know it happened to your ancestors, it happened to you! If you desire, you may choose to do a Passover Seder like Jesus did. If so, I have included one for you to do with your family, friends or a church congregation. I have included some teaching in the ceremony so those who participate can see Jesus in the Passover and that, as a Christian, this is their heritage, privilege and blessing.

God brought you out of spiritual Egypt, but that was just the beginning. He brought you out to bring you into an inheritance and blessing. Remember: “You don’t have to; you get to!”

CHAPTER FOUR:

Personal or Small Group Study

1.Passover is the first of seven _____ times (Moedim) that are given to God's people to _____ and _____ God's faithfulness in the past as well as a sign and _____of things to come.

2.Where in the Bible are the seven Moedim found? _____

3.Leviticus 23:4-5 NKJV - 4 'These are the feasts of the Lord, holy _____ which you shall proclaim at their _____ times. 5 On the _____ day of the first month at twilight is the Lord's _____.

4.Jesus begins to explain the true meaning of _____. It is not just the redemption of Israel from Egypt, but the _____ represents His body to be broken and given as a _____ Lamb and the _____ is now to be remembered as the _____ that He sheds as that Lamb. Every time the Passover is to be kept, it is to be with this greater _____ and remembrance

5.The first Passover marked a new _____ year and new _____. It was to be kept as a memorial and an _____ day.

6.The sour _____ represents the _____ herbs that they were to eat with the lamb on the Passover night.

7.The hyssop itself is very pungent and _____. It is commonly used as a _____ agent.

8.So, we can see the hyssop not just in the Passover, but as a way the blood

of the covenant is _____; by pointing back to the _____ and being applied to the doorposts of the home. _____ is also flexible and, like Jesus, we must be _____willing to _____ and bow to the will of the Father.

9.Hebrews 9:22 - And according to the law almost all things are purified with _____, and without shedding of blood there is no _____.

10.What meal did Jesus eat as His last supper? _____

11.What did Jesus reveal to His disciples during this time?

_____

12.When the church receives communion, what Moedim are we always pointing to?

_____

13.Galatians 3:29 NKJV - 29 And if you are _____, then you are _____ seed, and heirs according to the promise.

14.Deuteronomy 5:1-3 NKJV - And Moses called all Israel, and said to them: “Hear, O Israel, the statutes and judgments which I speak in your hearing today, that you may _____them and be careful to _____ them. 2 The Lord our God made a _____ with us in Horeb. 3 The Lord did not make this covenant with our fathers, but with us, those who are here _____, all of us who are _____.

15.Deuteronomy 6:24 NKJV - 24 And the Lord commanded us to observe all these statutes, to fear the Lord our God, for our _____ _____, that He might preserve us alive, as it is this day.

16.It is Jesus who redeemed you from spiritual Egypt. He is your Passover Lamb. When you celebrate the Passover, what are some of the blessings you can expect?

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THE PASSOVER SEDER

Introduction:

It is a great Joy and honor for us to celebrate the Passover with you. We gather as family, friends and the Lord's people.

This biblical tradition has been done for about four thousand years. Immediately at the exodus of Israel from Egypt, an appointed time was to be remembered each year and celebrated. This is one of the greatest celebration times Israel had because it was during this time that they would go to Jerusalem and rejoice with their families and remember the God who redeemed them and brought them out of over four hundred years of bondage and slavery in Egypt.

It is evident through the Scriptures that in New Testament times, the apostles and churches were also keeping this feast to point, not only to the physical deliverance and bondage from Egypt, but also as a reminder of what Jesus had done for them as the final payment and atonement for sin.

On the night Jesus was betrayed, he was eating a Passover meal similar to what we will do tonight. The scriptures teach:

I Corinthians 11:23-26

"23 For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; 24 and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me." 25 In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." 26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes."

As we celebrate the Passover together may we ever be reminded of our redemption and purchase from the bondage and slavery of sin! It is Jesus alone

who has become our salvation and given us the blessing of sharing in this appointed time and feast of the Lord. As you celebrate may you receive the revelation and riches of your inheritance at this time.

PASSOVER SEDER SERVICE

- The Passover Service Begins: Introduction
- Lighting of the Candles
- The Telling of the Passover Story
- The Meaning of the Four Cups
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- The Cup of Elijah

•The Blessing of the Fourth Cup of Wine

•Dayenu & Adir Hu Songs

•Conclusion

Lighting the Yom Tov (Holiday) Candles

Before the start of Sabbath or appointed days, it is traditional for the women of the household to light two candles in honor of the holiness of the day. Men or any family members may also do this. The candles are to also remind us of the light of God's Word and the welcoming of the Holy Spirit, who brings His people into rest and shalom peace.

After lighting the candles, recite:
Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the Universe, who has sanctified us with His commandments and commanded us that we kindle the Yom Tov (Holiday) lights.

The story of Passover begins with Father Abraham, the first "Hebrew" who crossed over from idolatry and the Euphrates River to follow and worship the one true and living God. God came to Abraham and offered him a promise of covenant and blessing.

Genesis 12:1-3 NIV
The Lord had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you.2 "I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.

By faith, Abraham began to worship and follow God and went out not knowing where he was going.

One night when Abraham went to sleep, something strange happened.

Genesis 15:12-14 ICB
12 As the sun was going down, Abram fell into a deep sleep. While he was asleep, a very terrible darkness came. 13 Then the Lord said to Abram, "You can

be sure that your descendants will be strangers and travel in a land they don’t own. The people there will make them slaves. And they will do cruel things to them for 400 years. 14 But I will punish the nation where they are slaves. Then your descendants will leave that land, taking great wealth with them.

The dream that God gave to Abraham was a warning of slavery to his descendants and a promise of deliverance of the Passover story.

In the fourth generation from Abraham, Jacob, who God changed his name to Israel, has twelve sons who will be known as the children of Israel.

One of these sons, Joseph, is sent to Egypt by divine providence and preserves the family of Israel who are now 70 in number. Joseph becomes a prince in Egypt and the children of Israel settle in Goshen and begin to multiply greatly.

Exodus 1:8-14 ICB

8 Then a new king began to rule Egypt. He did not know who Joseph was. 9 This king said to his people, “Look! The people of Israel are too many! And they are too strong for us to handle! 10 We must make plans against them. If we don’t, the number of their people will grow even more. Then if there is a war, they might join our enemies. Then they could fight us and escape from the country!” 11 So the Egyptians made life hard for the people of Israel. They put slave masters over the Israelites. The slave masters forced the Israelites to build the cities Pithom and Rameses for the king. These cities were supply centers in which the Egyptians stored things. 12 The Egyptians forced the Israelites to work even harder. But this made the Israelites grow in number and spread more. So the Egyptians became more afraid of them. 13 They forced the Israelites to work even harder. 14 The Egyptians made life hard for the Israelites. They forced the Israelites to work very hard making bricks and mortar. They also forced them to do all kinds of hard work in the fields. The Egyptians were not merciful to them in all their hard work.

For 400 years the Egyptians made Israel slaves and made them serve with hard bondage, just like in the horrible dream God warned Abraham.

Things were getting worse and worse as Pharaoh decreed that all the male children born of Israel would be thrown into the river and drowned.

It was during this time a baby named Moses was born. His mother hid him

and his sister Miriam took him to the river in a small ark. Pharaoh's daughter saw Moses and had compassion on the Hebrew child.

Pharaoh's daughter asked Miriam to find someone to nurse Moses, so she brought him back to his mother who nurtured Moses until the time he would go live in the palace as a prince of Egypt.

When Moses was older he went to visit his people in slavery and saw an Egyptian beating a man. Moses rose up, killed the man and hid him in the sand. What he had done became known to Pharaoh, so he fled to the wilderness where he stayed for 40 years.

It was during this time that the children of Israel began to cry out to God for freedom and deliverance. God remembered His covenant with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (Israel).

Moses met the God of Israel on a mountain where he heard God talk to him out of the midst of a bush that was on fire, but was not consumed.

It was there that God told Moses to go back to Egypt, for Pharaoh was now dead. He was to go back and be the deliverer he was destined and born to be.

God told Moses not to be afraid, for when Pharaoh finally lets the children of Israel go, they will come out with many signs, wonders and great wealth just like He told Abraham.

When Moses went back to Egypt, he spoke to the elders and leaders of Israel who had a hard time believing until Moses and his brother, Aaron, showed them the rod and demonstrated God's power.

Moses went to meet with Pharaoh and asked for the permission for Israel to go in the wilderness and worship their God as He has appointed them. He told pharaoh, "Let my people go!"

Pharaoh used this opportunity to make life even harder for the Israelites by forcing them to gather even the materials to make the bricks and keep up their same production as before. The people were mad at Moses, who seemed to now be making things worse for them.

Moses and Aaron then went before Pharaoh with the rod and it became a

snake. Pharaoh's magicians threw down their rods that also became snakes. Moses' rod then consumed the other snakes and Aaron picked his rod up, but Pharaoh's heart just became hardened.

Tonight, as a reminder and in obedience to God's instructions in the Torah and God's Word, we will celebrate the Passover as the first of the appointed feasts of the Lord.

The feast of Passover begins by first removing all leaven from the place you reside. This is typically done the day before the Passover begins.

When Israel suddenly left Egypt, they had no time for their bread to rise and were commanded to eat bread without leaven for seven days.

Leaven is symbolic of the sin of pride in which, like yeast, puffs up and permeates into our lives rapidly when unchecked. The Israelites were to search diligently to remove any leaven as a sign they would have faith and trust in God 's power and not their own.

PRIDE MANIFESTS ITSELF IN THREE WAYS:

STUBBORNESS - REFUSING TO HEAR

REBELLION - REFUSING TO OBEY AND DO WHAT IS RIGHT

APATHY - REFUSING TO RESPOND TO GOD'S INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

WHEN WE ARE PROUD WE LIFT OURSELF UP AND RELY ON OUR OWN STRENGTH AND WISDOM RATHER THAN HAVING FAITH AND TRUSTING IN GOD.

After the leaven was removed they would have a Passover meal called the Seder, which means "order". At the Passover Seder we are reminded that the story of redemption has happened for each one of us.

Deuteronomy 6:20-24 NKJV
"When your son asks you in time to come, saying, 'What is the meaning of the testimonies, the statutes, and the judgments which the Lord our God has commanded you?' 21 then you shall say to your son: 'We were slaves of Pharaoh

in Egypt, and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand; 22 and the Lord showed signs and wonders before our eyes, great and severe, against Egypt, Pharaoh, and all his household. 23 Then He brought us out from there that He might bring us in, to give us the land of which He swore to our fathers. 24 And the Lord commanded us to observe all these statutes, to fear the Lord our God, for our good always, that He might preserve us alive, as it is this day.

THE PASSOVER FESTIVAL IS THE FIRST OF THE SEVEN MOEDIM OR DIVINE APPOINTMENTS. THE FIRST ONE SETS THE COURSE FOR THE REST. IT IS A REHEARSAL, REMINDER AND FORETELLING OF A GOD "WHO WAS, WHO IS AND WHO IS TO COME." THE PASSOVER IS THE STORY OF THE EXODUS FROM EGYPT, BUT IT REMINDS BELIEVERS IN JESUS THAT WE WERE ALL IN THE DARKNESS OF EGYPT'S SIN AND SYSTEMS OF IDOLATRY BEFORE WE CROSSED OVER OUT OF DARKNESS AND WERE BORN AGAIN.

PASSOVER IS ACTUALLY THE BEGINNING OF THE SPIRITUAL CALENDAR FOR ISRAEL.

PASSOVER REMINDS US THAT WE HAVE CROSSED OVER FROM DEATH TO LIFE AND WE HAVE A NEW BEGINNING IN CHRIST AND WITH A GOD WHO REDEEMS HIS PEOPLE FROM ALL TYPES OF SLAVERY & BONDAGE!

THE SEDER WILL CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING:

(A TRADITIONAL SEDER PLATE MAY BE USED FOR DISPLAY.)

•MATZAH- (UNLEAVENED BREAD) THREE WHOLE PIECES WRAPPED IN A NAPKIN

•MAROR- (BITTER HERBS) FOR HARSH TREATMENT AND HARD LABOR

•CHAROSET- MORTAR & BRICKS (WINE, NUTS & CINNAMON)

•LAMB SHANK: PASSOVER LAMB

•KARPAS- (PARSLEY) FOR HOPE & A NEW SEASON

•SALT WATER: SYMBOLIC OF TEARS

•WINE (4 CUPS) FOUR PROMISES FROM GOD

The Cup of Sanctification — "I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians"

The Cup of Judgment or Deliverance — "I will deliver you from slavery to them"

The Cup of Redemption — "I will redeem you with an outstretched arm"

The Cup of Praise or Restoration— "I will take you to be my people, and I will be your God"

The Seder begins with the first cup of wine (*sanctification*); this reminds us that it is only God that has brought His people out of Egypt.

Now lift up your cup of wine and say:
" BLESSED ARE YOU, OH LORD, OUR GOD KING OF THE UNIVERSE, WHO HAS SANCTIFIED US, GIVING US THE FRUIT FROM THE VINE"

•NOW DRINK THE FIRST CUP OF WINE WHILE RECLINING, FOR YOU ARE NOW FREE FROM EGYPTY AND FULL FROM GOD'S PROMISED BLESSING.

KARPAS
Now take the Karpas (Parsley) and dip into the salt water as a reminder of the tears that were shed while in slavery.

AFIKOMEN
In the center of the table are the three Matzos. A leader from each table is to take the center Matzah, and wrap it in a napkin and hide it for the children to find at the end of the meal. This piece is called the Afikoman which is traditionally a substitute for the Passover Sacrifice.

MATZAH
The Matzah is a symbol of affliction and slavery. Even the Matzah itself looks like it has been beaten and has many marks and indentions. The Matzah is a symbol that your day of deliverance can come at any moment. Just like the

Matzah, “Yeshua”-Jesus was beaten and bruised with many stripes as was foretold in Isaiah chapter 53. At His death His broken and bruised body was wrapped in a white cloth. He gave His life on Passover night as a sacrificial lamb. Jesus was buried on the Feast of Unleavened Bread. Just like the Afikoman, He is hidden and waiting for those who have the heart of a child to search for Him and find the gift of Eternal Life. Jesus is the middle and the center unleavened bread who was broken for the atonement of the sins of Israel and the world.

WHEN JESUS WAS A BOY HIS PARENTS CAME TO JERUSALEM TO HONOR THE MOEDIM FEAST DAY OF PASSOVER. SOMEHOW HIS PARENTS LOST HIM AND WENT HOME ONLY TO COME BACK AND FIND JESUS THREE DAYS IN THE TEMPLE ATTENDING TO HIS FATHER’S WILL AND BUSINESS.

JESUS WAS HIDDEN THREE DAYS IN THE TEMPLE AND THEN FOUND.

JESUS ALSO SAID HIS BODY WAS A TEMPLE THAT WOULD BE DESTROYED, BUT THREE DAYS LATER WOULD RISE AGAIN (John 2:19)

THE AFIKOMEN REMINDS US THAT THE SON WILL BE THE BROKEN UNLEAVENED BREAD (MATZAH) THAT WILL BE HIDDEN AND ENJOYED BY THOSE WHO SEARCH FOR HIM AND FIND HIM!

Jeremiah 29:13
You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

God is looking for us to humble ourselves and become converted as little children so we can receive the kingdom of God and Jesus the Passover Lamb to redeem us as His people.

THE FOUR QUESTIONS

Why is this night different from all other nights?

1.“Why, on all other nights we eat bread with leaven, but on this night we only eat Matzah?”

We eat only matzah because our ancestors could not wait for their breads to rise when they were fleeing slavery in Egypt, and so they took the breads out of their ovens while they were still flat, which was matzah.

2."Why is it that on all other nights we eat all kinds of herbs, but on this night we eat only bitter herbs?"

We eat only Maror, a bitter herb, to remind us of the bitterness of slavery that our ancestors endured while in Egypt.

3.“Why, on all other nights we don’t dip, but on this night we dip twice?”

We dip twice – First the green Karpas in salt water, and second the Maror in Charoset, a sweet mixture of nuts and wine. The first dip, green vegetables in salt water, symbolizes the replacing of tears of sorrow with gratefulness and joy, and the second dip of Maror in **Charoset**, symbolizes sweetening the burden of bitterness and suffering to lessen the pain.

4."Why, on all other nights we eat meat which has been roasted, stewed, or boiled, but on this night we eat only roasted meat?"

We eat roasted meat because God commanded each family on Passover to sacrifice and eat a roasted lamb and apply its blood to the door of their homes.

SHANK BONE

The shank bone on our Seder plate symbolizes our rejection of idolatry and the ways of Egypt. Idolatry has taken a different form in every age. We have witnessed idolatry when people place faith and trust in someone or something

other than God. The presence of the shank bone on our Seder plate reminds us of our obligation to have faith and obey God and the instructions of His living Word & Torah. When we do this, we His people, bring light to a dark world.

MATZAH

(Holding up a piece of matzah.) What is the meaning of the matzah? Matzah reminds us of the dough our people that was baked the night they left Egypt. We left in such a hurry that we did not have time to allow the dough to rise.

•BLESSING OF THE MATZAH

Blessed are You, Lord our God, Ruler of the universe, who makes us holy with commandments and commands us to eat Matzah.

MAROR

(Holding up the bitter herbs.) What is the meaning of the maror? It is bitter and eating it makes us cry. On Passover, we try to feel the bitterness of slavery and shed the tears our people shed when they were enslaved in Egypt.

SANDWICH

Blessed are You, Lord our God, ruler of the universe, who makes us holy with commandments and commands us to eat Maror.

We follow the custom and tradition of making a matzah and maror sandwich. We eat the maror of slavery together with the matzah of freedom. In times of slavery there is always the hope of freedom. In times of freedom, there is always the memory of slavery.

John 8:31

Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, “If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. 32 And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

THE TEN PLAGUES

The Egyptians, like many pagan cultures, worshiped a wide variety of nature-gods and attributed to their powers the natural phenomena they saw in the world around them. There was a god of the sun, of the river, of childbirth, of crops, etc. Events like the annual flooding of the Nile, which fertilized their croplands, were evidences of their gods' powers and good will. When Moses approached Pharaoh, demanding that he let the people go, Pharaoh responded by saying, "Who is the Lord that I should obey His voice to let Israel go? I know not the Lord; neither will I let Israel go." (Exodus 5:2) Thus began the challenge to show whose god was more powerful.

The later crops, wheat and rye, which had survived the hail, were now devoured by the swarms of locusts. There would be no harvest in Egypt that year.

We continue the story of the Passover by rehearsing the 10 plagues that God used to pronounce judgment on the gods of Egypt and free His people Israel. After each of the plagues we will say together: "LET MY PEOPLE GO!" When we recall the plagues against Egypt, we remove a drop of wine —our symbol of joy—from our wine cup for each plague.

1.Water turned into blood
2.Frogs
3.Lice
4.Flies
5.Diseased livestock
6.Boils
7.Thunderstorm of hail and fire
8.Locusts
9.Darkness for three days
10.Death of the first-born

Each Plague sent to Egypt is to show Pharaoh and the people of Egypt that there is only one true God and He has all power and can deliver His people from bondage and the false gods of Egypt and worldly systems.

The tenth and last plague, the death of the firstborn males, was a judgment on Isis, the protector of children. In this plague, God was teaching the Israelites a deep spiritual lesson that pointed to Christ. Unlike the other plagues, which the Israelites survived by virtue of their identity as God's people, this plague required an act of faith by them. God commanded each family to take an unblemished male lamb and kill it. The blood of the lamb was to be smeared on the top and sides of their doorways, and the lamb was to be roasted and eaten that night.

THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB MUST BE APPLIED TO YOUR LIFE, YOUR MIND, YOUR HANDS, YOUR HEART & YOUR FEET!

THE BLOOD OF CHRIST ON YOUR HOUSE KEEPS DEATH AND DARKNESS AWAY! THE BLOOD CHANGES YOUR THOUGHTS, YOUR PASSIONS & DESIRES, WHAT YOU DO WITH YOUR HANDS AND WHERE YOU GO AND WALK

Any family that did not follow God's instructions would suffer in the last plague. God described how He would send the death angel through the land of Egypt, with orders to slay the firstborn male in every household, whether human or animal. The only protection was the blood of the lamb on the door. When the angel saw the blood, he would pass over that house and leave it untouched (Exodus 12:23). This is where the term Passover comes from. Passover is a memorial of that night in ancient Egypt when God delivered His people from bondage.

1 Corinthians 5:7 teaches that Jesus became our Passover when He died to deliver us from the bondage of sin. While the Israelites found God's protection in their homes, every other home in the land of Egypt experienced God's wrath as their loved ones died. This grievous event caused Pharaoh to finally release the Israelites.

2ND CUP OF WINE (DELIVERANCE)

This cup reminds us that we are no longer slaves but free people. May we never go back to a life of slavery and bondage!

Now lift up your cup of wine together and say:

"*BLESSED ARE YOU, OH LORD, OUR GOD, KING OF THE UNIVERSE, WHO HAS SANCTIFIED US, GIVING US THE FRUIT FROM THE VINE.*"

THE PASSOVER MEAL IS EATEN

AFIKOMEN: This is the dessert that the children will now go and search for to be shared by all. Remember, this middle Matzah that was hidden is symbolic of Jesus, who in Hebrew is Yeshua, meaning salvation and deliverance. Jesus told His disciples to take the Matzah on the night of the Passover in remembrance of Him.

THIRD CUP OF WINE (REDEMPTION)

This cup reminds us we are a people who have been bought and paid for by the precious blood of the Lamb. It is only by God's power, love and grace that we are now free to worship in spirit and in truth.

Now lift up your cup of wine and say:

"*BLESSED ARE YOU, OH LORD, OUR GOD, KING OF THE UNIVERSE, WHO HAS SANCTIFIED, US GIVING US THE FRUIT FROM THE VINE.*"

(ELIJAH'S CUP) THE CUP OF MESSIAH'S RETURN

Tradition holds that we reserve a special cup of wine for the prophet Elijah. At each Seder we open our door so that the spirit of Elijah may enter our homes and our lives.

Elijah's cup represents the promise of messianic freedom. It symbolizes a time that has not yet fully come, but for which we long for and pray. The cup of Elijah is a cup from which we cannot drink until the redemption is complete, until the world is whole and at peace and all recognize Jesus the Messiah and Passover Lamb.

FOURTH CUP OF WINE (RESTORATION)

As we take this cup of wine we lift our voice and hearts in praise to the one true God who has called us to be His people and He, our God. There is no god like our God and no rock like our Rock. We are His people, the sheep of His pasture. He has redeemed us to God out of Egypt and all spiritual bondage. Jesus, our Passover Lamb, was slain before the foundation of the world. Tonight

we remember Him and the power of His blood to redeem. “Jesus, you are my Passover Lamb whose blood is applied to my spirit, soul and body. I have been redeemed from the hand of the enemy and I praise You now, for I am redeemed!”

Lift up the fourth cup of wine and say:

“BLESSED ARE YOU, OH LORD, OUR GOD, KING OF THE UNIVERSE, WHO HAS SANCTIFIED, US GIVING US THE FRUIT FROM THE VINE, & THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF THE LAMB.”

Selections from Psalms are recited, continuing our praise of God for redeeming on ancestors from Egypt and his continuous protection.

PSALM 135

Praise the Lord. Praise the name of the Lord; praise him, you servants of the Lord, 2 you who minister in the house of the Lord, in the courts of the house of our God 3 Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good; sing praise to his name, for that is pleasant 4 For the Lord has chosen Jacob to be his own, Israel to be his treasured possession 5 I know that the Lord is great, that our Lord is greater than all gods. 6 The Lord does whatever pleases him, in the heavens and on the earth in the seas and all their depths. 7 He makes clouds rise from the ends of the earth; he sends lightning with the rain and brings out the wind from his storehouses. 8 He struck down the firstborn of Egypt, the firstborn of people and animals. 9 He sent his signs and wonders into your midst, Egypt against Pharaoh and all his servants.

10 He struck down many nations and killed mighty kings—11 Sihon king of the Amorites, Og king of Bashan and all the kings of Canaan— 12 and he gave their land as an inheritance, an inheritance to his people Israel.13 Your name, Lord, endures forever, your renown, Lord, through all generations.

14 For the Lord will vindicate his people and have compassion on his servants. 15 The idols of the nations are silver and gold, made by human hands. 16 They have mouths, but cannot speak, eyes, but cannot see.

17 They have ears, but cannot hear, nor is there breath in their mouths.

18 Those who make them will be like them, and so will all who trust in them.

19 All you Israelites, praise the Lord; house of Aaron, praise the Lord;

20 house of Levi, praise the Lord; you who fear him, praise the Lord.

21 Praise be to the Lord from Zion, to him who dwells in Jerusalem.

Praise the Lord.

As we conclude telling the story of Passover, we sing a song listing all the wonderful acts God performed for the Israelites when they left Egypt.

DAYENU SONG: *Hebrew Version:*

Ilu ho-tsi, ho-tsi-a-nu, Ho-tsi-anu mi-Mitz-ra-yim Ho-tsi-anu mi-Mitz-ra-yim Da-ye-nu

Da-da-ye-nu, Da-da-ye-nu, Da-da-ye-nu, Da-da-ye-nu, Da-ye-nu Da-ye-nu

Chorus: Dai, da-ye-nu, .. Dai, da-ye-nu, .. Dai, da-ye-nu, .. Dayenu, Dayenu!

Dai, da-ye-nu, .. Dai, da-ye, .. Dai, da-ye-nu, .. Dayenu, Dayenu!

Had He brought all, brought all of us, brought all of us out from Egypt, then it would have been enough. Oh, Dayenu.

Had he judged just the Egyptians, just Egyptians not their idols, then it would have been enough oh Dayenu

Had he destroyed all the idols, and not smitten their first-born son, then it would have been enough. Oh Dayenu!

Had he smitten their first-born son, but not given us their wealth too, then it would have been enough. Oh, dayenu.

Had he given us just their wealth, just their wealth and not split the sea, then it would have been enough. Oh, Dayenu.

Had he just split, just split the sea, but not taken us on dry land, then it would have been enough. Oh, Dayenu.

Had he taken us on dry land, but not drowned all our oppressors, then it would have been enough. Oh, Dayenu.

Had he drowned all our oppressors, but not supplied our needs for years, then it would have been enough. Oh, Dayenu.

Had he just supplied for our needs, but not given us the manna, then it would have been enough. Oh, Dayenu.

Had he just fed us the manna, but not given us the Shabbat, then it would have been enough. Oh, Dayenu.

Had he just gave us the Shabbat, but not brought us to the mountain, then it would have been enough. Oh, Dayenu.

Had he brought us to Sinai, but not given us the Torah, then it would have been enough. Oh, Dayenu.

Had he given us the Torah, but not bring us into the land, then it would have been enough. Oh, Dayenu.

ADIR HU: MIGHTY IS GOD

Adir hu, adir hu ...

Chorus:
Yivneh veito bekarov,
Bimheirah, bimheirah,
Beyameinu beka'rov.

Ehl benei, Ehl benei
Benei veit-cha beka'arov.
Bachur hu, gadol hu, dagul hu (chorus)
Hadur hu, vatik hu, zakai hu (chorus)
Chassid hu, tahor hu, yachid hu (chorus)
Kabir hu, lamud hu, melech hu (chorus)
Nora hu, sagiv hu, iizuz hu (chorus)
Podeh hu, tzadik hu, kadosh hu (chorus)
Rachum hu, shaddai hu, takif hu

Yivneh veito bekarov,
Bimheirah, bimheirah,
Beyameinu beka'arov.
Ehl benei, Ehl benei
Benei veit-cha beka'arov!

MIGHTY IS GOD

Chorus:
May God build the Bet HaMikdash soon,
Speedily in our time, soon.

God - build; God - build,
Build your House soon!
Supreme is God, Great is God, Outstanding is God (chorus)
Glorious is God, Faithful is God, Worthy is God (chorus)
Kind is God, Pure is God, Unique is God (chorus)
Mighty is God, Wise is God, Majestic is God (chorus)
Awesome is God, Strong is God, Powerful is God (chorus)
Redeeming is God, Righteous is God, Holy is God (chorus)
Compassionate is God, Almighty is God, Resolute is God,

May God build the Bet HaMikdash soon,
Speedily in our time, soon. God - build; God - build,

Build your House soon!

CONCLUSION:

Our Passover Seder service is now concluded; we are keeping the Torah command given to us to celebrate the Passover. We do this in faith and obedience through the power of the Holy Spirit.

As we gathered together as a called out people to celebrate this Seder tonight, may we all celebrate again next year, bringing family & friends into greater freedom, revelation and truth. May God, who redeemed our ancestors from slavery, redeem all who are enslaved and bring true freedom to save the nations for His glory and praise.

May we be God's partners in bringing this redemption and light of life. Together, let us say: ***Next year in Jerusalem!***

About the Author

Kenneth “Ken” Albin was born in New York, but moved to Florida as a young seven-year-old. Shortly after moving, Ken’s parents were divorced, which left him deeply hurt for many years. During this time Ken, being Jewish, went to Hebrew school and Temple regularly. At the time of his thirteenth birthday and Bar Mitzvah, many confirmed a calling as a “rabbi” or “cantor” on his life.

It was soon after this that Ken’s grandparents met the Lord at a Full Gospel businessmen’s meeting. With momentum that came from above, Ken’s father, David accepted the Lord, Jesus as his Savior. Being moved by his father’s “born again” experience, Ken was now himself open to hear the message that so radically changed his dad’s life. In the summer of Ken’s sophomore year of high school, he gave his life to Jesus and his life was radically altered. He has been faithful to the house of God ever since. His mother, Racquel had also accepted Jesus and was now serving the Lord full time in Messianic ministry with her new husband, Rabbi Charles Kluge.

Ken has served in various areas of ministry including children’s ministry, youth ministry and music ministry. He also has served in both associate and senior pastor roles for over twenty years. He has earned his Bachelor of Theology from International Seminary and his Master’s Degree from Liberty University. He is also an accomplished singer/songwriter who has written over 100 songs. He loves to worship with the guitar and the keyboard.

Ken met his wife, Lisa at her grandfather’s church in Margate, Florida. They were married when Lisa was just eighteen years of age. Six years later they welcomed their only child, Brittney into the world. Today Brittney and her husband, A.J. serve with Ken and Lisa in ministry and have a beautiful daughter, Brielle.

Ken and Lisa founded Save the Nations Church along with a handful of committed people who gathered in a home on September 17, 2006. God had put a vision in their hearts to reach the nations and bring light to a hurting world.

Ken and Lisa currently serve as the overseeing pastors of the South Florida church campus in Broward County. As founders and pastors, they desire to inspire, instruct, resource and help people discover the destiny God has for them. The nations have become their home as together they travel to the nations, teaching, reviving and sharing the resources that help make influential disciples and bring people into appreciation of God's Torah, His "instructions."

Ken has always preached the word with the inspiration and revelation of the Holy Spirit. He has recently been on a journey to bring Christians into an understanding of the roots of their faith. "The Christian church has been hacked!" as Ken states in one of his latest books about restoring the inheritance and identity back to the church.

Presently, there are two international Save the Nations churches in Brazil: one in Rio and one in Marica'. Brazilian pastors, Diego and Kelly are doing an amazing work for God and great fruit is seen in that nation.

Ken has authored many books. All are available on Amazon. They are also being translated to Spanish, Portuguese and Russian languages.

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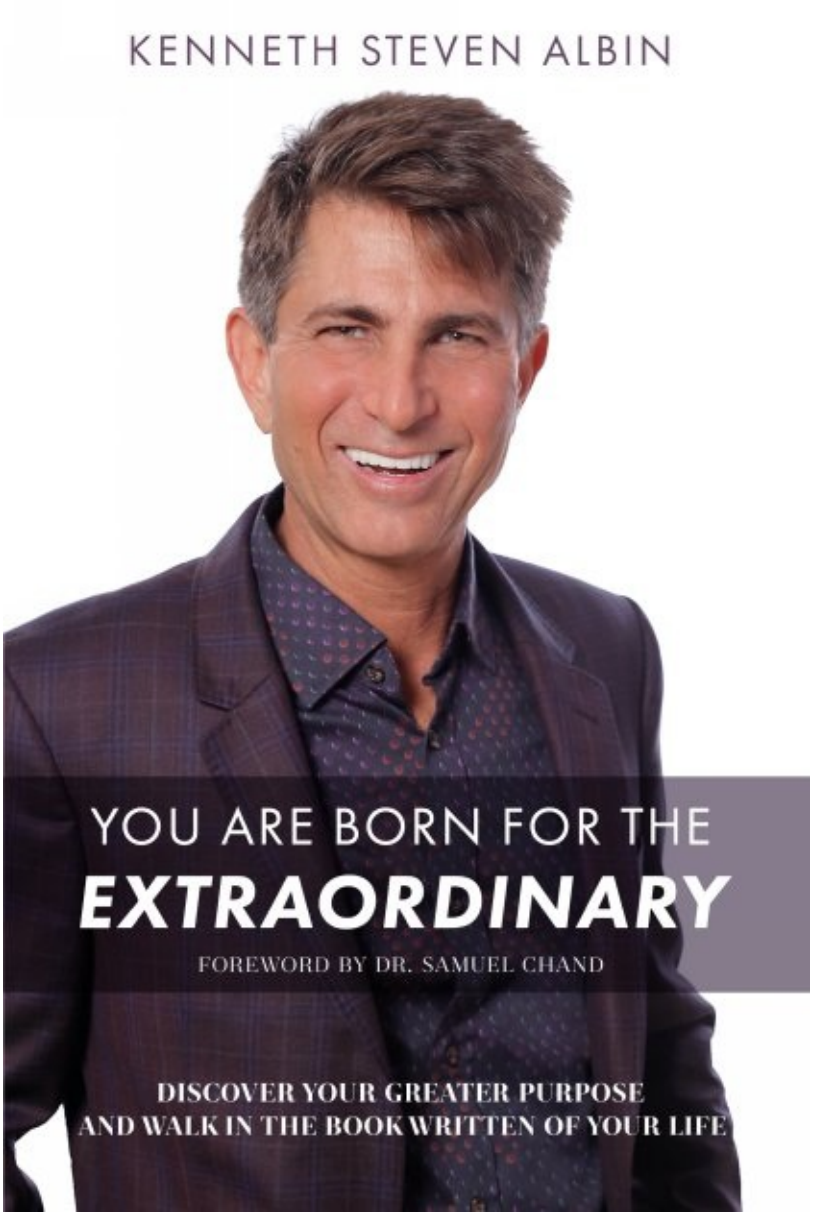
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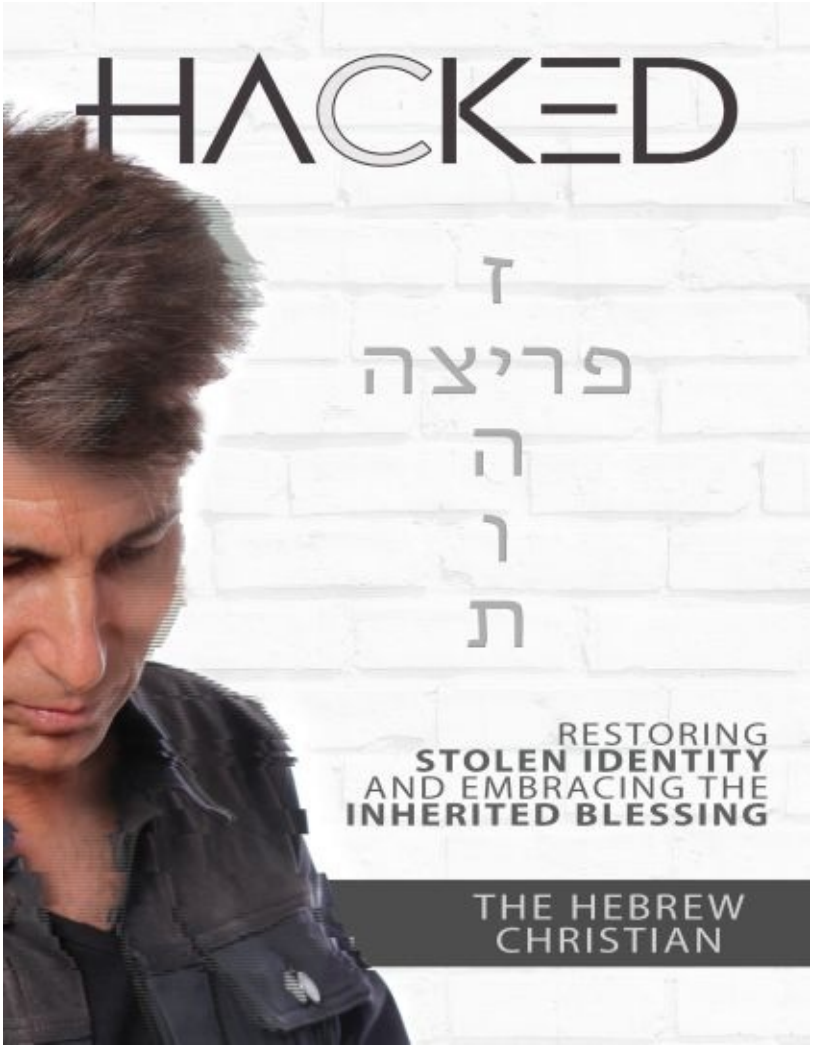
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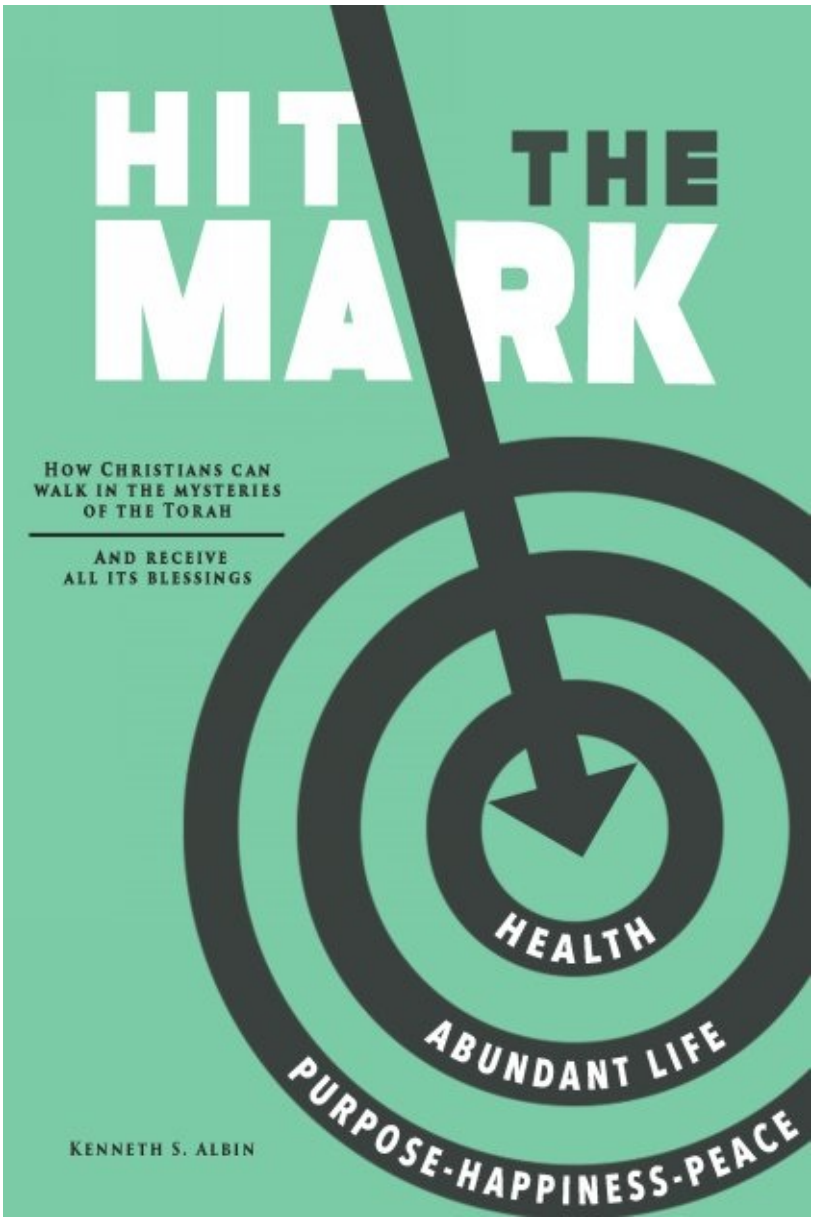
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