JESUS CHRIST THE PASSOVER LAMB - PART ONE

1 Cor 5:7

*Get rid of the old yeast, so that you may be a new unleavened batch—as you really are. For **CHRIST, OUR PASSOVER LAMB**, has been sacrificed. NIV*

John 1:29

*The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, **THE LAMB OF GOD**, Who takes away the sin of the world! NIV*

The Passover is the first and most significant festival among the seven annual Biblical festivals. The whole saga at Egypt and beyond was a type and shadow that beautifully mirrors the New Testament Gospel about Jesus Christ (**Heb 10:1-10, 8:5-6**). I would've loved to thoroughly elaborate on the detailed prophetic fulfillment of the Passover through Jesus Christ, but that would be revisiting things that I've better addressed in previous posts (the series "Biblical Ciphers and Codes"), and the book "The Biblical Festivals of God".

This post however is in response to some things recently learnt, and also to emphasize Biblical Truth over tradition.

From the two opening Passages I believe we can all agree that Jesus Christ is The Passover Lamb. In this light, we're saying He mirrors the Passover festival. To briefly draw some similarities:

None of the bones of the Passover Lamb was to be broken (**Ex 12:46**, **Ps 34:20**); in a similar fashion, none of Jesus' bones were broken, even though there was reason to, since the norm of crucifixion and accelerating death was to break the legs of the convicted, yet Jesus's bones were NOT broken like the other two people crucified along with Him (**John 19:31-36**).

Furthermore, the efficacy of the blood of the lamb applied on the doorpost of the Israelites to spare the firstborn from death wasn't based on the goodness or badness of the inhabitants. The judgment was simply that houses with the blood applied were passed over, but those without would experience the loss of the firstborn son. We can further infer that it wasn't based on the goodness of the Israelites, because subsequently throughout the journey in the wilderness they proved to be stubborn (**Deut 9:6**). Similarly, salvation by the Blood of Jesus is not dependent on one's goodness or badness (**Eph 2:8-9**, **Matt 22:9-10**), but rather the free acceptance of the Grace of God, and application of the Blood of Jesus Christ by faith for the remission of sin (**Rom 3:23-25**, **Matt 26:28** **NKJV**, **Rev 22:17**).

If we're all good with that, the next point I'd like to emphasis in keeping with the Passover theme is that Jesus Christ was crucified on the day of the Passover celebration. To properly establish this point for unanimous agreement we'd have to do some teaching. For this I'd invite you to join me in part two where we'd explore the crucifixion and death of Jesus Christ to establish that all these took place on the Passover day. We'd also address some of the controversies associated with identifying the day.

Shalom and God bless!

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