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## The Feast of the Lamb – Past, Present, and Future

### Passover – Our Heritage Forever

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In this writing I use the Name *Yahweh* (YHWH) for *the Lord God*, since it is His Name used in the book of Exodus.<sup>1</sup> I use *Yeshua*, Jesus' Hebrew name, and *kedoshim*, the Hebrew word for *God's set apart ones* and *His children*.<sup>2</sup> These names are highlighted in crimson to create a sense of the oneness of our family.

When we look back to that first Passover Feast over 3,000 years ago and to *Yeshua's* Passover Feast with His disciples over 2,000 years ago, and *then* look forward to that glorious Feast with *Yeshua* in our Father's kingdom, His shalom blankets us with an incredible sense of belonging to His family and with an assurance of His redemption. He chose us, adopted us, loves us, and invites us to remember His sacrifice and hope!

## 1. The Past

Passover was so important to *Yahweh* that He established the calendar of the *kedoshim* on that day. It was called the month Abib (later called Nisan after the exile). *Yahweh* said through Moses, "This month shall be the beginning of months for you; it is to be the first month of the year to you." (Exodus 12:2)

Just before *Yahweh* was about to deliver His *kedoshim* from cruel slavery in Egypt, He gave them specific instructions. On the 10<sup>th</sup> of Abib, they were to take an unblemished lamb into their homes and guard it. On the 14<sup>th</sup> of Abib, they were to kill it at twilight and apply its blood to the two doorposts and lintel of their homes with hyssop as a sign. Then, they were to roast the lamb, eat it with unleavened bread and bitter herbs, and be girded to flee in the morning. When *Yahweh* saw the blood on their homes, He would *pass over* them as He struck the land in judgment.

*Yahweh* said, "Now this day will be a memorial to you, and you shall celebrate it as a Feast to YHWH; throughout your generations you are to celebrate it as a permanent ordinance." (Exodus 12:14)

The blood on the doorposts was *Yahweh's* foreshadow of *Yeshua* the Messiah Whose blood would be shed on the *stauros* (execution pole) to deliver all mankind from their sins and judgment.<sup>3</sup>

Just before His death, *Yeshua* celebrated the Feast of Passover with His disciples. This would not be His last Passover Feast with His beloved *kedoshim*, but it would be His last on earth. During the Feast, *Yeshua's* glistening, sharp sword-words:

- ushered in the **New Covenant** that would be procured and secured by His sacrifice
- and pointed to the **future Feast** He would share with them in that day:

"And He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, 'Drink from it all of you for this is **My blood of the New Covenant** poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. But I say to you, I will not drink from the fruit of the vine until that Day when I will drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.'" (Matthew 26:27-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:14-23)

The parallel account in John's Gospel gives more detail about the conversation during that meal. *Yeshua* knew that His *kedoshim*, then and now, would need to understand this **New Covenant**<sup>4</sup> of His love and their ongoing companionship with Him and the Father through the Holy Spirit until that Day.

## 2. The Present

*Yeshua* said, “This is My body given for you; **do this in remembrance of Me.**” (Luke 22:19b)

*Yeshua* kept the Passover Feast alive so that *we* would remember His sacrifice for our deliverance. He wanted us to remember to rest in His finished work on the cross and enjoy new life with Him.

At Passover, we look back together at our family’s first Passover in Egypt. We re-read the accounts of our Lord *Yeshua’s* Passover in Matthew 26:27-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:14-23; and John 13-17. And we look forward in hope to the Wedding Feast with Him and our international family in His kingdom!

## 3. The Future

Luke adds to the account of *Yeshua’s* Passover supper with the *kedoshim*:

“I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, for I say to you, I shall never again eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.” (Luke 22:15-16)

In this passage, *Yeshua* looks forward to partaking of the Passover with us “again” in the kingdom of God. It will be a celebration of Passover’s complete fulfillment when all His *kedoshim* will be fully present with Him forever! We will eat the bread and drink the cup with Him recounting His goodness like a huge family finally coming home for the holidays after a difficult journey! There will be laughter, awe, and exhilaration!

While the Apostle John was exiled on the Isle of Patmos, he saw the vision (Revelation 19:7-9,11)

“Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His bride has made herself ready.” And it was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright and clean for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the *kedoshim*... Then he said to me, “Write: ‘Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding feast of the Lamb.’”... (See 1 Corinthians 1:30 and John 1:12)

“And I saw heaven opened and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it is called *Faithful and True*, and in righteousness He judges and wages war. His eyes are a flame of fire, and on His head are many crowns; and He has a name written on Him which no one knows except Himself. He is clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses.”

*Yahweh* is my Rock and my Fortress and my Deliverer! (2 Samuel 22:2)

I will rejoice greatly in *Yahweh*! My soul will exult in my Creator, Elohim, for He has clothed me with garments of salvation! He has wrapped me with a robe of righteousness as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels! (Isaiah 61:10)

Therefore, I joyously draw water from the springs of salvation and in that day I will say, “Give thanks to *Yahweh*, call on His name! Make known His deeds among the people; make them remember that His Name is exalted!” (Isaiah 12:3-4)

For *Yahweh* is good! His mercy is everlasting, and His faithfulness is to all generations! (Psalm 100:5)

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<sup>1</sup> “God said to Moses, ‘I AM that I AM [YHWH-the Eternally Existent One]. This is my Name forever, My Memorial-Name to all generations.’” (See Exodus 3:13-15)

<sup>2</sup> For more about the *kedoshim*, see my writing *Kedoshim Favor* at [ShaleFragments.com](http://ShaleFragments.com)

<sup>3</sup> This thought came to me while reading Exodus: Exodus 12:7 mentions two doorposts specifically. The Roman execution pole in *Yeshua’s* time was shaped like a “T”. Perhaps the doorposts represent the two criminals that hung on poles on either side of *Yeshua*. The blood on the doorposts and top lintel we know foreshadows *Yeshua’s* covering sacrifice; perhaps the door between the doorposts also foreshadows *Yeshua*, because He said, “I Am the Door of the sheep.” (John 10:7,9). Behind the Door that night, the *kedoshim* were protected as they feasted and prepared before their deliverance. (I encourage you to read Exodus 12 devotionally to notice all references and hints to *Yeshua*.)

<sup>4</sup> On the New Covenant, please see my writing *The Great Transition – The New Covenant Given* at [ShaleFragments.com](http://ShaleFragments.com)