

Passover, the Promise for the First-born

It is a most amazing thing, something that has escaped kingdom man for 2,000 years, that the Passover sacrifice of Yahshua has never been effected among man and is only now at the brink of its application and fulfillment. Christians have claimed that Yahshua is their Passover sacrifice, yet in the truest sense He is not at all. They cite that since Yahshua is the Passover sacrifice, their sins are forgiven. But the purpose of the Passover lamb had nothing whatsoever to do with the forgiveness of sins. The Passover lamb was sacrificed for one reason - **to prevent the death of the first born!**

What do Christians have to do with being the first-born? Christianity is a breach period, separating a work that was begun under the former rain, and will be completed under the latter rain. The work that Yahshua began in the first Remnant was interrupted by Christianity, and must be completed now with the second Remnant. What we find then is that Yahshua's death as the Passover lamb initiated a work with the promise of being preserved alive as the first-born. With the establishment of the first Remnant, that Passover promise resided with them; but because of the breach period of Christianity, that promise must now be fulfilled in the second Remnant.

Thus the promise to the Remnant is the promise of Passover - that the first-born will not suffer death! Christianity has not been the recipient of that promise; they have continued dying for 2,000 years. They are the 2,000 swine who all went to the sea of death when the legion of demons entered into them. While the first Remnant died as well, they are covered, even numbered, so that though they too died, they will ascend Mount Zion with the second Remnant to be glorified with Yahshua. Though they are a part of the 2,000 years, they are the beginning of the Passover work which, though experiencing a breach, will be completed in the second Remnant.

What you will read in the next two succinct paragraphs is very important, so read them very carefully. This entire matter of the kingdom of God is graphically portrayed in the birth of the two sons of Judah (the line of Yahshua) by Tamar. If you need to, read this account in Genesis 38, particularly verses 24 and following.

Like the birth of Zerah, the first Remnant placed its arm out to obtain the scarlet thread promise of being the first-born; but its brief act of being the first-born was interrupted by the breach of Christianity - the Perez, whose name means "breach" (Genesis 38:29). Only after the interrupting

breach is the first-born-promise-receiving Zerah, the second Remnant, brought forth. Though the second Remnant is in fact born last, it has the scarlet thread promise through the first Remnant of being born first.

Even as Tamar's midwife saw a brief display of the one who captured the rights of being the first born, so the church has seen a brief display of the first-born Remnant. And even as the birth of that promise-receiving first born was delayed by the breach of Perez, so there has been a 2,000 year breach that has delayed the birth of the first-born-promise-receiving second Remnant. The second Remnant has the scarlet thread promise of being the first-born through the establishment of the first Remnant.

And this is what Passover truly is all about. **While the first Remnant had the appearance of being the fulfillment of the promise of being the first born** (vis-a-vis the promise - "there are some of those standing here who shall not taste death," Luke 9:27), **that promise will be fulfilled in the second Remnant.** Thus, the Passover promise of sparing the first born is one that will finally have its fulfillment only now, 2,000 years afterwards in the time of the second Remnant.

All the work that Yahshua performed on the cross per the sacrifice of Himself as the Passover lamb, was specifically for the Remnant. These are the first to enter into immortality, to be born from above. This does not mean in any way that Yahshua did not die for the sins of Christians, or for that matter for the sins of the entire world (1 John 2:2, 4:14, John 4:42, 1 Timothy 4:10, Romans 5:18). Yahshua's sacrifices as an intercessor were far more than just the Passover lamb, and those sacrifices were most certainly effectual in securing the forgiveness of sins. He was baptized by John into death, He took the Nazirite vow and drank of the sins of all, but most of all He ascended alive after death. But though He did intercede and even die for the sins of the many, this does not mean that His death as the Passover lamb was more than that for which it was legally obligated - **in order to deliver the first born from death!**

SALVATION, WORKED OUT THROUGH MAN

As has been pointed out, the promise of Passover is specifically associated with the first born. This promise has experienced a breach, so what we are now witnessing is the long awaited and much needed fulfillment. Today this promise belongs to one work alone, the one work that has the link back to the scarlet thread - the second part of the two-part Remnant. The second Remnant will now be the long awaited fulfillment of the sacrifice of Yahshua as the Passover lamb!

As much as this writer does not want to delay explaining more about this present-day Passover fulfillment, it is valuable at this point to expound upon how man becomes the completion of the works Yahshua began. While Yahshua is the door, this very place dictates that in fact whoever enters through that door must become like Him - "if indeed we suffer with Him in order that we

may also be glorified with Him" (Romans 8:17). Taking up His cross and following after Him means that we, His followers, become participators in His work of salvation. Obadiah 1:21 says - "The SAVIORS will ascend Mount Zion." The plural nature of this word dictates that there must be more than just one who becomes a savior. And there is! These are all who take His name as their own. Anyone who calls on the name of the Lord/Yahweh will become a savior. How does this work out? Let us see.

This matter of becoming a sharer in the work of Yahshua actually takes on a corporate fulfillment that is beyond anything you or I can control. This is an important point to learn. For example, Christianity is the body of Christ, "the fullness of Him" (Ephesians 1:23). While most Christians would take this verse as great hope of glory, they fail to note what Paul equally said about what is required in order to receive that glory - suffering! If one is to experience "the fullness of Him," one must also recognize that His fullness includes His crucifixion! Even as Yahshua came to suffer and die for the sins of man, so the body of Christ must suffer and die for the sins of man, insomuch that it is the fullness of Him. At His trial, Yahshua's body was blindfolded, so the body of Christ has been blindfolded so that it cannot see. A crown of thorns was placed upon Yahshua's head, so the cares of this world have been placed upon the head of the body of Christ. Yahshua's body was beaten, abused, tormented, and spat upon, so Satan has equally afflicted the body of Christ. A scarlet/purple robe was placed upon Yahshua's body and a reed placed in His hand, so the body of Christ has the false appearance that they are reigning. Yahshua died, His side was pierced, and out came blood and water, so the body of Christ has died, its side pierced, and out has come a Bride. In truth, as went Yahshua's body, so has gone the body of Christ. In ways they have not even realized, they have become "the fullness of Him." Why is this true? Because insomuch that Yahshua became the door, man must become the fulfillment. Even as Yahshua became the Savior of the world, man must become likewise.

Paul declared a most startling thing - "I do my share on behalf of His body (which is the church) **in filling up that which is lacking in Christ's afflictions**" (Colossians 1:24). What Paul declared here is precisely what we have seen thus far in the church. As startling as it may seem to the reader, Yahshua's work was "lacking" insomuch that of necessity **it had to equally be carried out and fulfilled by and through man**. Yahshua opened the door for salvation to all men, and man carries out that work. Yahshua became the sacrifice for man, so man must become the sacrifice for man. In order for man to become a partaker in the sacrifice of Yahshua, man himself must become that sacrifice; and again, this is carried out by Yahweh at a level with which we ourselves have little to do. This is a work that Yahweh performs in and through man for man's own salvation. (See [Seedtime and harvest, seedtime and harvest, ...](#) for more on this.)

Thus far we have looked at the sacrifice and work of the body of Christ. Let us now see how this required participation relates to the Bride of Yahshua. What we find is that the Bride actually strengthens the work Yahshua performed, specifically in destroying him who has the power of death.

One of the best testimonies of this is seen in Exodus 17:8f. Here we see the first battle the sons of Israel encountered after coming out of Egypt. Immediately following the striking of the first

rock in which the water came out, Amalek came and fought against them. Moses sent Joshua out to lead the battle, while he went up on a hill with his staff. And while Moses held up his hands, Joshua prevailed against Amalek; but when he lowered his hands, Amalek prevailed against Joshua. Therefore, Aaron and Hur seated Moses on a stone, and with one on each side of him, they supported his hands. With this help, Joshua thus prevailed over Amalek.

What do we see here? Notice that the victory over this enemy was dependent upon the work of Moses. Oh yes Joshua and his men were fighting, but their strength was in Moses. But even the strength of Moses was insufficient, for his influence in the battle was dependent upon the participation of Aaron and Hur in upholding his arms. Such it is with the work of Yahshua and the victory man will have over Satan.

Amalek means "warlike," and he is a picture of Satan who attacks the church from its very beginning, even as Amalek's attack was just after the first rock was struck, or following the former rain on Pentecost. So how is it that this enemy can be defeated? This is dependent upon two things - the work of the Moses, as well as the supporting work of the two associates.

Yahshua is the Moses. In Him alone lies the ability to gain victory over Satan. But even as Paul declared about making up that which is lacking in Christ's afflictions, so of absolute necessity there must be the supporting work of the two-part Remnant that makes up that which is lacking in Yahshua. Even as Moses' arms tired and had to be supported by the two, so (as we see once again) the work of Yahshua in defeating Satan is weak in that it requires the supporting work of the two Remnant.

Let us ask a probing question here. If Yahshua wholly effected overcoming him who has the power of death, then why has death continued for 2,000 years? The fact is, the final effecting of his defeat is dependent upon the upholding and fulfilling work of the two-part Remnant. What Yahshua made possible in the defeat of Satan through His suffering and death, what He secured at His resurrection, will be effected through the work of the two-part Aaron/Hur Remnant. It is the establishment and the cooperation of both of these that effects the defeat of our enemy, Satan.

This is Yahweh's design. Even as Moses had the power to defeat Amalek, but it was carried out through others, so Satan has been "defeated" by Yahshua, but his actual defeat is carried out through men. This is the weakness of Yahshua's work - though provided for through Him, it will be carried out through man.

We could go into other details here regarding the revealing meaning of names in this account that confirm what is being said here, but will leave that to the reader. The point to be seen here is that the work of Yahshua in defeating Satan is dependent upon the two-part Remnant. And all of this regarding both the body as well as the Bride is related here in order to show you that even though Yahshua performed these works surrounding Passover and the Passover lamb, there is yet to be a Passover work with man that fulfills what Yahshua set forth and initiated as the forerunner. Let us move on now and look more at this Passover that is about to be fulfilled.

PREPARE THE WAY

Possibly the best way to understand what is taking place now per Passover is to look at it from the perspective of the Elijah work. If you have read very many of these writings, you will know that the second Remnant is the fulfillment of Elijah. As the Elijah, the second Remnant must prepare the way for Yahshua's return. This work has been pictured or foreshadowed in various ways such as in Mary, who after being overshadowed by the Holy Spirit, in a very real sense in her womb prepared the way for the Son of Man to come forth, to be born into this world. Of course John the Baptist was Elijah who equally prepared the way for Yahshua. Likewise we have seen that the disciples who went before Yahshua at His triumphal entry into Jerusalem equally performed the Elijah work by preparing His way with their cries and their garments and branches being laid before Him. And even before this, two of His disciples were sent out to prepare His way into Jerusalem by obtaining the donkey upon which He rode. All of these point to an Elijah work that prepares the way for Yahshua's return when He comes to this earth as King of kings.

This is the work of the second Remnant that is being formed right now, in our days. Yahweh is performing a "new thing;" new wineskins are being prepared into which the new wine is being placed. And the purpose of this work is to prepare the way for Yahshua's return - the Elijah work. This is the work equally foreshadowed by the disciples as they were sent out to prepare the Passover for Yahshua. Even as we saw that the Remnant must play a vital role in Satan's destruction, it is the Remnant who must make preparations for Yahshua's "large upper room furnished and ready" Passover (Mark 14:15) with a people who are the first-born and will escape death. These are of course the Elijah second Remnant whom Yahweh will take to His large upper room that has been furnished and made ready for us (John 14:2-3).

As the time approached for Yahshua to eat His celebrated Passover with His disciples, He gave them specific and unique instructions on how to prepare it. Interestingly, it is in Mark that we read one of the most complete accounts, though this account is in each of the first three gospels. Mark provides the only account telling us that specifically two of the disciples were sent out to prepare this Passover. Two, once again, is the number of the two-part Remnant. What were these two doing? **They were performing the Elijah work and preparing the way for Yahshua to have Passover.** Let us read this account from Mark 14:13-16.

And He sent two of His disciples, and said to them, "Go into the city, and a man will meet you carrying a pitcher of water; follow him; and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher says, "Where is My guest room in which I may eat the Passover with My disciples?"' And he himself will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; and prepare for us there." And the disciples went out, and came to the city, and found it just as He had told them; and they prepared the Passover.

Here once again we see a case where two disciples were sent out specifically to prepare the way for Yahshua, even as Mary prepared His way, even as John the Baptist prepared His way, even as the multitude of His disciples prepared His way into Jerusalem where He was heralded as

King, or even as the two disciples were likewise sent into Jerusalem to prepare His way by securing the donkey. In each case Yahweh was foretelling or foreshadowing the Elijah work that will now prepare the way for Yahshua's return.

It is a most marvelous thing that these two disciples who prepared the way for Yahshua's Passover, picture exactly what is taking place in the second Remnant. You, as His Remnant disciples, have in fact found a man carrying a pitcher of water, and you are reading and understanding things which have never before been revealed to man. And it is your work that prepares the Passover for Yahshua. What is this Passover? It is the final fulfillment of that which He began 2,000 years ago - delivering the first born from death, causing them to ascend alive so that He can drink the wine new with them in His kingdom - Matthew 26:29, Mark 14:25, Luke 22:18. For 2,000 years Yahshua has not drunk from the Passover cup, even as He refused at that Passover which His disciples had prepared. But now, after the long breach, He desires to drink from that cup that has been made new. This is the Passover meal for which we as His completing second Remnant now labor to prepare and anticipate sharing with Him in His "large upper room furnished and ready."

The fulfillment of the Passover work Yahshua performed 2,000 years ago, is reserved for this time, for this day, for and on behalf of the second Remnant. Though initially the promise was given to the first Remnant, it is the second Remnant who become its fulfillment. Passover is not a sacrifice per Christianity, for Christians are the breach in the promise and have died. Equally, they are not the first-born. This promise is given to the scarlet-thread-bearing Remnant, and must be fulfilled in the second Remnant. It is thus the second Remnant who will prepare the Passover meal for Yahshua and drink the cup new with Him in His kingdom. We will receive the long awaited promise provided through the Passover Lamb - **as the first-born, we will not die!**

TIME NOW FOR PASSOVER

Now that we have seen the crux of what is to be said here, let us examine some other revealing evidences to this.

First, it is most striking that despite the general awareness Christians today have regarding Passover, almost nothing is said regarding it in the teachings of Paul or any other New Testament writer. Though Passover is mentioned in the gospels and once in Acts, other than a brief mention in Hebrews 11:28 that Moses "kept the Passover," the only other time the word Passover is used is once by Paul, and that in such a way that is barely a theological statement at all. To the Corinthians who had among them a man who was having relations with his father's wife, Paul instructed them to remove him even as the leaven was removed from the Passover feast - "For Christ our Passover also has been sacrificed" (1 Corinthians 5:7). That one small reference is the sum total of any theological discussion whatsoever as to any meaning or relevance of Passover.

Is this surprising to you? It certainly was to me, for the general thought is that it was Yahshua's sacrifice as the Passover lamb that effects our forgiveness of sins, yet this is NEVER ONCE argued in the Scriptures. Remarkably, outside of the gospels, Passover is a silent issue in the New Testament.

There are verses like that found in 1 Peter 1:19 that refer to "a lamb unblemished and spotless," but the death of a lamb was not limited to Passover. There were many sacrifices involving the use of spotless lambs that were specifically for the forgiveness of sins; but the fact is, the Passover lamb was never mentioned for such a purpose. And of all the writings in the New Testament regarding the forgiveness of sins, in not a single case is Passover ever mentioned or referenced. Again, the death of the Passover lamb was specifically for the purpose of preventing the death of the first-born, not at all for the forgiveness of sins. Thus passages like this one in 1 Peter could never have referred to the Passover lamb.

With the Passover death of Yahshua, why was it that the New Testament writers, including Paul, never wrote about Passover? Because they never understood its vital purpose, nor were they affected by its vital work. The death of Yahshua as the Passover lamb has its fulfillment in the second Remnant, and only now is the second Remnant present on this earth to tell others how this critical work is to be fulfilled. Never before has this been known, and never before could anything be written concerning it. We are seeing Yahweh's back, and only now are we seeing what He is doing per Passover.

In the writing on this web site titled [Passover](#), we see that the Israelites left Egypt specifically on Passover, entered into a breach or wilderness period, and finally after forty years entered into the promised land specifically on Passover. This entire journey of the sons of Israel is nothing less than a foretelling account of the church. The church was delivered by the work of Yahshua on Passover, entered into the breach or wilderness period for forty Jubilees, and now in these present days is likewise poised to enter into the promised land by specifically a Passover work. This is the Passover work of the second Remnant. And as we have seen before, it is this promise-land-entering Passover work that is about to be fulfilled.

What further evidence do we have that the Passover work which has been breached is only now being fulfilled? There are two times in the New Testament in which the Passover is identified with specific timing. In Matthew 26:2 we read - "You know that after two days the Passover is coming," and in John 12:1 we read - "Jesus therefore six days before the Passover, came to Bethany where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead." Both of these times are most interesting, and both confirm the fulfillment of a Passover work at this time.

When Yahshua initiated the Passover work with His death at Passover, who knew then that there would be a 2,000 year delay? But this is precisely what is testified in these words in Matthew - "You know that after two days the Passover is coming." This is precisely what has happened. Now after "two days," or 2,000 years, Passover is coming.

Likewise, "six days before the Passover" was a most telling period of time. It marked the beginning of man 6,000 years ago. Thus the "six days before Passover" identified the 120 Jubilee probation period associated with the kingdom beginning in the garden, and the "two days" identified the forty Jubilee delay period of the church associated with the forty years of wilderness wandering. So we find that both of these periods of time assigned to Passover are remarkably telling, with both consistently pointing to the long awaited present fulfillment of Passover for man!

Actually, there is a roundabout third evidence regarding this timing that is equally interesting and revealing. We find that it was specifically at a Passover that twelve year old Yahshua was brought to Jerusalem and remained there after His parents had begun their return journey home. Luke 2:44 tells us that they had traveled "a day's journey" before realizing His absence. So, a return trip to find Him would equally be a day's journey; thus they journeyed two days as well. But in verse 46 we read that He was not found until the third day. So they traveled two days, and found Him on the third, all of this being relevant to their Passover celebration.

This too is consistent with what we have seen already. "After two days," or even "six days before," imply the completion of these periods of time. When we see the vital significance of this per Yahweh's Jubilee periods, we understand why these periods of time must be completed. Thus it is in fact that the Passover Yahweh will perform is on the third or even seventh day, which in both cases places this Passover promised land work in the Millennial reign of Yahshua with His two-part Remnant. We therefore see that all three of these witnesses bear evidence to the same timing.

One final note on all of this that is particularly interesting. In the writing, [The Raven](#), we saw that Satan has been the original covering cherub over the church. This place is to be replaced by the two-part covering cherubs seen over the ark of the covenant, or the two-part Remnant. There is something that is most striking about all of this. There are two times in the Bible in which birthdays are celebrated. The first is the birthday party of Pharaoh when he brought both the baker and the cupbearer before him (Genesis 40). The second is the birthday party of Herod when he brought John the Baptist before him, at least his head (Matthew 14:1-12). In both of these cases of Bible birthday parties, someone lost their head - the baker by hanging and John by the sword! Now can you imagine that this is coincidental? Hardly!

Let us put some more information together as well. In Matthew and Mark we find that in response to Yahshua receiving the word about John's death, He removed himself to a lonely place. It was to that place that a multitude of 5,000 followed Him and He fed them. When did all of this take place? John 6:4 tells us that it was at the time of Passover. Thus we see that John the Baptist was killed at the time of Passover.

But what makes this particularly striking is that John was the Elijah work. In truth the first Remnant should have been the Elijah work, but was not. Like Moses, they had to die and could not enter into the promised land until later. So who was it that killed the first Remnant? It was him who has the power of death - Satan, as stated in a literal translation of Hebrews 2:14. The

death of the first Remnant meant the loss of the Head (they could not bring Yahshua's return), equally testified when Eli fell backward and broke his neck and died when the ark of the covenant presence of Yahweh fell into the hands of the enemy - Ichabod, the glory had departed! The fact was, when the first Remnant died, there was to be a long wait (2,000 years) before a return to the headship, the presence, of Yahshua - the return of the ark of the covenant presence of Yahweh.

Per the cupbearer and the baker, we find the testimony of not just one but both of the two-part Remnant. The second Remnant cupbearer was preserved alive, while the first Remnant baker lost his head. The limitation of this picture is that the one who killed the baker is also the one whom the cupbearer was preserved to serve. Some pictures have limited application, as all pictures are simply that - pictures with varying degrees of details or emphasis. Here we see some of those limitations.

But the strongest evidence as to who it was prophetically who killed these two Remnant witnesses is Herod. Herod is clearly a picture of Satan. Now, the most common point in both of these accounts is the fact that these telling events occurred on the occasion of a birthday party - the birthday of the one who had the power of death over each of these men. By these evidences, it can thus be concluded that Satan's "birthday" is at Passover. This would seem equally probable in that the Remnant that is established at Passover (its "birthday") and in the end is the fulfillment of Passover, replaces the one who has been the covering cherub over the church whose "birthday" was equally at Passover.

In conclusion on this, it is most telling that the second Remnant began in Passover, 2000. In May, 2000, all of a sudden a small number of people believed, and a "rib" was taken out of the body of Christ. This was the original "birthday" of the second Remnant. Fitting to its fulfillment, this Remnant work already has a Passover beginning. And insomuch that the Remnant is the Passover work begun by Yahshua 2,000 years ago, in its completion it is already set in motion to be a Passover fulfillment.

When this second Remnant work began in May, 2000, the first to make his confession as that Bride bears the same name of the one whom in death marked the termination of the first Remnant. While Stephen was stoned, ending the first Remnant, Stephen Manning was the first to confess, marking the beginning of the second Remnant. Thus we see the testimony that Yahweh is picking up where He left off. But equally true and equally attesting, even as Passover marked the beginning of what Yahshua would perform in establishing His kingdom upon this earth, so He has once again begun its final fulfillment on a Passover following the breach of Christianity - May, 2000. Once again, He picked up where He left off.

But also true, there are many who would despise this work because of its small beginnings (even though we are cautioned not to - Zechariah 4:10). During that eventful Passover when Yahshua performed His works necessary for the establishment of the church, following His resurrection He came among the huddled and fearful disciples and "breathed on them, and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit'" (John 20:22). At this act of Yahshua when clearly He imparted the Holy Spirit to His disciples, there was no rushing mighty wind, there were no tongues of fire, no

3,000 coming into the kingdom; only a gentle breath. I wonder what happened to them at that time? What did they feel? Was there any change in them? At the time of this small beginning in which Yahshua breathed on them, they could not have anticipated the mighty wind that would follow. Should this small beginning among them have been despised? No! It was a necessary prelude to that which would follow.

Equally, Yahshua has merely breathed upon us, and we too await the power we need in order to be effective in completing what has begun. This is the power that comes to effect the completion of the Passover work Yahshua began 2,000 years ago. We as the second Remnant will be the first to be born from above, and thus will fulfill the long awaited and much needed Passover promise of escaping death. We are now the fulfillment of Passover!