

Part 2, “When I see the Blood...” Exodus 12:13

The Father’s love + Yeshua’s total sacrifice from the beginning.

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Summary: *Our Savior’s total sacrifice; Our Father’s love, whose idea it was to wash away all our sins in His Son’s blood. Much more on the Crimson thread running through scripture. What the camp of Israel looked like from the air. Pilate’s sign over Yeshua’s head – something profound, hidden in plain sight. Golgotha’s tie to David and much more. Embrace Father’s love. Receive our Savior’s loving sacrifice, amen.*

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Greetings family of the Highest.

This Passover season is about the incredible love of God in the Highest – the One we call “Father” – for all humanity. **This is part 2 of a 2 part sermon “When I See the Blood”.** I hope by the end of this message you will see your Savior more clearly, appreciate His blood much more, and end up praising God our Father for the marvelous Passover. “Father, we praise you and your Son - our Savior – in this message and I pray you bless the hearing of all who hear this message, Amen.”

Besides the love of God, I’m also trying to convey a deep, deep respect for his incredible justice and the severity with which He has to lash out at sin. The demands of HIS law must be met, so when there’s sin, there has to be the death penalty paid, for the wages of sin is death. But our awesome Father made a way possible. It was HIS idea. I know many think of Yeshua (or Jesus) at Passover time primarily, but the Passover solution was Father’s idea! HE so loved the world – and you – that HE sent His beloved only Son... John 3:17. So if Someone who had no sin was willing to die for you, then Father would heap ALL His righteous anger and condemnation on all our sins on to this innocent Being. This One who takes our sins must be greater than all of us put together, or his one life could pay only for one sinner.

So the Creator Himself, in the person of the Word of God, the One who SPOKE the words “LIGHT BE!” -- came to earth to live as a human being and die FOR you, FOR you. I know of no other religion where their god came to die for his humans. Of course, those aren’t real, existing gods anyway. But the one true Living God DID in the person of Yeshua.

Abba’s Love – the Agape love of our heavenly Father

Passover is about the Father’s love and His Son’s desire to save us. Passover is THE most PIVOTAL event in all history -- so FAR. EVERYTHING else revolves around this event. And it’s a day of horror for the victim, but a day of profound love in its consequences.

Too many of us hearing this grew up either without a father, or a father who was not very present and loving to you. After age 12, I had very limited time with my father. And so

sometimes we equate God our father to the tough, no-nonsense father we may have had. OR – we see “God”, especially in the Old Testament as distant, unbending and someone to be greatly feared! But then Jesus comes along and we see him as the good shepherd, the life, the way, and he’s the one many prefer.

Folks, they’re both of the same mind. They are both LOVE (God is love) and both of them – are called “ELOHIM” – a plural word – but are somehow also called “ONE”. So we have statements of “Let US make man in OUR image” – and then a few verses later in Gen 1, “So in the image of God created HE them...” A complex “unity”. But get this, and get this firmly: **It was FATHER’S IDEA to send Jesus (Yeshua) to earth because God our Father could not bear the thought of eternity without YOU.** The kingdom of God without YOU would not be the complete kingdom of God – as God the Father saw it. So GOD so loved YOU that HE sent His only begotten son, for YOU. It was Father’s idea!

In fact, when Yeshua came to earth, one of his missions was to **REVEAL THE FATHER’S NAME (John 17:6, 26)**. The NAME he came talking about to his followers – was – “Abba”, meaning dear Father, Daddy, Papa, Pa, or whatever is the term of endearment in your family. He taught us to pray “Our FATHER in heaven...” All through John 17, he prays to “Father” and in Gethsemane he cries out to his Daddy – ABBA (Mark 14:26). Upon seeing Mary of Magdala in John 20, he says to tell the others “I go to my father and your father, to my God and your God.” And now because of Yeshua, you and I also have received the spirit of sonship into the very divine family whereby we can also call God Most High – our Daddy, our Dear Father, our Abba, and our Papa.

This has everything to do with Passover.

You may not have experienced the most wonderful human daddy – or maybe you did. Either way, you have the best possible Abba – Daddy – now (Romans 8:15) – and an entrance into HIS household by which we can cry out “Abba, Father – Daddy!”

Read Galatians 4:5-6 – where it says because we have received the spirit of Christ in us, we have access as HE does, by which we can call the Universe’s supreme Being -- “ABBA, Father!”. That word “Abba” was left untranslated. Daddy! It’s very close. Very intimate. The Almighty is my DADDY!! I grew up mostly, without a Daddy around. I don’t have the many memories most kids might have of a daddy... but it’s OK. He did the best he could and now I have the best daddy of all! Galatians 4:6 goes on to say “for we are no longer slaves – but SONS!!! And if a SON, there an HEIR of GOD, through -- **[and this is the whole point] – thru Christ!**”

The Passover makes ALL of this possible! WOW, Abba. WOW! Praise you too, Yeshua!!

SO *Father’s* love is stronger than we have probably ever realized. It’s not just Yeshua’s love – but ABBA’S love. Abba = God the Father. Yeshua = Jesus, our Savior.

The FIRST 2 TIMES “LOVE” or “loved” is used in Scripture

Notice this: **The first time “love” or “loved” is used in the Bible is Genesis 22: 2 when God speaks to Abraham of the love of a father for his only TRUE son – who has to be sacrificed.** This was as much a TYPE of God the Father having to be willing to sacrifice His Son, as it was a test for Abraham. If it seems barbaric to ask

Abraham to do this, remember it was no less than what our heavenly Father actually ends up having to do a couple thousand years later.

Genesis 22:2

Then He (YHVH) said, "Take [now] your son, ***your only son Isaac, whom you LOVE***, and go to **the land of Moriah**, and **offer him there** as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." [It's actually much gentler in tone in Hebrew.]

I don't know if you ever connected this combination before: the first time "love" is used is picturing God the Father sacrificing His ONLY son. Isn't that amazing? And not only that, but Isaac was to be *sacrificed* on *Mount Moriah*, EXACTLY where the House of God, the Temple, was to be built (2 Chronicles 3:1) a thousand years later.

The SECOND time "love" or "loved" is used in Scripture is the picture of Christ and HIS BRIDE – depicted by Isaac, a type of the Christ, and Rebekah, a type of the ekklesia, the called-out ones, the "church". Let this sink in. This cannot be coincidental!

Genesis 24:67

Then Isaac brought her into **his mother Sarah's tent**; and he took Rebekah **and she became his wife, and he LOVED her**. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

Here, "Loved" is used – the 2nd time in the entire Bible – to picture the marriage of Christ and His bride in "Sarah's tent", and Gal. 4:24-26 equates Sarah with heavenly Jerusalem.

ALL of this is made possible because of the PASSOVER. There would be children for the Father, and no BRIDE for the Son of God, without the Passover. Wow, Father and Yeshua!

As we learn more about our Savior, let's use his name more. Let's not just say "God" or "Christ" – but let's USE and PRAISE the Savior's NAME. He is YESHUA, meaning "salvation". Everything we do at Passover is done in remembrance of HIM (1 Cor. 11:24-25). Passover is about Abba's love and Yeshua's sacrifice – and Abba's sacrifice too! It's about them, not about us.

Killing the Lamb

The title of this 2-part sermon – "When I see the blood" is taken from Exodus 12:13 and verse 23. There YHVH had told Israel to take their lamb – KILL it – and then splash the innocent lamb's blood all around the door.

Passover is loving and beautiful, absolutely. But it is also brutally violent, bloody as can be, and very frightening and painful to the lambs and to the ultimate Lamb of God, who died for us, to take away the sins of the world. *We have to remember that too. Sin is brutal, and its penalty is violent.*

Have you ever had to kill a lamb, or goat, or chicken or turkey? I have, many times, as a youth. I don't mean "shoot" an animal – but hold it while you slit its throat? When you are about to kill a chicken or any animal, they seem to sense their end is near and

you can feel their heart beating rapidly. You can often see the terror in their eyes. And when you CUT the animal's throat, it seems to take longer than you had expected – and blood is spilling and spurting, and the animal is struggling, kicking, horrified and hurting.

Now – move to the One the lambs all pictured: the son of God, the son of Man. Yes, Master, we will talk about this and do this – in remembrance of YOU. But in this case, we also can partake of the Passover with some element of solemn joy—because of all the things that Yeshua's blood does for us, which we talked about last time.

When we accept our Savior, we come because of the goodness of God that led us to repent (Romans 2:4). We are told to confess our sin, but the emphasis is confessing that WE are sinners, as we change the direction of our lives -- as the tax collector did (Luke 18:13). Remember his words? "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." Also the prodigal son returned, changed directions, and says in **Luke 15:21**, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight and am no longer worthy to be called your 'son'".

A QUICK REVIEW

So, do you remember some of the things the blood of Yeshua does for us (that we covered in much more depth last time)? (Reviewed quickly – see transcript)

- **Washes** away ALL our sin and the condemnation therefore that goes with sin
- It is the redemption money. It **REDEEMS** us, buys us back for God's ownership.
- **Reconciles** us to our heavenly Father
- Brings us to a close **relationship** with God Most High in the Holy of Holies
- Opens the door to the **new covenant** in His blood. Hebrew for "covenant" is "*berit*"= cutting. The animals were killed and cut, and then the participants walked among and between the cut up animals.
- The blood allows us to come **boldly** before the throne of grace
- Yeshua's blood gives us the **victory** over Satan and sin's power
- His blood allows us to be presented without sin and condemnation.

And WHY does there have to be blood? Do you remember?

- The **life is in the blood. Lev 17:11.** The wages of sin is death, so the shedding of blood is that death. It also says there that the blood makes atonement for our soul.
- **Hebrews 9:22** – "without the shedding of blood there can be no remission of the sin".

Then last time we started "the Crimson or red thread of the blood in scripture"

- Yeshua was foreordained to die *before* the foundation of the world (kosmos)
- But he was *slain* from the foundation – when Adam and Eve sinned
- **Gen 3:14-15** – **Adam and Eve heard the curse on the serpent**, who was told that Eve's Seed would crush the serpent's (dragon- Rev. 12:9) head and the serpent would bruise his heel. (God was speaking to the SERPENT here, not to Eve, as so many seem to believe.) The crushing of the Serpent's head was fulfilled at the crucifixion. Yeshua was lifted up (you can't bruise someone's heel while he's standing) and had his feet and heels nailed to the cross – which was the same instrument that crushed Satan's power!

- YHWH covered them with skins from the first sacrifice-- Genesis 3:21. Were the skins still wet with blood? I suspect so. It takes days to tan a hide and turn it into a garment.
- Abel offered a blood offering of his *firstborn* of his flock
- Abraham and Isaac – a type of the Father and Son, with Isaac carrying the wood
- Joseph's blood stained coat of many colors = Yeshua dying for people of all races.
- Israel in the wilderness.... We started with Exodus 12 and the command to kill their own Passover lamb and splash the blood all over the door. I pointed out last time how 'a lamb' becomes "*YOUR lamb*" early in Ex 12. This sacrifice is very personal.
- THE FATHER was to pick a Lamb on the 10th day and then kill it 4 days later. Think about that. Yeshua was selected at the foundation of the world – as good as slain – but continued to live with Abba above for the first 4,000 years of human life on earth. **Then 4 days (a thousand years as a day 2 Peter 3:8) later, He was sacrificed as our Passover.**

Feel how PERSONAL it is

The death of Yeshua needs to be very personal. Don't limit your thinking of his sacrifice as being for everyone else – for the whole world. Start realizing He died for YOU, for ME. Paul describes Christ in **1 Cor. 5:7 – as "Christ OUR Passover."** In **Galatians 2:20** he says that he lives "by faith in the Son of God, who loved ME and gave HIMSELF for ME."

Sure, he died for "all" – but this Passover, feel how He also died for YOU. (The "if I was the only sinner who ever sinned..." discussion...yes, I think he would have come to die for me).

THE FATHER is Responsible for Covering the Family in the Blood of the Lamb

They splashed the blood on the top and sides of the doorway. That was a picture of the crucifixion. Who is the Door? Yeshua – John 10:7, 9. Our living door was bathed in his OWN blood. They splashed blood on to a spot above the door – the lintel. They splashed blood on each side, the door posts. Why? Because the lintel pictured the head of Messiah, where his bleeding head was. The 2 side splashes is where his bleeding hands, nailed to the tree, would have been. The bottom – called the "basin" was a carved out hole at the threshold where they sacrificed animals as a "threshold sacrifice". Draw a line from head to foot, and across the 2 side posts – and what do you have? It's a picture of the crucifixion!

Who was responsible for providing the lamb for the family? The Head of each household, the FATHER, was! So who provided the Lamb of God for the Household of God? GOD Most High, God the Father did. John 3:16-17 we all know so well.

And so WHO KILLED YESHUA? You might be tempted to say "the Jews" did, or the Romans did... but ultimately it's the same one as who killed all those lambs: the head of the house! God our Father killed His Lamb for the household to cover the family and keep out the Destroyer, as we read in Exodus 12. *So GOD the Father ultimately was the one who*

offered and presented His Lamb – and HE was the One who struck Yeshua. Let me show you. Isaiah 52 the end, and Isaiah 53. For time's sake I'll put the notes in the transcript but just speak the hi-lites.

Isaiah 52:13-14

“Behold, My Servant shall deal prudently; He shall be exalted and extolled and be very high. 14 Just as many were astonished at you, **So His visage was marred more than any man, And His form more than the sons of men.**

ISAIAH 53

Who has believed our report? And to whom has the ARM of Yehoweh (the LORD) been revealed? 2 For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, And as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or comeliness; And when we see Him, There is no beauty that we should desire Him.

3 He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and **WE did not esteem Him.**

4 Surely **HE** has borne **our** griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, **Smitten by God, and afflicted.** 5 But He was wounded for OUR transgressions, He was bruised for OUR iniquities; **The chastisement for OUR peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.**

6 All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; **And YHVH has laid on HIM the iniquity of us all. [Let that sink in!]**

Jump to v 8 He was taken from prison and from judgment, and who will declare His generation? **For He was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgressions of My people HE was stricken.**

FOLKS: HE was stricken for you and me. HE was. Not you. Not me. But FOR you and me. WHY oh why do we continue to strike ourselves in self-guilt, in self-condemnation? Why do we continue to beat ourselves up?

He who knew no sin took upon himself ALL of our sins – so WE, who knew no real righteousness, could accept upon ourselves all of HIS righteousness. God imputed our sins to Him, so God could impute His righteousness to US (Romans 5:17-19; Philippians 3:9-11; 2 Cor. 5:21)

Isa 53:9 And they made His grave with the wicked — But with the rich at His death, Because He had done no violence, Nor was any deceit in His mouth.

10 Yet it pleased YHVH to bruise Him; HE has put Him to grief. When You make His soul **an offering for sin,** He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, And the pleasure of YHVH shall prosper in His hand.

It's real clear, isn't it. Verse 10—YHVH, GOD MOST HIGH, did it, had to do it, to satisfy the righteous requirements of His law.

11 He shall see the labor of His soul, and be satisfied. By His knowledge **My righteous Servant shall justify many, For He shall bear their iniquities.** 12 Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great, And He shall divide the spoil with the strong, Because

He poured out His soul unto death, And He was numbered with the transgressors, **And He bore the sin of many, And made intercession for the transgressors.**"

OK FOLKS – LET him BEAR our burdens and sins and transgressions. HE was stricken for you. Let's stop striking one another and stop beating *ourselves* up.

SO BACK TO EXODUS 12.

HE was the one responsible to be sure his household was covered by the blood of the Lamb. That night YHVH STRUCK the Egyptians but PROTECTED His children.

Exodus 12:13

Now the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you are. **And when I see the blood, I will pass over you**; and the plague shall not be on you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. V.23 says the same – and adds that YHVH will NOT allow the destroyer to come into your houses to strike you." (Exodus 12:23).

Notice again: **"When I see the BLOOD"**-- – not OUR good works, not our own efforts, not the best we can do, not US. **It's not about us.** It's ALL about HIM and HIS blood. It's all about doing this in remembrance of *HIM*, of Messiah. The focus is on HIM. When I see my blood – I will pass over you. It's ALL about HIM, focused on HIM.

Family of God, are YOU under the blood of the Lamb? Is the blood of the Lamb clearly visible in your life, over your home? Have you **openly confessed your allegiance** to your Messiah? Are HE and his blood REAL to you? If so, you are SAFE.

You know the rest of Exodus 12:29-33—and how the firstborn of Egypt all died, and the Israelites were rushed out of Egypt, quickly. The cry throughout the land was pitiful – even though Israel was now free, it was a mixed kind of feeling no doubt.

And all this pointed to when God Most High would have to STRIKE **HIS VERY OWN** firstborn – WHY? – so that He could Pass Over OUR sins and not allow THE DESTROYER into our homes and lives!

IN THE WILDERNESS

I'll just mention a couple things briefly here for time's sake. They crossed the RED Sea (some believe REED Sea, nonsense) and were baptized into Him in that crossing – and came up on the other side.

But the point I want to get across is that YHVH wanted to dwell in the midst of the camp of Israel. There He taught them about the blood sacrifice. **The ALTAR of blood was the first thing you'd see** when you came into the tabernacle.

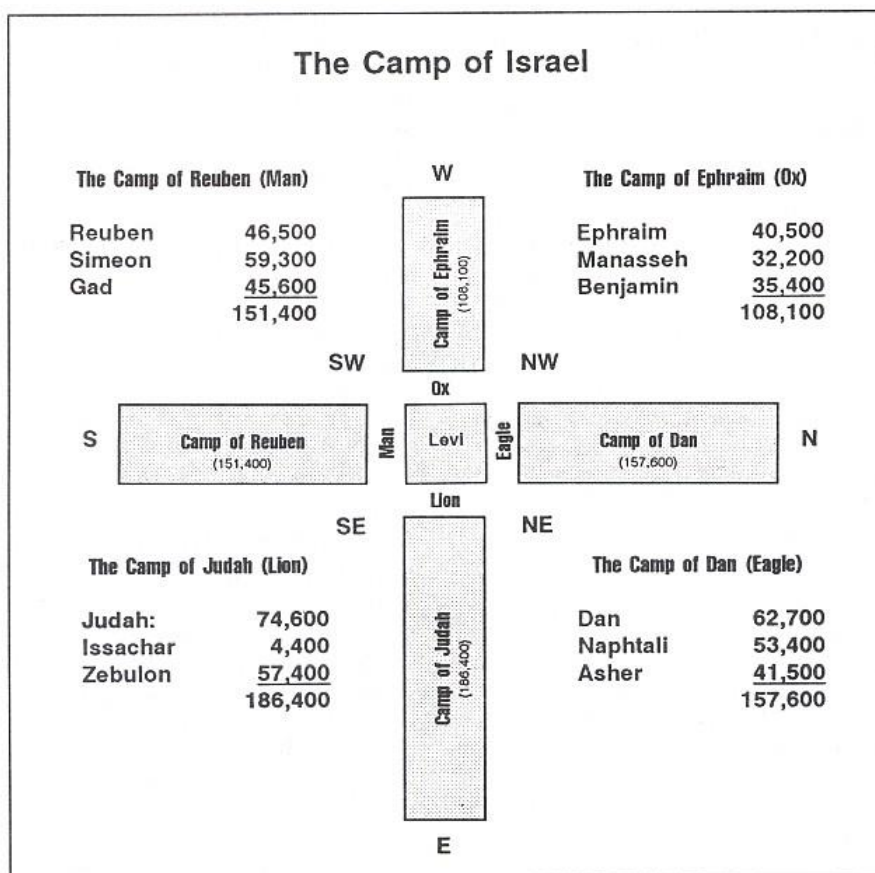
It's worth a whole series of sermons – but I'll just say that EVERY part of the tabernacle pointed to Yeshua. The altar, the priest, the offering, the washing by water of the word, the lampstand, the shewbread table and on and on – the holy of holies, the ark, the mercy seat, the shekinah glory – ALL of it!

And the COLOR RED was seen frequently in the tabernacle as well.

Now let's look at the CAMP of Israel itself, surrounding the TABERNACLE in the middle, and around the tabernacle, in the middle was the tribe of LEVI. You can read all this in **Numbers 2**. Here God specifies that there were to be 4 groupings of 3 tribes each. (**You definitely need to see this on the TRANSCRIPT, page 8**).

For example, to the south was the group headed by Reuben and the 2 other tribes, to the West – the group of 3 tribes headed by Ephraim and to the East, the 3 tribes headed by Judah. But each grouping of 3 was said to be directly East, West, North, and South. There is no mention of SW or SE. God is **PRECISE**. I believe all three tribes in each grouping were DIRECTLY east, directly west, directly south and so on. When you add up the numbers given in Numbers 2, the longest column was the JUDAH (Praise Yah) column to the East.

IF this is right, seen from the air, the camp of Israel would have looked like the diagram below. [Note that I have the top of this diagram as WEST, to show the effect of the long section at the bottom, from the East: Judah, Issachar and Zebulon.]



[The diagram above came from Chuck Misler – and there are many more sites with similar information. His site on this is www.ldolphin.org/camp.html]

I think it's remarkable. Just downright AMAZING.

Of course as I've mentioned before, Judah's tribal standard was, of course, the lion. Reuben's ensign was a man; Ephraim's the ox or bull; Dan's, eventually, the eagle – the same depictions in the cherubim around the throne of God (Revelation 4; Ezekiel 1, 10).

So the camp of Israel was a showcase of the scarlet thread of the Blood of the Lamb. Now when they were ready to enter the Promised Land, the scarlet thread – or cord – continues. The next one we'll look at is Rahab and the battle of Jericho.

RAHAB AND THE SCARLET CORD

Rahab's story and the conquest of Canaan tell us a lot. **It centers around the Passover season and days of unleavened bread –Joshua 5:10.** Just before Joshua 6 and the details of the battle of Jericho, we read in Joshua 5:10-12 that they kept the PASSOVER.

So when the spies were hidden by Rahab earlier, in Joshua 2:15-21 – you can read how she let the 2 Israeli spies escape by letting them down on a red flax rope. She asks in return that the Israelites spare her and her family when they conquer Jericho.

Joshua 2:15-21

Then she let them down by a rope through the window, for her house was on the city wall; she dwelt on the wall. 16 And she said to them, "Get to the mountain, lest the pursuers meet you. Hide there three days, until the pursuers have returned. Afterward you may go your way."

17 So the men said to her: "We will be blameless of this oath of yours which you have made us swear, 18 unless, **when we come into the land, you bind this line of SCARLET cord in the window through which you let us down**, and unless you bring your father, your mother, your brothers, and all your father's household to your own home. 19 So it shall be that whoever goes outside the doors of your house into the street, his blood shall be on his own head, and we will be guiltless. **And whoever is with you in the house, his blood shall be on our head if a hand is laid on him.** 20 And if you tell this business of ours, then we will be free from your oath which you made us swear." 21 Then she said, "According to your words, so be it."

*And she sent them away, and they departed. **And she bound the SCARLET cord in the window.***

Rahab was saved because of her FAITH (Hebrews 11:31). She had a horrible profession, she lied, she was part of a condemned race of Canaanites in a condemned city – **but by the grace pictured by the scarlet cord, she was saved by the blood it pictured --in the Passover season.** Rahab became an ancestress of Jesse- then David – the forefather of the very Christ. She's one of only 4 women mentioned by name in the genealogy of the Messiah. Isn't that amazing?

Psalm 22

Next, let's look at Psalm 22, which has a lot of stunningly clear prophecies of the crucifixion. When David penned this psalm, crucifixions were still unknown. Capital punishment was typically done by stoning, hanging or burning.

Psalms 22:1

“My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me? [“Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?”]

Why are You so far from helping Me, And from the words of My groaning?

Do you ever feel God has forsaken you? So far from helping you? Yeshua understands. He is a fit high priest who experienced that feeling for real.

Psalms 22:6-8

6 But I am a worm, and no man; A reproach of men, and despised by the people.
7 All those who see Me ridicule Me; *They shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying,*
8 *"He trusted in the Lord, let Him rescue Him; Let Him deliver Him, since He delights in Him!"*

Psalms 22:12-22

Many bulls have surrounded Me; Strong bulls of Bashan have encircled Me. 13 They gape at Me with their mouths, ***Like a raging and roaring lion.***

14 I am poured out like water, And all My bones are out of joint;
My heart is like wax; It has melted within Me.
15 My strength is dried up like a potsherd, And My tongue clings to My jaws;
You have brought Me to the dust of death.
16 For dogs have surrounded Me; The congregation of the wicked has enclosed Me. ***They pierced My hands and My feet;***
17 I can count all My bones. They look and stare at Me.
18 They divide My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots.

22 *I will declare Your name to My brethren; In the midst of the assembly I will praise You.*

- Brothers – brethren – from this one verse in PS 22:22, Paul quotes it in Hebrews 2 – that Messiah is not ashamed to call you and me his brothers. In our worship, Yeshua is here, praising Father with us and for us.

He is the Savior of all the world. (on your own, look also at John 12:32-33).

Psalms 22:27-28

All the ends of the world shall remember and turn to YHVH,
And all the families of the nations shall worship before You.
28 For the kingdom is Yehoweh's (the Lord's), And He rules over the nations.

And now let's talk about Yeshua himself.

YESHUA (Jesus) THE LAMB OF GOD

John 1:29 – “Behold the Lamb of God who TAKES AWAY the sins of the WORLD”.

Up until the death of Yeshua, the blood of bulls and goats could not TAKE AWAY the sin, but could only “cover” the sin (Kippur) for one year – until the next Yom Kippur, or Yom Kippurim, the day of Coverings. It had to be done year by year. And only by the High Priest, in great fear and trepidation.

We like to sing about how Yeshua forgives us and died for us. Let that sink in! He DIED because of us, and FOR us.

The gospel of John especially, which is focused on the Yeshua being GOD, has all the "I AM" statements. "I am" is a shortened form of the meaning of YHVH – "I am who I am; he who is, and was and is to come." It can be easily proved that "YHVH" applied both to the supreme Being we know as God the Father, as well as to Yeshua.

So John has Yeshua saying 7 times that HE is the great "I am". Yeshua is God in the flesh. He teaches us that is the – "I AM... the Door/Gate, I AM the Good Shepherd who gives his life for the sheep, I AM the Bread of Life, I am the Resurrection and the Life, I AM the Vine, I AM the Light of the world, The truth-the Way-and the Life. Maybe I should give a sermon soon on the 7 I am statements.

Remember this as we go through the time Yeshua is captured in Gethsemane.

Yeshua also did 7 specific miracles in the gospel of John that proved He was the promised Messiah, the Son of God. We'll have to cover that later. Let's briefly look at one – John 2, the miracle of water to wine, as that certainly continues the crimson thread.

FIRST MIRACLE AT CANA John 2:1-13 This was done just before Passover –v 13.

John 2:1-10

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. 2 Now both Jesus and His disciples were invited to the wedding. 3 And when they ran out of wine, the mother of Jesus said to Him, "They have no wine."

4 Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does your concern have to do with Me? **My hour has not yet come.**" [Yeshua is thinking about his Passover. Wine = blood, in his mind.]

5 His mother said to the servants, "**Whatever He says to you, do it.**"

6 Now there were set there **six waterpots** of stone, according to the manner of **purification of the Jews**, containing twenty or thirty gallons apiece. 7 Jesus said to them, "Fill the waterpots with water." And they filled them up to the brim. 8 And He said to them, "Draw some out now, and take it to the master of the feast." And they took it. [6= number of mankind; these were for purifying; what does the blood- wine – of Jesus do for us? It cleanses us from all sin.]

9 When the master of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom. 10 And he said to him, "Every man at the beginning sets out the good wine, and when the guests have well drunk, then the inferior. You have kept the good wine until now!"

The BREAD from heaven sermon – once again focusing on his body and blood.

John 6:53-57 More of the crimson thread.

Then Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and **drink His blood, you have no life in you.** 54 Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood **has eternal life**, and I will raise him up at the last day.

55 For My flesh is food indeed, and My blood is drink indeed. 56 He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him. 57 As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so **he who feeds on Me will live** because of Me.

This is about recognizing Him, *receiving* him, believing that he came and died for you and me....and what happens when we do? How well do we receive him?

John 1:11-13

“He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. **12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: 13 who were born**, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but ***of God***.”

We receive HIM – and He receives us – and we become real children of God, if we believe especially in the name Yeshua came to reveal: God as “OUR FATHER” – OUR ABBA.

Next we jump to the last supper of Yeshua – with the footwashing (John 13) and the bread and wine. Even Judas was at the footwashing and had his feet washed. I want you to really understand that. Judas left AFTER the footwashing service (John 12:26-31) to betray him.

A brief look at Judas – or Judah

WHO was this disciple who betrayed him? His name was Judas. You may not know this: *but “Judas” is simply another name for “JUDAH”*. (For example, see Matthew 1:2 in the KJV). I never realized this before but discovered it while studying this topic. Amazing, huh? Yes, Yeshua was betrayed by his own tribe, his own fellow Jews, typified by Judas. In the end, we ALL betrayed him and rejected him at first, until the patience and love of our father drew us close to Him. Judah, Jews -- accepted the wrong Son of the Father (Bar abbas) and betrayed their God and their King who came in the form of Yeshua.

THE BREAD AND WINE

At the Last Supper -- NT PASSOVER of Christ – review emblems and the cup

- (For time’s sake you’ll have to hear the full sermon on “A New Look at the Emblems” – see April 2011 sermon on this website)
- The cup vs just focusing on the contents of the cup (hear audio)
- The emblems. Footwashing (hear audio), cup of wine, and bread.
 - Footwashing – serving, yes. But also seeing each other as washed by Messiah.
 - Wine: we covered well in Part 1.
 - Unleavened bread - look at a sheet of matzah. Pierced, has stripes. Amazing.

Bread of His body; Blood of the new covenant!

Matthew 26:26-30

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."

30 And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

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.

The thread of the blood leads to this night, and the next day.

YESHUA IN THE GARDEN of GETHSEMANE

There was another garden, in my view not far at all from where Gan Eden (Garden of Eden) was. It was called the Garden of the Olive Press (Gethsemane). The way they got olive oil was by **crushing** the olives with a heavy round millstone that would grind out all the oil and have it run out into a container. This was a very crushing night for Yeshua. He too, poured out his heart on this night. Here's a picture of an actual "Olive Press", which is what Gethsemane means.



HIS SWEAT MINGLED WITH BLOOD – more of the crimson thread

Do you remember when the very same One who cursed the ground after Adam's sin (Gen 3:17-19) was the same One now praying to Abba, his Daddy... "Daddy, Abba, is there any other way...?" And his anguish was so severe, that the capillaries were bursting and sweat mingled with His blood was now dropping to the cursed ground – which by his blood, he was in the process of redeeming for us.

You see, Yeshua took on himself ALL sins, all curses, all condemnation, so Paul could write there is no longer ANY condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus (Romans 8:1). Hallelujah! Hallelujah, praise you Yeshua, praise you Abba!

Is it possible, that even in this incident, He is opening the way to show HE is the LIFE, He will take on Himself the curses, the condemnation of the dust of the ground, and how it will bear thorns? And so what did the Romans, later, jam on to Yeshua's forehead? A CROWN OF THORNS. The thorns of **the Jujube tree** in Israel – which MIGHT have been the source of the thorns -- are over an inch long, folks. Even a crown from blackberry bushes would be bad enough, or a crown from these thorny palms we have around here! The Romans jammed this on his head and every strike of the scourge drove them in deeper.

Yeshua was taking on himself the curses on mankind—that the ground was cursed (Genesis 3:17-19) and would produce only thorns and thistles. And what else did YHVH say to Adam: "By the sweat of your face shall you eat bread..." So in the garden he SWEAT BLOOD that fell to the ground.

Yeshua's anguish in the garden – was this for himself only? I have a good brother named Paul who felt God's inspiration on the idea – and I agree - that Yeshua is also anguishing knowing what pain his father is going through in heaven as well. **This is such** a deep thought, and so typical of what our Savior no doubt was feeling. He was constantly thinking of others even as he is being scourged, or after he was impaled on the cross.

As we remember Yeshua's sacrifice, let's remember Father's awful, awful anguish as well. Father was sacrificing His Lamb for all of us, so He would not have to execute all of us.

The Great "I AM" in the garden and on the cross

After his prayer, the arresting temple guard- and Judas/Judah - came to arrest Yeshua, He asked, "Whom do you seek?" They said Jesus of Nazareth. His answer? 'I AM'.

FROM CJB – because his answer was not "I am he" ("he" is in italics; i.e., not in the original) . And Judas – a form of Judah/Y'udah in Hebrew was the betrayer. Who betrayed Yeshua? Yes, his own people, who cried out that they had no king but Caesar.

John 18:4-9 CJB

4 Yeshua, who knew everything that was going to happen to him, went out and asked them, "Whom do you want?" 5 "Yeshua from Natzeret," they answered. **He said to them, "I AM."** Also standing with them was Y'udah, the one who was betraying him. 6 When he said, "I AM," they went backward from him and fell to the ground. 7 So he inquired of them once more, "Whom do you want?" and they said, "Yeshua

from Natzeret.” 8 “I told you, ‘**I AM,**’” answered Yeshua, “so if I’m the one you want, let these others go.” 9 This happened so that what he had said might be fulfilled, “I have not lost one of those you gave me.”

Then the SCOURGING – TO TAKE OUR PAIN AND ILLNESS ON HIMSELF.

Are we getting the idea that I said from the beginning? Passover is a lovely day – but a brutal, brutal day to the lambs/Lamb of God taking the beating, being killed and sacrificed!

THE ANGER AGAINST SIN UNLEASHED

The JUSTICE and JUDGMENT of God Most High required the requirements of his perfection and holy law be satisfied. If we were to be forgiven, someone had to pay the bill. When a debt is cancelled, someone still loses the money – right? So the debt had to be paid.

ALL THE ANGER of God is now unleashed on his righteous Son. EVERY sin, every illness, every shortcoming of all of mankind is now heaped on HIM – and so HE receives the FULL fury of God’s anger and requirement of death. ALL the condemnation for all and every sin is HEAPED on to our righteous Savior. THAT is the Passover too, folks! BUT IT’S THE LOVE OF the FATHER, and the agreement of the SON, that made all this possible – for YOU – so YOU don’t have to ever feel the condemnation ever again!

THE DARKNESS over the land also shows what a horrible moment it was -- pictured also by the covenant of Genesis 15, also at Passover, with horrifying moments. The darkness at Jesus’ crucifixion – could not have been an eclipse. Why? **Because eclipses last only MINUTES, usually 3-4, and never more than 12-15 minutes.** This darkness was 3 hours long. *This was something more than an eclipse.*

Let’s not drink that wine and eat that bread casually.

Examining self:

Taking the Passover worthily is not so much examining YOUR righteousness – but acknowledging HIS. *It’s not appreciating that YOU’RE getting better – but that HE was perfect.* Because frankly, if I focus on my own righteousness and “qualifying” to keep Passover, then SELF-righteousness has entered in, or I’ll so discouraged at how far I still fall.

So examining ourselves before taking the bread and wine is to say we UNDERSTAND the magnitude of what our Savior did for us

ON THE CROSS/TREE

The Cross/Tree: We know Yeshua was hung on a tree with a cross-beam (1 Peter 2:24). The symbol of a cross is not something I shy away from. Paul said he is not ashamed of the cross. “Tree” is mentioned in Acts 5:30; 10:39; 13:29 and 1 Peter 2:24.

1 Peter 2:24

“...who Himself bore OUR sins in HIS own body **on the tree**, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness — **by whose stripes you were healed**”.

But there was a cross-beam Yeshua had to carry. And Paul says he was not ashamed of the cross—

Galatians 6:14

But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

1 Corinthians 2:2-3

For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

The Title Given by Pilate reveals who humanity killed

Above Yeshua's head was a sign inscribed. Romans often put the person's name and his crime, as a warning to all. The Jewish leaders claimed they had no king except Caesar (John 19:15) – and claimed Yeshua was claiming to be their king. But they publicly rejected him. Pilate put that on the cross anyway. No doubt God the Father was the one who correctly labeled who this truly was. Be ready to be amazed.

“This is Jesus of Nazareth, king of the Jews”. You’ll need the transcript to see what follows.

In Hebrew, which is read from right to left, the first key letter in each word to that phrase spells an acrostic. Are you ready for it? Here is what the Jewish leaders saw!

Yeshua HaNazarei Vemelekh HaYahudim.”

The letters of the first words spell, in Hebrew – YHVH. The very personal name of God. Hallelujah! Are we getting it? **Pilate is telling the world, in 3 languages, the One we have here on this cross is YHVH himself.** Wow, brethren, let that sink in. Remember that YHVH could refer to both the Father and the Son. The One who appeared in Genesis 18 to Abraham was YHVH – and that wasn't the Father. The One who spoke the 10 commandments was YHVH (“the LORD”) – Ex. 20:1-2 – and that wasn't the Father, whose voice nobody has ever heard. THIS YHVH – the Creator who spoke to Adam in Genesis 2 – THIS was the same Being who was nailed to the cross to remove your sin debt!

Even the WORD PICTURES behind the very personal name of “YHVH” represent what YHVH would do in the person of Yeshua for us. In Hebrew, each letter is not just a letter, but also a picture, and also a number, and also a musical note.

The letter **Y -yod** – the Hebrew word picture is an extended HAND and part of the wrist;

H- HEY – behold, see;

V -VAV/waw – TENT NAIL; **H -hey** – behold, see.”

So in Hebrew word picture, YHVH says “Hand – look at it; Nail – look” – almost exactly what Yeshua said to Thomas in John 20.

No wonder the Jewish leaders wanted that title taken down or changed to “HE SAID he was the King of the Jewish” – which would have changed the acrostic. Pilate stood firm.

This was the day our Creator Himself, who made the first man and woman – spilled his blood all over the tree on which he was crucified – for YOU, for me, for ALL of us.

GOLGOTHA – where the giant enemy of Israel – Goliath's head – was buried

There's more. Do you remember the curse on the Dragon, on the Serpent?

“Eve's seed will CRUSH YOUR HEAD, and you will bruise His heel” Gen 3:15-16

Indeed Satan more than bruised Messiah's heel and feet at the crucifixion. But it was at Golgotha, where our giant enemy Satan had his HEAD CRUSHED – a huge knock-out blow – by the sacrifice of the perfect son of god, defeating Satan's power on us. And when God sees the Blood of Yeshua – WE do not die. HE did. He died for us.

In **1 Sam 17:54-57**, we read that after David killed Goliath, he cut off the giant's head and took it as a trophy for a time and then buried it outside Jerusalem.

1 Samuel 17:53-54

53 Then the children of Israel returned from chasing the Philistines, and they plundered their tents. **54 And David took the head of the Philistine and brought it to Jerusalem**, but he put his armor in his tent.

Remember Jerusalem was still a Jebusite/Canaanite city at that time. David wasn't king yet, and hadn't conquered Jerusalem yet. Was he perhaps showing the Jebusites that he was already aware that they too would fall to him someday? But my point is, HE buried Goliath's skull there.

Yeshua was crucified at “the place of a skull” (**Matthew 17:33**). Could it be it was at the very place where the giant enemy of Israel was buried would also be the place where Yeshua would crush the head of Satan, our giant enemy – by Yeshua's very crucifixion that DESTROYED the power of Satan and the power of sin over us?

David – and remember Yeshua is a Son of David – killed Goliath with a ROCK to the head of the giant enemy. And WHO is the ROCK? Who did that stone represent, that killed the giant enemy? Of course – Yeshua! HE is our Rock. He is our LIGHT on the ROCK, Amen? SO it would be very appropriate that the ROCK uses the crucifixion at the place of the Skull to destroy the power of our giant enemy - the Serpent! Hallelujah!

Some believe, and I do, that Golgotha is not a place that has to look like a skull – but be the site where THE SKULL of Goliath was buried. Gol = a shortened form of Goliath? In this rendition, “Gol-gotha” would mean “Gol's skull”.

THE PLACE where he could finally LAY DOWN HIS HEAD AND REST

Something else now: Do you remember in **Luke 9:58** – “the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head”? (He did have a home in Capernaum – Matthew 4:13 – but he's referring that he couldn't stop and rest until his work was finished.)

Something very interesting about the Greek words used here. The word for “lay” his head is **Greek word #2827, *klino***. There IS another time that word is used, but it's translated as

“bowed” – but same Greek word used for lay. Yeshua DOES lay down his head when His Passover work for us is all done and finished == perfectly and completely.

John 19:30

“So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, “**Finished!**” And *bowing* (*klino*- 2827) His head, He gave up His spirit.”

FINALLY, he had a place to lay his head. When his work was finished, and he could rest, he laid down his head on his chest as he hung on the cross for us – as blood dripped from his side and down the stake. When I see the blood....

My brothers and sisters, be sure you are under His blood, and that Father sees the blood of His Son over you and over your life. Yes, WE spilt his blood. Father did it – but he did it because of our sins. Father sent Yeshua to die for you and me. Praise His holy name. Abba, Daddy, Dear Father. What a wonderful name.

Brethren, there is so much more... but I must go now, time is up.

KEY to the working of the blood: BELIEVE in Yeshua – the son of God, the Son of Man, who came and died for you and your sins. Start talking about him, start using His name – as well as the Father’s. FOCUS on HIM, look to HIM. LOVE him. FALL IN LOVE with him. As HE IS, so are we in this world – 1 John 4:17.

1 John 4:17-19

“Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have **boldness** in the Day of Judgment; **because as He is, so are we in this world.** 18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. 19 **We love Him because He first loved us.**”

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YOU AND I ALSO DIED WITH HIM ON THE TREE.

Galatians 2:20-21

I have been crucified WITH Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved ME and gave Himself for ME. 21 I do not set aside the grace of God; for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died in vain.”

YOU DIED. With Christ. And you were resurrected with Him. We’re not trying to reform our old self. No – God wants it to die and be REPLACED with a NEW CREATION, which is, and WHO is, Christ. Father is not trying to REFORM your and my carnal nature but puts it on the CROSS to die, and then replaces it with something totally new – the RESURRECTION LIFE of Yeshua!

DON’T pray that God show mercy on your old self. No – it has to die, be buried and taken away and REPLACED with Christ. The old YOU has to die. It has to die on the tree with Christ. S

3 days and 3 nights later, God Most High resurrected the dead Yeshua – thus accepting his sacrifice. When he ascended to the father, he sanctified the rest of the harvest. **In 2014, that will happen on the first day of the week, April 20.**

If we accept it, in union with Christ, as we abide in him, we shall bear much fruit (John 15:1-8; Philippians 1:11). This is the essence of THE GOSPEL – Romans 1:16

Romans 1:16-17

“For I am not ashamed **of the gospel** of Christ, ***for it is the power of God to salvation*** for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. 17 For in it the **righteousness OF GOD** is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, “The just shall live by faith.”

THE PASSOVER crucifixion of the Son of God is the beginning of the GOSPEL story of HOW we can enter the kingdom of God.

1 Cor. 15:1-8 makes it clear that this is the gospel that Paul preached.

Let’s appreciate THIS Passover more than any other we have ever experienced. Let’s esteem the body of our Lord and Savior....but not just his one individual personal body, but the whole body of Christ, the church, the called-out ones.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND BLESSING. (Hear it on the audio)

Until next time, this is Philip, your brother in our Messiah asking for blessings, peace and shalom to all of you as you walk in *His* light. Until next time.... Shalom and joy!

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