**Feast of Unleavened Bread**

***Joshua 5:1-9*** *As soon as all the kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan to the west, and all the kings of the Canaanites who were by the sea, heard that Yahovah had dried up the waters of the Jordan for the people of Israel until they had crossed over, their hearts melted and there was no longer any spirit in them because of the people of Israel.*

***2*** *At that time Yahovah said to Joshua, "Make flint knives and circumcise the sons of Israel a second time."* ***3*** *So Joshua made flint knives and circumcised the sons of Israel at Gibeath-haaraloth.* ***4*** *And this is the reason why Joshua circumcised them: all the males of the people who came out of Egypt, all the men of war, had died in the wilderness on the way after they had come out of Egypt.* ***5*** *Though all the people who came out had been circumcised, yet all the people who were born on the way in the wilderness after they had come out of Egypt had not been circumcised.* ***6*** *For the people of Israel walked forty years in the wilderness, until all the nation, the men of war who came out of Egypt, perished, because they did not obey the voice of Yahovah; Yahovah swore to them that he would not let them see the land that Yahovah had sworn to their fathers to give to us, a land flowing with milk and honey.* ***7*** *So it was their children, whom he raised up in their place, that Joshua circumcised. For they were uncircumcised, because they had not been circumcised on the way.****8*** *When the circumcising of the whole nation was finished, they remained in their places in the camp until they were healed.* ***9*** *And Yahovah said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you." And so the name of that place is called Gilgal to this day.*

Circumcision was the sign of the covenant. These were the people of the covenant that God was taking across the Jordan to possess the Promised Land and they needed to have the seal of the covenant on them as they headed in to do battle.

What was the reproach of Egypt that was removed from them?

1) The shame of having been slaves…..

2) The shame of their fathers having desired to go back to Egypt….

3) The lack of faith of their fathers to go in and possess the land when they were supposed to originally……

***Joshua 5:10-15 10*** *While the people of Israel were encamped at Gilgal, they kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the month in the evening on the plains of Jericho.* ***11*** *And the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate of the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain.* ***12*** *And the manna ceased the day after they ate of the produce of the land. And there was no longer manna for the people of Israel, but they ate of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year.****13*** *When Joshua was by Jericho, he lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, a man was standing before him with his drawn sword in his hand. And Joshua went to him and said to him, "Are you for us, or for our adversaries?"* ***14*** *And he said, "No; but I am the commander of the army of Yahovah. Now I have come." And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped and said to him, "What does my lord say to his servant?"* ***15*** *And the commander of Yahovah's army said to Joshua, "Take off your sandals from your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy." And Joshua did so.*

They finally get to eat of the land that was supposed to already be theirs by now. This is a land that they have not worked or plowed or done any preparation yet the land provided for them. God provided for them and no longer needed to send them the manna. They are getting to taste a little bit of how good the land is to prepare them for the battles to come.

This is the first Passover since they left Egypt. The original instructions were to celebrate the Passover when you come into the land that I am giving you. The conquest begins in April, in the Spring of the year. The first month on the Creators Calendar.

***John 2:13-25 13*** *The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.* ***14*** *In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there.****15*** *And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables.* ***16*** *And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade."* ***17*** *His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."*

Today how can we apply this and relate to it?

God’s house is not a house of merchandise and it is not a place to come to conduct business. It is specifically for worship and prayer. When we come together on Sabbath or the High Holy Days it is not a time for buying or selling each other’s wares, it is not a time to have our bookstores open, it is a holy set apart time.

We are not the Temple or any semblance of the Temple, but we are a small building that is doing God’s work and we should have some reverence for that calling when we are here on the Holy Days.

***18*** *So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?"* ***19*** *Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."* ***20*** *The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?"* ***21*** *But he was speaking about the temple of his body.* ***22*** *When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.* ***23*** *Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing.* ***24*** *But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people* ***25*** *and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man.*

This seems to be the first time that our own bodies are being referred to as the Temple. Yahshua was perfect and hence his body was a Temple, but we are sinners and only can refer to our bodies as a Temple if we are cleansed by His blood.

Verse 23-24 does not make a whole lot of sense in English. They believed in him but he did not commit to them/ entrust himself to them.

First in verse 23 it says that they believed in him because of the miracles. In verse 24 it says Yahshua did not entrust, but the Greek word is the same word as they believed. Pisteuo

It should read that they believed due to the miracles, but Yahshua himself did not believe them, because he knew all people and knew what was in their heart. Yahshua knew that they were not sincerely committed to him.

Kind of reminds me of the people that chase the miracle workers of today! People will travel by planes, trains and automobiles to see the next new Pagan faith healer. They believed for the wrong reasons.

***John 3:1-21******1*** *Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews.* ***2*** *This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him."****3*** *Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."* ***4*** *Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?"* ***5*** *Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.* ***6*** *That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.* ***7*** *Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'* ***8*** *The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."*

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***9*** *Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?"* ***10*** *Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things?* ***11*** *Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony.* ***12*** *If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things?****13*** *No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.* ***14*** *And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,* ***15*** *that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.* ***16*** *"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.*

1) Elling shared with us that the word should is not a guarantee. It is simply something that we would hope that those that believed on Him would end up saved.

2) The key is the word “Believeth” which means a perpetual continuation or believe until you die. Continue and walk in your belief.

***17-21 17*** *For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.****18*** *Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.* ***19*** *And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.* ***20*** *For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed.* ***21*** *But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God."*

The difficulty of these last few verses is accepting what verse 19 - 20 are really saying to us.

We think if darkness and evil as murder, drug addicts, prostitution, etc.

While those things are all part of darkness; it really is referring to anything and everything outside of the scope of the light.

Anyone that does not have the truth of the Scriptures regardless of how much you love them, regardless of how nice a person they are, regardless of how many “Good” things they do……

They are either in the light or they are NOT.

Yahshua said, *He that is not with me is against me*

*Matthew 12:30 and Luke 11:23*

Whoever does what is **true**

Aletheia in Greek - what is true in things appertaining to God and the duties of man, moral and religious truth

Truth is found in only one place. The book, the instructions, the Torah.

Truth is the walking breathing living Torah, Yahshua Messiah who came to teach the Torah properly, to teach it with authority and to teach it in the love of God but also with the respect of a Holy God as well.

**Lets pray and lets Feast.**