

Lesson Guide 33

Introduction to the Annual Festivals

The Passover -- AMANUWAL'S SACRIFICE BEGINS YAHUWAH'S MASTER PLAN

YOU HAVE probably heard the teaching that Amanuwal did everything for you -- that all you must do is ACCEPT His shed blood for your sins, and then you are "automatically saved"!

Is the mere acceptance of Amanuwal's death all there is to salvation? Does the blood of Amanuwal really "save" anyone?

What Was Finished?

The common teaching today is that Amanuwal FINISHED the plan of salvation on the stake. The world consequently sees only a DEAD AMANUWAL HANGING ON A STAKE -- not the DYNAMIC LIVING AMANUWAL at the right hand of the Father in Heaven, guiding and controlling the whole universe! (Heb. 1:3.)

Just what was finished? Notice Amanuwal's own words: "My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to FINISH HIS WORK" (John 4:34).

Amanuwal came to accomplish a specific job -- the Father's work. That job was two-fold. One was to preach the good news and to commission the apostles to carry on the Father's work until Amanuwal returns. The second was to offer His life for the sins of the world.

Of the FIRST part of the Father's commission Amanuwal said: "I have FINISHED THE WORK which thou gayest me to do" (John 17:4).

At the climax of the SECOND part of that commission, as Amanuwal was expiring His last breath, He said: "It is finished" (John 19:30).

What was finished? The sacrificing of His life for the sins of the world! But did that finish the plan of salvation? Not at all!

Consider!

If the death of Amanuwal completed the plan of salvation, then why the need of a resurrection?

Why the Resurrection?

Suppose Amanuwal was not resurrected. Would His shed blood be sufficient to save you? Have you ever read I Corinthians 15:17? "And if Amanuwal be not raised, your faith is VAIN; YOU ARE YET IN YOUR SINS"!

Notice it! "Yet in your sins"! Without salvation!

Then Amanuwal's sacrifice alone is not all that is necessary for salvation. AMANUWAL HAD TO BE RESURRECTED. Unless Amanuwal is ALIVE today, acting as your Advocate, making intercession as your Savior, your faith in His shed blood is in vain! You would yet be in your sins. You would be without a resurrected, living Savior to PLEAD FORGIVENESS on your behalf in the presence of the Father in Heaven.

That's why Sha'ul wrote to the Romans: "For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to Yahuwah by the death of his Son" -- that's the work Amanuwal finished on the stake -- the work of reconciliation so we can BE FORGIVEN OUR PAST SINS -- "much more," continues Sha'ul, "being reconciled, WE SHALL BE SAVED BY HIS LIFE" (Rom. 5:10).

Do you comprehend this all-important verse? The death of Amanuwal -- the shedding of His blood -- paid for our past guilt, but we SHALL (that's FUTURE) be saved, that is, inherit eternal life, BY HIS LIFE -- by the power of the resurrection!

If Amanuwal is not living today, if he were yet dead, you never could be saved! You never could inherit the Kingdom of Yahuwah and live forever! That takes the power of the Ruwach Ha'Kadosh!

What people have not understood is that there are two meanings to the word SAVE. We save or rescue someone from fire. So Amanuwal saved us from the death penalty of past sins by paying that penalty Himself. But we also save, that is, keep or preserve, money in a bank. So the life of Amanuwal -- the RUWACH HA'KADOSH -- IS WHAT WILL SAVE US, KEEP OR PRESERVE US LIVING FOREVER. That part of salvation is YET TO BE FINISHED at the resurrection!

The TRUTH is that Yahuwah's Plan only BEGAN with Amanuwal's sacrifice! Amanuwal's death is in reality only the BEGINNING, the very FIRST STEP, in Yahuwah's great Master Plan of salvation.

Let's begin to understand why.

Yahuwah's PURPOSE for Mankind

Former Prime Minister Winston Chosen Peopleill, during World War II, told the American Congress: "There is A PURPOSE BEING WORKED OUT HERE BELOW." He acknowledged a Higher Power above who is working out that purpose!

That great and wonderful purpose for human existence was first revealed in the Garden of Eden. YAHUWAH said, "Let us make man in our IMAGE, after our likeness ... " (Gen. 1:26).

Man was made of the dust of the ground -- of clay -- in the form and shape of Yahuwah. But man was made INCOMPLETE. Man was made to need Yahuwah -- to receive the Ruwach Ha'Kadosh without which he has no hope of eternal life.

Yahuwah, on that sixth day of creation week, had only BEGUN His master creation. Yahuwah made man a perfect PHYSICAL creation. He was NOT YET A PERFECT SPIRITUAL CREATION! Yahuwah made mankind for the purpose of BEING FASHIONED INTO THE VERY CHARACTER "IMAGE" OF YAHUWAH -- into very spirit-born Sons in Yahuwah's Family!

But that takes TIME. To accomplish it Yahuwah has allotted 7,000 years -- seven millennial "days" (II Pet. 3:8).

The entire creation of Yahuwah begins with AMANUWAL, and, when we fully understand, it is also FINISHED IN HIM! Yahuwah created all things by Amanuwal Ha'Mashyach (Eph. 3:9). Amanuwal was the workman who created the physical Adam.

But our SPIRITUAL creation also BEGINS with Amanuwal. It is He who became our living EXAMPLE to follow. He came into the world to lead the way. He came to shed His blood for our sins. He became, also, the FIRSTBORN from among the dead -- the FIRST completed, perfected SPIRITUAL MAN! Notice it in your own Bible:

"But we see Amanuwal, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor; that He by the grace of Yahuwah should taste death for every man. For it became Him, FOR whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in BRINGING MANY SONS UNTO GLORY, to make the CAPTAIN OF THEIR SALVATION PERFECT through sufferings" (Heb. 2:9-10).

There it is! The purpose of life is that in us Yahuwah is re-creating HIS OWN KIND -- REPRODUCING HIMSELF after HIS very own CHARACTER "IMAGE"!

Yahuwah first revealed His purpose and plan to Adam in the Garden of Eden. But Adam didn't really comprehend it.

Only rarely in Old Testament times did Yahuwah intervene in human lives and call men to walk with Him and talk with Him about the GOAL OF LIFE and HOW TO ACHIEVE IT. In the first 1656 years of human history, the Bible records that only ONE MAN out of each generation was called by Yahuwah to really understand the PURPOSE of life -- chosen to mediate between Yahuwah and man as "a preacher of righteousness" (II Pet. 2:5).

After the flood, Yahuwah revealed His purpose and plan to Abraham, the outstanding example of faith and obedience in Old Testament times (Gen. 26:5).

But it was not until the days of Moses that Yahuwah began to call the descendants of righteous Abraham -- the twelve tribes of Israel -- out of Egyptian captivity. It was then that YAHUWAH BEGAN TO REVEAL the DETAILS of His plan for working out His purpose for man here below.

Sabbath Pictures Yahuwah's Rest

When Yahuwah, who is the AUTHOR of time, set apart and made sacred the seventh day Sabbath for man, He gave mankind a rest day carrying special significance.

To His "Assembly in the wilderness" -- the CONGREGATION of Israel (Acts 7:38) -- Yahuwah said the Sabbath was a "SIGN" between Him and His people (Ezek. 20:12). This "sign" is a SUPERNATURAL PROOF of IDENTITY. It is the sign by which we know that He is Yahuwah. It is a MEMORIAL of Yahuwah's creation -- a WEEKLY REMINDER of Yahuwah's creative power.

But the Sabbath is ALSO a reminder to Yahuwah's people of the MILLENNIAL REST FROM SIN -- when all the world will be a peace for 1000 years -- when the knowledge of Yahuwah's purpose will fill the earth as the waters cover the depths of the seas (Isaiah 11:9).

No other day but THE SEVENTH DAY OF THE WEEK could have such significance and MEANING. It was designed to CONTINUALLY KEEP US in this true knowledge!

But did you know Yahuwah also SET APART and made SACRED certain other days of the year BESIDES the weekly Sabbath?

Annual Festivals Picture Yahuwah's Plan

Yahuwah called Israel out of Egyptian slavery to perform the most important mission any nation has ever been given in all the history of mankind. Israel was not Yahuwah's "favorite" people. They were not chosen for any goodness of their own (Deut. 7:6-9). Rather, Yahuwah called them so He could, through them, REVEAL HIMSELF as Creator and Ruler of the universe so that through them, as His instruments, He could make known HIS PLAN, His laws, HIS GREATNESS, and His blessings to all nations (Deut. 4:5-9).

Yahuwah has mapped out a definite PLAN, allowing SEVEN THOUSAND YEARS for the process. Seven is Yahuwah's number of perfection and completeness. And so Yahuwah has given to His people SEVEN ANNUAL FESTIVALS to keep them in the KNOWLEDGE of His Plan.

Each festival pictures a VITAL STEP in the working out of that plan for mankind. Whenever the people of Israel forgot these festivals they also forgot the Plan of Yahuwah. These festivals are MEMORIALS of YAHUWAH'S PLAN.

These memorials, which Yahuwah gave His congregation in the wilderness, begin with the commemoration of Israel's deliverance from Egypt -- A picture for his assembly of the plan of Yahuwah in DELIVERING THE WORLD FROM SIN.

Just as the weekly Sabbath is a "sign" between Yahuwah and His people, so are these festivals (Ex. 31:13). They are not Canaanitish feasts, nor Jewish feasts, nor the feasts of Moses. NOT

ONCE in all the Old Testament are these days called "Jewish feasts" or "feasts of Moses." They are the "feasts of Yahuwah" -- "My feasts," says Yahuwah (Lev. 23:2).

The whole story of Yahuwah's plan is to be RE-ENACTED year after year by Yahuwah's people. The yearly observance of these days IMPRESSES Yahuwah's Plan on us and continually REMINDS US of OUR PART in it!

Two Spiritual Harvests

To keep His children constantly in the true understanding of His great PLAN of salvation, Amanuwal – the Aluhym of the Old Testament -- originally took the yearly agricultural harvests of Palestine as a TYPE OF Yahuwah's SPIRITUAL HARVESTS of human beings.

In Palestine there are two annual grain harvests. First, produced by the EARLY rain, is the SMALLER SPRING HARVEST. Second, produced by the "latter rain," comes the main harvest -- the much GREATER FALL HARVEST.

Yahuwah used the yearly grain harvests of Palestine to picture the spiritual harvests of His Plan.

Amanuwal intended the spring harvest festivals to PICTURE to His Called Out repeatedly YEAR BY YEAR, the fact that those He calls now to become His Spirit-begotten children BEFORE Amanuwal's return, are ONLY the "first-fruits" -- only the BEGINNING of His great spiritual harvest!

In the 23rd chapter of Leviticus, we find a SUMMARY of these annual Set Apart Days and festivals. Amanuwal -- not the Father -- spoke them to Moses and the Levites -- who were the teachers and ministers in Israel -- so they would know what to teach the people.

The FIRST THREE festival periods, beginning with the Passover, are MEMORIALS of the first part of Yahuwah's Plan. They picture only the firstfruits of Amanuwal's labors.

The LAST FOUR festivals look forward to the future and show how Yahuwah will reap THE LATTER GREAT FALL HARVEST OF BILLIONS OF PEOPLE!

Set-Apart Days Preserved for Yahuwah's Chosen People

The One who became Amanuwal Ha'Mashyach chose ancient Israel for a special mission they have FAILED TO perform. Israel was a CARNAL nation. They didn't have any promise of receiving the Ruwach Ha'Kadosh at that time (John 7:38-39). Therefore, they did NOT COMPREHEND Yahuwah's great purpose for mankind or the true spiritual significance of the STEPS within Yahuwah's Plan as pictured by the Set-Apart Days.

Yahuwah did not reveal this spiritual understanding to them (Eph. 3:4-5) because it was not yet His time to give the Ruwach Ha'Kadosh to "whosoever will." He KNEW they did not have the spiritual ability -- "the heart" (Deut. 5:29) -- within them to believe and obey.

Then why did Amanuwal give His laws and Set-Apart Days to ancient Israel?

The Bible tells us that the "oracles" -- the Old Testament Scriptures which include Yahuwah's weekly Sabbath and the Set-Apart Days -- were committed to Israel to be passed on from generation to generation. The Israelites "who received the lively oracles TO GIVE UNTO US (TODAY)" (Acts 7:38).

But the house of Israel went into captivity, beginning 721 B.C., losing their identity and their knowledge of Yahuwah. They DID NOT PRESERVE the BIBLE or Yahuwah's Sacred CALENDAR for us.

The house of Yahudah -- the Jews -- which had split away from the nation Israel after the death of Solomon, went into captivity beginning 604 B.C. They returned 70 years later. But Yahudah RETAINED the knowledge of her identity and her Aluhym.

Recognizing the fact that she had gone into captivity for breaking the Sabbath, Yahudah became very STRICT in its observance. The Jews, therefore, FAITHFULLY RETAINED the true Sabbath as well as all the Set-Apart Scriptures!

Notice what Sha'ul, under inspiration of Yahuwah, asks: "What ADVANTAGE then hath the Jew?" Then he answers in part, "much every way: chiefly, because that unto THEM WERE COMMITTED the ORACLES of Yahuwah" (Rom. 3:1, 2).

The Jews alone were left to preserve THE SCRIPTURES and the weekly SABBATH! Of all the tribes of Israel, Yahuwah entrusted the Jews to be the CARRIERS of His revealed will for the New Testament Spirit-begotten Chosen People!

Now, let's learn about the BEGINNING of Yahuwah's Plan of salvation for mankind -- the sacrifice of "Amanuwal our Passover"! We need to be SURE we know exactly why Amanuwal DIED for us.

What the Death of Amanuwal Means

You often hear people say, "Amanuwal DIED to SAVE sinners." Many suppose that is a Bible quotation -- but it isn't! Many firmly believe that Amanuwal's DEATH -- His shed blood -- is what actually SAVES us -- imparts everlasting LIFE!

You may be surprised to learn that the Bible says No SUCH THING! What a self-contradictory, totally unscientific thing the Bible would be stating, if you could find that in Yahuwah's Word!

There is no more basic and firmly established law known to science than the law of biogenesis -- that only LIFE can beget life! DEATH has no power to impart LIFE. Life cannot spring from dead matter -- or shed blood. The LIVING does not come from the NON-LIVING. Yahuwah Almighty created that law!

WHY, then, was it necessary that Amanuwal DIE for us -- that He SHED HIS BLOOD? Let's understand.

Yahuwah says: "All have sinned, and come short of the glory of Yahuwah" (Rom. 3:23). THAT INVOLVES YOU! Your TRANSGRESSION OF YAHUWAH'S LAWS has CUT YOU OFF from all contact with your Creator. The penalty now hanging over you is DEATH -- eternal death -- for the wages of sin is DEATH (Rom. 6:23). That ETERNAL DEATH PENALTY MUST BE REMOVED BEFORE YOU CAN HAVE ANY HOPE OF RECEIVING ETERNAL LIFE!

What is the only way Yahuwah says that penalty can be removed? Notice Romans 5:8-10: "But Yahuwah commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, AMANUWAL DIED FOR US. Much more, then, BEING NOW JUSTIFIED by His BLOOD, we shall be SAVED FROM WRATH (the death penalty) through Him. For if, when we were enemies, we were RECONCILED TO YAHUWAH BY THE DEATH of His Son, much more, being reconciled, we SHALL BE SAVED BY HIS LIFE."

Do you see that we are FORGIVEN, JUSTIFIED OF PAST GUILT, reconciled to the Father, by the DEATH OF AMANUWAL -- but that we shall be SAVED, not by His death, but by His LIFE? By His resurrection!

So the BLOOD of Amanuwal does NOT FINALLY SAVE you! It only means that Amanuwal has PAID IN FULL THE PENALTY OF YOUR PAST SINS for You! The barrier that has stood between you and Yahuwah has now been removed and you are now, by Amanuwal's sacrifice, allowed contact with Father Yahuwah -- reconciled to Him!

In I Corinthians 5:7-8, Yahuwah inspired the apostle Sha'ul to lay down this commandment for the Chosen People: "Amanuwal, OUR PASSOVER, is sacrificed for us; THEREFORE, LET US KEEP THE FEAST"!

The original true Assembly which AMANUWAL built kept annually the Passover, and the FEAST of Unleavened Bread -- NOT Easter. They understood the New Testament Passover is the MEMORIAL of the DEATH of Amanuwal, observed on its anniversary, picturing FORGIVENESS of our past sins and being reconciled to Yahuwah.

Passover First Step in Yahuwah's Plan

The Bible clearly reveals that the DEATH of Amanuwal Ha'Mashyach is the very FIRST EVENT, or STEP, in Yahuwah's GREAT PLAN for man's spiritual creation!

The Passover, the FIRST of Yahuwah's annual festivals, pictures that event. Amanuwal commanded that it be observed YEAR BY YEAR, with NEW symbols so that we would never forget His sacrifice (Luke 22:19-20).

The world -- because of its rebellion against Yahuwah, its observance of counterfeit pagan holidays -- has LOST sight of the real meaning of Amanuwal's sacrifice. It has, instead,

substituted Easter, supposedly in honor of His resurrection -- an event the Bible nowhere commands us to celebrate. And the world even has the resurrection on the wrong day -- Sunday! (See our article on when the resurrection actually happened)

Yahuwah's Chosen People -- the Assembly Amanuwal built and promised to PRESERVE -- has retained the precious knowledge of His truth FOR YOU! Today, Yahuwah's True Assembly -- composed of truly converted, spirit-begotten children of Yahuwah -- is FAITHFULLY OBSERVING ALL of Yahuwah's festivals.

Yes, Yahuwah's scattered Chosen People have kept these Set-Apart Days down through the centuries from the original twelve apostles UNTIL NOW!

Despite the Devil's efforts to suppress the truth of Yahuwah's Plan for mankind, Yahuwah has COMMISSIONED His Chosen People to begin REVEALING His MASTER PLAN!

Study your Bible carefully with these lessons, for your eternal destiny depends on a THOROUGH UNDERSTANDING and PERSONAL APPLICATION of the meaning of these days in YOUR LIFE -- NOW!

Let's begin studying, from Yahuwah's inspired Set-Apart Word, the details of the FIRST STEP in His Master Plan for your spiritual creation, and YOUR PERSONAL PART IN IT -- the solemn PASSOVER Day.

LESSON 33

Passover Lamb, Prophetic of Amanuwal's Sacrifice

Yahuwah's annual Set-Apart Days really MAKE SENSE! They are given to TEACH US the knowledge of the seven STEPS in Yahuwah's Plan for our salvation.

Yahuwah first began to reveal His Set-Apart Days to ancient Israel while they were in Egyptian captivity. It was then that Yahuwah gave the Passover -- the FIRST STEP in Yahuwah's Master Plan -- to His people.

Catholics, Protestants -- the majority of ALL people calling themselves "Christian" -- UNDERSTAND that this first Passover service Yahuwah gave Old Testament Israel was LOOKING FORWARD to the necessity for a Savior! But what they DO NOT understand is the full SPIRITUAL meaning of the Passover for us TODAY.

The original Passover marked the exodus of the children of Israel out of Egypt, the land of SIN (Heb. 11:25-26). Yahuwah had been pouring out His plagues upon Egypt to induce Pharaoh to release the Israelites so they could worship Him in the wilderness.

We find the story of the first Passover recorded in the 12th chapter of Exodus.

1. As Yahuwah began to deliver His people from Egypt (sin), did He have to straighten Israel out as to time -- as to WHEN the year should begin? Ex. 12:1-2. What is the first month of the sacred year called? Ex. 13:4.

COMMENT: Since Israel had been in Egyptian bondage for almost two-and-one-half centuries, they were not permitted to worship Yahuwah as He had ordained. They were forced to work seven days a week and to adapt themselves to the Egyptian calendar and holidays. Therefore, Yahuwah had to reveal that the month of Abib -- the first month in the spring of Yahuwah's Calendar -- was to be the BEGINNING of the sacred year.

2. What was each family to do on the tenth day of Abib? Ex. 12:3. Was the lamb they selected to be WITHOUT any spots or imperfections? Verse 5. Is Amanuwal Ha'Mashyach called the "Lamb of Yahuwah"? John 1:29. Was this perfect lamb PROPHETIC of Amanuwal our Savior "Lamb" who was SINLESS -- without blemish or spot? I Pet. 1:19.

3. Until what date of the month was each family to keep the lamb they selected? Ex. 12:6. Were they to kill the lamb on this day? Same verse. Notice that they were to kill it "in the EVENING of the FOURTEENTH day!

COMMENT: The literal Hebrew from which "in the evening" is translated is "BETWEEN the TWO evenings." Yahuwah reckons the BEGINNING and ENDING of each day from sunset to sunset (Lev. 23:32).

From the Jewish Encyclopedia, we find that "between the two evenings" is the TWILIGHT period between the time the sun goes down over the horizon when the new day COMMENCES, and the darkness when the stars are out.

In other words, this is the period of time called DUSK! So the lamb was KILLED just AFTER SUNSET in the very BEGINNING of the FOURTEENTH of Abib.

4. As soon as the lamb was killed, what were they to do with its SHED BLOOD, which pictured Amanuwal's sacrifice to come? Ex. 12:7.

5. What was the final devastating plague Yahuwah brought upon Egypt on that same night, to force Pharaoh to release Israel? Ex. 12:12, 29. Did Yahuwah promise to SPARE -- "PASS-OVER" -- the lives of the Israelites' firstborn? Verse 13. Then wasn't it the SHED BLOOD of the lamb they had struck on their door posts and lintels that SAVED them from death? Same verse.

COMMENT: Israel's protection from the death angel WAS BY THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB! The lamb's blood was a "token" or sign which showed that the house was under the protection of the blood.

So it is today that those who come UNDER THE BLOOD of Amanuwal, "Our Passover" Lamb who was "sacrificed for us" (I Cor. 5:7), are PROTECTED from the penalty of eternal death!

Yahuwah had the nation Israel ACT OUT, beforehand, the exact TYPE of Amanuwal, "the LAMB of Yahuwah" -- "Amanuwal our Passover" -- who would come 1,500 years later to give His life as a "bloody sacrifice" to pay the PENALTY of our transgressions of Yahuwah's law!

6. For how long was Israel commanded to continue keeping the Passover Day as a MEMORIAL? Ex. 12:14.

COMMENT: Yahuwah commanded, before Sinai, that the Passover should be kept FOREVER - - not just until the stake, as so many falsely assume and teach today. The Passover became a yearly MEMORIAL -- before Sinai -- of the death angel's passing over Israel and sparing their blood-protected firstborn.

But the Passover also continually LOOKED FORWARD to the time when the TRUE PASSOVER SAVIOR of the world would come to SHED His blood for the remission of the sins of all mankind!

The Passover plainly pictures the DEATH of Amanuwal for the remission of our sins and His passing over our past sins now covered by His shed blood.

Amanuwal Kept the Passover

1. While Amanuwal was yet a child, did He go to Jerusalem with His parents who kept the Passover EVERY YEAR? Luke 2:40-42.

2. When Amanuwal began His ministry, did He CONTINUE to observe the Passover which Yahuwah had originally given to Israel approximately 1,500 years previously? John 2:13, 23.

COMMENT: Before and during His ministry, Amanuwal kept the annual spring festivals which Yahuwah had originally given to Israel. The Passover is one of the seven annual festivals which Amanuwal observed yearly. It is a memorial ordained FOREVER (Ex. 12:14). For that reason Amanuwal OBEDIENTLY observed it.

Later, Amanuwal INSTRUCTED His disciples how it should be continuously observed annually, AFTER HIS DEATH, by the New Testament Chosen People in REMEMBRANCE of Himself who became our true Passover Lamb!

3. Did Amanuwal observe the Passover with His disciples on the night/evening before He was crucified? Mat. 26:17-21. Did they actually EAT the Passover lamb? Verse 21 and Luke 22:14-16.

4. Had the unconverted Jews of Judaea in Amanuwal's day perverted the Passover? Were they holding it ONE DAY LATER than Amanuwal and His disciples from Galilee? John 18:28.

COMMENT: The Jews had become divided and confused after the days of Ezra and Nehemiah. Under Egyptian and Syrian influence in Palestine (described in Daniel 11), the Judaeans had

neglected the proper observance of the Passover. They were now keeping the Passover Memorial on the 15th Day of the first month. The Galileans, however, remained faithful.

After the Gentiles were driven from Jerusalem and Judaea, the Jews of Judaea still did not return to the proper time for the observance of Passover. They observed it one day late. And thereby they lost the knowledge of the coming Savior. If they had kept the Passover correctly, once a year -- on the 14th of Nisan -- they would have recognized that Amanuwal was indeed Ha'Mashyach, the Savior of the world!

Amanuwal Institutes Ordinance of Humility

While Amanuwal and His disciples were partaking of the Old Testament Passover lamb for the very last time, which was the very EVE of HIS MURDER, Amanuwal gave some definite and SPECIFIC COMMANDS for His New Testament Chosen People.

In giving us the account of the institution of the New Testament Passover or communion service commonly misnamed the "Lord's Supper" -- Matthew, Mark and Luke describe the taking of new symbols -- unleavened bread and wine in place of the Old Testament lamb. But John alone relates ANOTHER VITAL PART of this New Testament ordinance.

1. Did Amanuwal wash His disciples' feet DURING this last Passover? John 13:1-5. Note in verse 2 that the words "and supper being ended" should properly be rendered "and DURING supper," according to the original Greek.

COMMENT: Notice that this ceremony of washing the disciples' feet was not part of the Old Testament observance of the Passover, though it was occurring during this Passover meal.

This was something NEW, something DIFFERENT! It was being instituted for the FIRST TIME by Amanuwal Ha'Mashyach Himself.

IF Amanuwal wanted to "nail to His stake" ALL laws, Set-Apart Days, and everything that Yahuwah ever gave, including foot-washing, then WHY did He go to such great length and pains to show His disciples HOW to observe the New Testament Passover service from then on?

Surely Amanuwal ought to have been busily explaining to them that immediately after His crucifixion, there would be NO FURTHER OBLIGATION for them to keep the Passover, had He intended to nail Yahuwah's Set-Apart Days to the stake! Instead, Amanuwal was taking this LAST-MINUTE OPPORTUNITY to INSTITUTE at the New Testament Passover a special observance which He then COMMANDED His disciples to KEEP and to TEACH!

2. Did Kefa at first refuse to allow Amanuwal to wash his feet? John 13:6-8. Could Kefa have any part with Amanuwal UNLESS he allowed Amanuwal to wash his feet? Verse 8.

COMMENT: Kefa argued with Amanuwal -- saying he wasn't going to have Amanuwal wash his feet. Men today argue the same thing. Amanuwal explained that unless Kefa ENTERED

INTO THE FOOTWASHING CEREMONY, he had NO PART with Amanuwal! NEITHER CAN WE!

3. Did Amanuwal explain WHY He instituted this new observance of foot-washing during the Passover service? John 13:12-14, 16.

COMMENT: Amanuwal said that those who acknowledge Him as "Master and Sovereign" ought to wash one another's feet!

Foot-washing in Amanuwal's time was a menial task which only SERVANTS performed when visitors entered a house, since open-toed sandals were the customary footwear of that time and the feet would become very dusty.

So Amanuwal was illustrating to His disciples that He had come to this earth to SERVE mankind! And shortly afterward, He proved the EXTENT of His extreme service for this world when He gave His very LIFE for the sins of all mankind! He suffered the MOST HUMILIATING and EXCRUCIATINGLY PAINFUL DEATH imaginable for you and me.

Amanuwal symbolically showed just HOW FAR He was willing to go in His service to mankind in order TO SAVE US ALL FROM ETERNAL DEATH!

Amanuwal explained that if He, being the Master, would serve mankind, then His disciples ought to SIMILARLY SERVE EACH OTHER AND THE WORLD -- "YE also ought to wash one another's feet" (verse 14). The New Testament shows that they and the other apostles and disciples of Amanuwal did SERVE in Amanuwal's steps. And most of the original apostles did also GIVE their lives while preaching the good news of Amanuwal!

4. Did Amanuwal plainly COMMAND His disciples to wash each other's feet? John 13:14-15. Were they to teach the world to do likewise? Mat. 28:19-20.

COMMENT: Many today do not want to HUMILIATE themselves by washing the feet of their fellow brethren. Some argue that Amanuwal commanded only His disciples to wash one another's feet. But Amanuwal clearly shows that it is a COMMAND for all people "all nations"!

5. Are those who OBEY Amanuwal's words by partaking of this meaningful ceremony promised a special BLESSING? John 13:17 and 14:23.

Bread and Wine the New Symbols

Let's notice now what ELSE Amanuwal commanded all Truth-Seekers to do after He finished washing His disciples' feet and after the Passover meal was ended.

1. Did Amanuwal institute the New Testament Passover symbols of unleavened BREAD and WINE? Luke 22:15-20 and Mat. 26:26-29.

2. Was the unleavened bread to represent **SYMBOLICALLY** Amanuwal's body which was to be brutally beaten and cut open for mankind? Luke 22:19.

COMMENT: Amanuwal was using **UNLEAVENED BREAD** because the Old Testament Passover was always eaten with unleavened bread (Exodus 12:8). Yahuwah did not accept a blood sacrifice with leavened bread.

3. Was the wine to **SYMBOLICALLY** represent **HIS BLOOD** which was to be shed for the forgiveness of past sins? Mat. 26:28-29. How can we know "the fruit of the **VINE**" Amanuwal used was wine and **NOT** grape juice?

COMMENT: We can know that the fruit of the vine" which Amanuwal gave His disciples was truly **FERMENTED WINE**, not unfermented **GRAPE JUICE**! Grape juice could not at that time be preserved until spring. It either became wine, about 40 days following the harvest, or else the grape juice was made into a heavy syrup.

This was not syrup!

Any knowledge of the practices of the Jewish community during the days of Amanuwal will reveal that **FERMENTED WINE** was used **EXCLUSIVELY** at the Passover (Hasting's Dictionary, art. "Wine").

4. Did Amanuwal **SPECIFICALLY COMMAND** Truth-Seekers throughout **ALL AGES** to **FOLLOW HIS EXAMPLE** in taking unleavened bread and wine at the Passover? Luke 22:19-20 and Mat. 28:19-20.

5. Had Amanuwal previously told the Pharisees, by means of a parable, that unless we do **SYMBOLICALLY** partake of His **BODY** and **BLOOD** we can have **NO HOPE OF RECEIVING ETERNAL LIFE**? John 6:48, 51-54.

6. Is the yearly partaking of the bread and wine on the Passover Day a **MEMORIAL** of Amanuwal's sacrifice for us? Luke 22:19.

COMMENT: Amanuwal instituted this New Testament ordinance on the **EVE** of His death. He set us the **EXAMPLE SO** we might know **HOW** to keep the New Testament Passover after His death. Instead of shedding the blood of the lamb and eating its roasted body, today we use unleavened **BREAD** and **WINE**.

Amanuwal did **NOT ABOLISH** the Passover -- He merely **CHANGED THE EMBLEMS** or symbols used! All the apostles of Amanuwal and true Truth-Seekers of the first century Assembly observed it on the fourteenth day of the first month of the Sacred Calendar. It is a **MEMORIAL** of Amanuwal's death, re-affirming year by year on its anniversary "till He come," the true Truth-Seeker's **FAITH** in the blood of "Amanuwal our Passover" for the remission of sins. Eating the broken bread symbolizes our faith in the body of Amanuwal broken for physical healing.

Amanuwal commanded: "This DO -- in REMEMBRANCE of me!" The world is not WILLING to DO what Amanuwal said! Are you?

(Please study our article/guide on Yahuwah Passover and Amanuwal's Memorial)

How Amanuwal Became "Our Passover"

In order to pay the PENALTY for your sins and mine, which is DEATH (Rom. 6:23) -- death for ALL ETERNITY unless our sins are pardoned and washed away -- it was necessary that Amanuwal Ha'Mashyach be more than just a flesh and blood human being!

It was absolutely necessary that Amanuwal also be DIVINE -- Yahuwah in the flesh -- that His life be WORTH MORE than all our HUMAN lives put together! UNLESS Amanuwal was YAHUWAH MADE FLESH, and UNLESS He actually DIED by SHEDDING HIS BLOOD, He is NOT our "Passover Savior"!

1. Is Amanuwal Ha'Mashyach the "Word" or SPOKESMAN, the Creator -- the Yahuwah who MADE ALL THINGS? John 1:1-3 and Col. 1:16-17.

2. Did Yahuwah foreordain -- long before the earth was made that Amanuwal Ha'Mashyach would BECOME the Savior of all mankind? I Pet. 1:18-20.

3. Did our very Creator BECOME a flesh and blood human being by being miraculously CONCEIVED of the Ruwach Ha'Kadosh in a human woman and then BORN of her? John 1:14 and Mat. 1:20-23. Is Amanuwal Ha'Mashyach plainly called "Yahuwah" and "our Savior" in the Bible? Titus 2:13-14.

COMMENT: The penalty for sin is DEATH, but Yahuwah is Spirit. Spirit cannot die! Therefore Yahuwah, as the divine and supreme all-ruling Spirit, could not have paid such a penalty! It was absolutely necessary, then, that one of the Yahuwah Kingdom be born as HUMAN flesh.

Therefore, when this member of the Yahuwah Family had voluntarily emptied Himself and been CHANGED INTO A MAN -- had become a physical, air-breathing, water-drinking and food-eating human being, confined to this earth, and had been MADE flesh -- there was then no second member of the Yahuwah Family in heaven!

Amanuwal, the second member, was on this earth as a MORTAL HUMAN BEING.

His one life, since He was the very One who had been used to create ALL life, was worth FAR MORE than all the rest of our lives and the billions who have lived and died put together!

Had Amanuwal been ONLY a man -- conceived by Josef and born of His mother, Mariam -- His death could have paid the death penalty perhaps for ONLY one other man! But Amanuwal was the person of YAHUWAH -- IN THE FLESH!

Thus it is, that by EMPTYING Himself, being made of low estate, and taking upon Himself the sins of the world, Amanuwal became the perfect and complete sacrifice for all sins ever committed!

4. Was the apostle Sha'ul inspired to write that Amanuwal is our "Passover" -- our Savior -- today? I Cor. 5:7.

COMMENT: Unless the original Passover lamb given to Old Testament Israel had been sacrificed or SLAIN, had its own bloodshed, the Israelites firstborn would have been killed in Egypt and they could not have been delivered out of this land which was TYPICAL OF SIN.

SO UNLESS Amanuwal WAS sacrificed -- actually SHED HIS OWN BLOOD -- we WOULD NOT HAVE A SAVIOR today!

5. Did Israel kill the Passover lamb by SHEDDING ITS blood? Ex. 12:6-7.

COMMENT: As Amanuwal is our Passover -- and as the lamb was a TYPE of Amanuwal, and had its own bloodshed -- so AMANUWAL WAS TO ALSO SHED HIS BLOOD to pay for our sins.

6. Exactly why was it NECESSARY for Amanuwal to shed His blood for the forgiveness of our sins? Heb. 9:22.

COMMENT: Yahuwah reveals in His perfect plan, that only by the SHEDDING OF BLOOD is there remission of sins. And unless Amanuwal did shed His blood, He could never have become our Passover.

7. Did Yahuwah foretell that Amanuwal would die as a LAMB led to the slaughter, and therefore shedding its blood? Isa. 53:7-8. Does the recorded conversation between Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch plainly show us Isaiah was referring to Amanuwal Ha'Mashyach, who became our Passover? Acts 8:32, 34-35.

8. Did Isaiah prophesy Amanuwal would die by POURING OUT His "soul" -- His life-blood? Isa. 53:12. Does the "soul" or life of all living flesh reside in the BLOOD? Lev. 17:11.

COMMENT: Any student of the Bible ought to know that it was Amanuwal's SHED blood that caused His death, not the "sentimental idea" of humans that Amanuwal died of a "broken heart"!

Amanuwal became "our Passover" by giving His life by SHEDDING HIS LIFE BLOOD for the sins of all mankind! He was speared in the side by His Roman tormentors. The blood gushed out and He screamed in agony. He died for the sins of the whole world. (Write for the article explaining how Amanuwal died. It's entitled "Did Amanuwal Die of a Broken Heart?")

Why Amanuwal's Body Was Beaten

1. Previous to His crucifixion on the stake, and death by shedding His blood, was Amanuwal also SCOURGED by Pilate? Mat. 27:26. Was He so BRUTALLY BEATEN that He was UNRECOGNIZABLE? Isa. 52:14. Also read the entirety of Psalm 22 which prophetically and VIVIDLY described the horrible suffering Amanuwal was to experience.

COMMENT: Amanuwal had to suffer a merciless BEATING which tore His flesh open, disfigured Him, caused Him to bleed from dozens and even HUNDREDS of open gashes and cuts! He was beaten and whipped with a "scourge" which was a whip of many leather thongs with bits of metal tied in the ends of them.

Amanuwal was then led like a DIRTY CRIMINAL, made to carry His own stake, until He fell under the weight of it -- and then was hauled up roughly and had to feel huge spikes being pounded mercilessly into the flesh, pinning His hands and feet to the wood.

After having to feel His own body weight ripping and tearing at the flesh where the nails had been driven through, without any relief in sight, Amanuwal had to feel a huge, sharp, metal spear JAMMING into His side, cutting the tissue and the organs, severing blood vessels and flesh! Amanuwal died a hideous, merciless, brutal death such as a normal man would not think of inflicting upon a rabid dog!

And Amanuwal did this VOLUNTARILY! He did this FOR US -- FOR THE WHOLE WORLD!

2. Did Amanuwal suffer this excruciatingly painful torture of His body so we might receive physical HEALING of our bodies through faith in Him? Isa. 53:5; I Pet. 2:24 and Ps. 103:2-3.

COMMENT: Amanuwal Ha'Mashyach allowed His body to be literally RIPPED OPEN in hundreds of places until He could not even be recognized! He suffered this torture so you and I, through faith in His broken body for us, may have the FORGIVENESS of our PHYSICAL SINS -- the healing of our bodies when we are sick -- as well as the FORGIVENESS of our SPIRITUAL SINS by His shed blood!

That is why Amanuwal instituted the breaking of unleavened bread at His last Passover Supper. It is a SYMBOL of His broken body given to the tormentors for our healing and a REMINDER to us that it is by "His STRIPES we are healed."

Just think of the tremendous PRICE that was paid that YOU might have your guilty past blotted out, and the slate wiped clean! Yahuwah Himself, in the Person of Amanuwal Ha'Mashyach, paid the penalty!

Can you grasp it?

Can you comprehend that your very Creator -- the One who gives you every breath of air you breathe, DIED FOR YOU?

What are you going to DO about it?

Kept by New Testament Chosen People

1. After Amanuwal Ha'Mashyach had changed the symbols of THE PASSOVER TO BREAD AND WINE, DID HE COMMAND HIS disciples to keep it in memory of His death? Luke 22:19-20.

2. Did the New Testament Chosen People of Yahuwah continue to keep the Passover after Amanuwal's crucifixion? Acts 12:4.

COMMENT: The word "Easter" here is a flagrant MISTRANSLATION. The original Greek word is "pascha" which means PASSOVER! It is the SAME WORD translated "Passover" in Matthew 26:2, 17-19. You should STRIKE OUT the mistranslated word "Easter" in Acts 12:4 and write in its place the TRUE MEANING, "PASSOVER."

3. Did the apostle Sha'ul carefully teach New Testament Truth-Seekers to KEEP the Passover -- partaking of the new symbols of bread and wine -- just as Amanuwal Ha'Mashyach had done? I Cor. 11:23-26.

COMMENT: Sha'ul was the apostle to the Gentiles. Here is ABSOLUTE PROOF that he taught baptized GENTILE CORINTHIANS to KEEP THE PASSOVER!

4. But did Truth-Seekers CONTINUE to keep the Passover after the death of the apostles? Let's notice. To whom did the apostle John write the book of Revelation? Rev. 1:4. Was the Chosen People of Smyrna one of those seven Chosen Peoples? Rev. 2:8. Did the members of that Chosen People follow Sha'ul's inspired command to KEEP the Passover? See comment.

COMMENT: The apostles who spent time in Asia Minor -- among whom was the apostle John -- appointed Polycarp over the Chosen People of Yahuwah in Smyrna. Notice what early Catholic historians admit about him.

"But Polycarp also was not only INSTRUCTED BY THE APOSTLES, and conversed with many who had seen Amanuwal, but was also, by apostles in Asia, APPOINTED BISHOP OF THE CHOSEN PEOPLE OF SMYRNA ... He it was who, coming to Rome in the time of Anicetus, bishop of Rome around 154 A.D., caused many to turn away from the ... heretics to the CHOSEN PEOPLE OF YAHUWAH, proclaiming that he had received this one and sole truth from the apostles ..."

While at Rome, Polycarp discussed with the Roman bishop the matter of the introduction of the pagan Easter in place of the Passover.

"For neither could Anicetus persuade Polycarp NOT to observe it (the Passover) because he had ALWAYS OBSERVED IT WITH JOHN THE DISCIPLE OF OUR MASTER, and the rest of the apostles, with whom he associated" (Quoted from Eusebius' Ecclesiastical History, Book V, Chap. 24, in the Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers, Vol. 1 -- emphasis ours.)

5. Were later true Truth-Seekers FORCED TO DEFEND their practice of keeping Yahuwah's Passover at the CORRECT TIME and in the CORRECT WAY? Notice Rev. 2:9-10 and the comment below.

COMMENT: Again, history gives us the answer. Within 35 years the Passover controversy broke out again. Victor, bishop of Rome, attempted to "CUT OFF WHOLE ASSEMBLIES OF YAHUWAH who observed the tradition of an ancient custom" -- the TRUE PASSOVER!

Polycrates, another Truth-Seeker from Asia Minor, gave this forthright answer to Victor in VINDICATION OF THE TRUTH of Yahuwah:

"As for us, then, we SCRUPULOUSLY OBSERVE THE EXACT DAY, neither adding nor taking away. For in Asia great luminaries have gone to their rest, who shall rise again in the day of the coming of Yahuwah ... I speak of PHILIP, ONE OF THE TWELVE APOSTLES ... JOHN, moreover who reclined on the Master's bosom ... then there is POLYCARP ... THESE ALL KEPT THE PASSOVER ON THE FOURTEENTH DAY OF THE MONTH, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GOOD NEWS, WITHOUT EVER DEVIATING FROM IT, BUT KEEPING TO THE RULE OF FAITH!" (Ante-Nicene Fathers, Vol. 8, pp. 773-774 -- emphasis ours.)

6. Wasn't it prophesied that the Chosen People of Yahuwah in the city of Smyrna (in Asia Minor) would suffer persecution? Rev. 2:10. Who was to perpetrate this persecution? Rev. 2:9.

COMMENT: "The Synagogue of Satan," composed of those who said "they are Jews and are not" is none other than the great false Church founded by Simon Magus.

They CLAIMED to be the true "spiritual Jews" -- Truth-Seekers -- but WERE NOT! They CLAIMED to be the Chosen People "founded upon Amanuwal Ha'Mashyach," but Almighty Yahuwah calls them the "synagogue" or Church of SATAN THE DEVIL!

This GREAT FALSE CHURCH ACTUALLY PERSECUTED Yahuwah's TRUE servants for KEEPING the Passover!

7. Will the Passover be kept by Amanuwal and His followers when He establishes the Kingdom of Yahuwah on earth? Matt. 26:29 and Luke 22:15-16. Was it to also be kept by Yahuwah's Chosen People until that time as a MEMORIAL of His death? I Cor. 11:25-26.

COMMENT: The Bible plainly shows that Amanuwal Ha'Mashyach and Truth-Seekers will keep the Passover in the Kingdom! And since He commanded His disciples to keep it in REMEMBRANCE of Him until He returns, all the apostles and Truth-Seekers down through the centuries from that time HAVE KEPT IT. Yahuwah's Chosen People are KEEPING it today -- exactly as He COMMANDED!

A Memorial Commanded Once a Year

1. Was the Passover to be kept ONCE A YEAR? Ex. 13:10. Did Amanuwal and His disciples keep the Passover ONCE A YEAR? Luke 2:42; 22:14-15. How OFTEN should baptized Truth-Seekers TODAY partake of the Passover? I Cor. 11:26.

COMMENT: Amanuwal taught by His own example that the New Testament Passover should be taken only by baptized Truth-Seekers ONCE A YEAR -- on the FOURTEENTH DAY OF THE FIRST MONTH, IN THE EVENING, after the beginning of the day.

Amanuwal both COMMANDED IT and left us an EXAMPLE TO FOLLOW -- TO DO AS HE DID! "This DO IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME, said Amanuwal -- in MEMORY of His death.

Truth-Seekers today should also keep the Passover, not as OFTEN AS THEY PLEASE -- but AS OFTEN AS Amanuwal and the apostles did -- NOT four times a year, NOT monthly, NOT weekly or daily or twice daily -- BUT ANNUALLY!

The Passover is a MEMORIAL -- we keep it in remembrance of Amanuwal's death. And memorials of momentous occasions ALWAYS ARE OBSERVED ANNUALLY -- ONCE A YEAR -- on the ANNIVERSARY of the event they commemorate.

Therefore, Truth-Seekers today should be OBSERVING the Passover as Amanuwal Himself commanded on the eve of His death. It is the MOST SOLEMN and SACRED OCCASION of the year!

Any other day during the entire year IS NOT a memorial of Amanuwal's death, but is merely an INVENTION OF MEN in contradiction to the DIRECT COMMAND OF AMANUWAL HA'MASHYACH!

2. Did the early New Testament Chosen People of Yahuwah understand and follow Amanuwal's example by observing the Passover annually? Acts 12:4 and I Cor. 11:23-26.

COMMENT: The Chosen People of Yahuwah were still keeping the Passover as a MEMORIAL of Amanuwal's death at the CORRECT TIME and in the CORRECT MANNER OVER 25 YEARS AFTER Amanuwal ascended into heaven, according to your Bible. And we have seen that RECORDED Assembly history proves that for BETTER THAN 200 YEARS Yahuwah's people CONTINUED in the faith delivered to the saints.

Today, YAHUWAH'S CHOSEN PEOPLE ARE STILL KEEPING THE PASSOVER -- just AS AMANUWAL HA'MASHYACH COMMANDED!

Do You Stop With the Passover?

Yahuwah has begun to open to you SPIRITUAL UNDERSTANDING of His wonderful Master Plan for your salvation. Now you KNOW THE TRUTH about Yahuwah's Passover and the IMPORTANCE of Amanuwal Ha'Mashyach's sacrifice for you!

This world sees only a DEAD Amanuwal hanging on a stake -- not ALIVE at the right hand of the Father in heaven -- guiding and controlling the WHOLE UNIVERSE! (Heb. 1:3.)

The religions of this world want you to believe that Amanuwal's sacrifice COMPLETED the plan of salvation -- that there is NOTHING MORE FOR YOU TO DO BUT BELIEVE.

Nothing could be FURTHER from the truth! It is the SAME LIE Satan the Devil has promulgated from the beginning!

Amanuwal's Passover sacrifice only BEGINS Yahuwah's Master Plan.

Amanuwal Ha'Mashyach died for OUR PAST sins -- that is something we cannot do. But merely "accepting Amanuwal's sacrifice" is NOT ENOUGH.

We can't afford to STAND STILL after repenting and being forgiven by Amanuwal's blood -- we MUST FORSAKE SIN COMPLETELY! We must COME OUT of this rotten, filthy, foul, evil world! (Rev. 18:4.)

Amanuwal's sacrifice only paid for our sins of the PAST (Rom. 3:24-25). It does NOT give us LICENSE to BREAK YAHUWAH'S LAW WITH IMPUNITY in the FUTURE.

Because the world wants to believe in a twisted concept of "grace" that actually means "permissiveness" to DO EVIL -- because they have NOT KEPT His Set-Apart Days, they have LOST SIGHT of the great purpose in human existence. They do NOT KNOW there is anything to DO!

Yes, the Christian world may profess to "ACCEPT" Amanuwal's sacrifice. But Amanuwal has NOT APPLIED HIS SACRIFICE to them. They are sinners because they REFUSE TO OBEY HIM -- claiming His laws are done away!

Amanuwal is not the minister of sin. (Gal. 2:17.) Not until they REPENT of sin and believe Amanuwal can they be forgiven! They have a DEAD FAITH in Amanuwal's shed blood. Therefore, the world hasn't really taken even the FIRST STEP toward spiritual salvation.

Amanuwal will apply His sacrifice only to those who are in a RIGHT ATTITUDE and show by their actions that they are repentant -- who sincerely turn around and FOLLOW Yahuwah's Laws.

IF YOU have sincerely repented of your past sins, realizing that your sins have caused the death of your very Creator, Amanuwal Ha'Mashyach, and want to begin to KEEP YAHUWAH'S COMMANDMENTS -- begin PARTICIPATING in His wonderful Master Plan.