

# The Passover & Feast of Unleavened Bread

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Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread are very important as they represent the setting free from bondage.



In Egypt that bondage was not only the evils of the Egyptians but it was also their pagan worship. The Egyptians worshipped many deities giving each deity power over the different natural occurrences. With each plague Jahuwah demonstrated His power above what the Egyptians worshipped. The final plague showed that even Pharaoh was under Jahuwah's rule. Pharaoh's own son was killed because Pharaoh wouldn't allow Jahuwah's people to go into the wilderness to serve their Elohim. And serve Him we must! But... There are so many different opinions on how and when we are to observe this Awesome Feast that is makes one's head spin. So let's go to the WORD and find out EXACTLY what we are to do.

**Exodus 12:5** Your Lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take it out from the sheep, or from the goats:

**Exodus 12:6** And ye shall keep it **up until** (*that is as far as*) **the fourteenth day** of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel **shall kill it in the evening**.

**Evening-** H6153 'ereb From **H6150**; *dusk*: evening, **night**

**H6150** 'ârab through the idea of *covering* with a texture; to **grow dusky at sundown**: - be **darkened**, (toward) evening.

We are to keep the Lamb alive until the fourteenth day of the first month. As the daylight is moving into darkness- (*the day is considered growing dark when the afternoon shadows begin to grow longer*)- the Lamb is killed, at the evening oblation.

**Exodus 12:7** And they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it.

**Exodus 12:8** And they shall eat the meats in **that night**, roast with fire, and unleavened bread; and with bitter herbs they shall eat it.

**That Night-** H3915 properly a *twist* (away of the light), *night*; figuratively *adversity*:

**Exodus 12:10** And ye shall let nothing of it remain until the morning; and that which remaineth of it until the morning ye shall burn with fire.

**Exodus 12:11** And thus shall ye eat it; with your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat it in haste: it is JAHUWAH'S Passover.

**Exodus 12:12** For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am JAHUWAH.

**Exodus 12:13** And *the blood shall be to you for a token* upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt.

**Col 2:17** *Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Mashiach.*

This is a night of adversity and fear, we are to eat in haste and be ready for what may come. The blood of the Lamb being a token of the future body of Jah'shua, not a bit of the Lamb is to remain until morning. If any was left it was to be burnt with fire until it was gone. **The Lamb is the body of Jah'shua not to be nibbled on for days.**

**Exodus 12:14** And this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and ye shall keep it a feast to JAHUWAH throughout your generations; **ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance forever.**

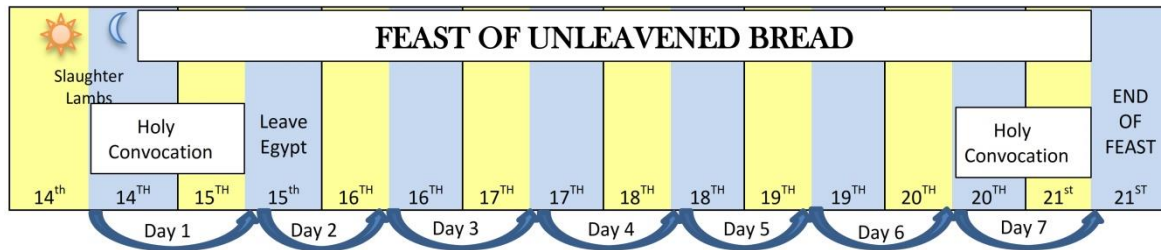
**Exodus 12:15** Seven days you shall eat unleavened breads. And from the FIRST DAY you shall remove yeast from your houses. All who ever shall eat yeast, that soul shall be utterly destroyed from out of Israel, it shall be from the FIRST DAY until the SEVENTH DAY.

**Exodus 12:16** And in the **FIRST DAY** there shall be an **HOLY CONVOCATION**, and in the **SEVENTH DAY** there shall be an **HOLY CONVOCATION** to you; *no manner of work shall be done in them, save that which every man must eat, that only may be done of you.* (kindling fire to prepare food may be done on those days, which might not be done on Shabbat days;)

**Exodus 12:17** And you shall guard this **COMMANDMENT** (*IT IS A COMMANDMENT*). For in this day I will lead your force from out of the land of Egypt. And you shall appoint this day into your generations as an **ETERNAL LAW**.

**Exodus 12:18** Commencing the fourteenth (14<sup>th</sup>) day of the first month from evening you shall eat unleavened breads until the first and twentieth day (21<sup>st</sup> day) of the month UNTIL EVENING

For seven days unleavened bread was eaten from the evening of the 14<sup>th</sup> day to the start of the evening of the 21<sup>st</sup> day – As Jahuwah starts this FEAST in the EVENING it must end in the EVENING, so we count SEVEN EVENING.



The 1<sup>st</sup> day and the 7<sup>th</sup> day is a Holy Convocation with no regular work with the exception of preparing food. This is to be an ordinance **FOREVER**.

Let's verify it with another witness... ***that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.*** (Matthew 18:16)

**Leviticus 23:4** 'These are the feasts of Jahuwah, holy convocations which you shall proclaim at their appointed times.

**Leviticus 23:5** On the **fourteenth day** of the first month **between the evenings** is Jahuwah's **Passover**.

Here we see again Jahuwah confirming that THIS FEAST starts at sunset and ends at sunset.

**Leviticus 23:6** And on the **fifteenth day of the same month is the Feast of Unleavened Bread** to Jahuwah; **seven days you must eat unleavened bread**.

**Leviticus 23:7** On the **FIRST DAY** you shall have a **HOLY CONVOCATION**; you shall do no customary work on it.

**Leviticus 23:8** But you shall offer an offering made by fire to Jahuwah for **seven days**. The **SEVENTH DAY** shall be a **HOLY CONVOCATION**; you shall do no customary work on it.

**Numbers 33:3** And they departed from Rameses in the first month, on the **fifteenth day** of the first month; **ON THE MORROW AFTER THE PASSOVER** the children of Israel went out with an high hand in the sight of all the Egyptians.

Jahuwah says in verse 11 of Exodus 12 that we are to eat the Passover with our shoes on and fully dressed ready to go. Jahuwah knew that as soon as the death angel passed through Egypt,

the Egyptians would be very afraid. So he had Israel ready to go right after the *Miqra* -Holy Convocation was over.

**Exodus 12:42** It is a night to be much observed unto Jahuwah for bringing them out from the land of Egypt: this is that night of Jahuwah to be observed of all the children of Israel in their generations.

**Exodus 11:3** And Jahuwah gave the people favour in the sight of the Egyptians. Moreover the man Moses was very great in the land of Egypt, in the sight of Pharaoh's servants, and in the sight of the people.

**Exodus 11:4** And Moses said, Thus saith Jahuwah, *in the middle of the night* will I go out into the midst of Egypt:

**Exodus 11:5** And all the firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die, from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sits upon his throne, even unto the firstborn of the maidservant that is behind the mill; and all the firstborn of beasts.

**Exodus 12:28** And the children of Israel went away, and did as Jahuwah had commanded Moses and Aaron, so did they.

That night, when the first-born were to be destroyed, no Israelite was to go out from under the protection of the blood covering until called to march out of Egypt. Their safety was owing to the blood of sprinkling. If they put themselves from under the protection of that, it was at their peril. They must stay within, to wait for the salvation of the Jahuwah. Through the generations they are to carefully teach their children the meaning of this service.

**Exodus 12:29** And it happened in the middle of the night, and Jahuwah smote all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sat on his throne unto the firstborn of the captive that was in the dungeon; and all the firstborn of cattle.

**Exodus 12:30** And Pharaoh rose up in the middle of the night, he, and all his servants, and all the Egyptians; and there was a great cry in Egypt; for there was not a house where there was not one dead.



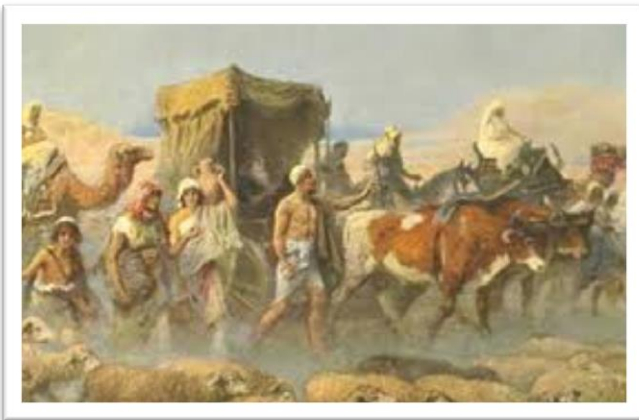
**Exodus 12:31** And he called for Moses and Aaron by night, and said, Rise up, and get you forth from among my people, both ye and the children of Israel; and go, serve Jahuwah, as ye have said.

This only tells us that Pharaoh came in the night not that it was the same night of the Passover. The Egyptians were proud and haughty, they went along with their business as usual not thinking about what was to take place that night. In the middle of the night most were sleeping, unlike the Israelites who were aware of what was going to happen and kept vigil.

It would have taken time to report back to Pharaoh, after people were waking up, the immense devastation that had taken place the night of the 14<sup>th</sup>.

Also, Moses would not have gone against Jahuwah's instructions to stay inside where it is safe. So now it is approaching the evening of the 15<sup>th</sup> day as the Holy Convocation is ending, ONLY THEN would Moses and Aaron meet with Pharaoh. So the Israelites are waiting too as Moses had told them what Jahuwah's instructions were and are now making haste to get their

belongings together in order to leave Egypt. You can imagine what a daunting task it must have been to get such a group ready to go in a short time.



**Exodus 12:32** Also take your flocks and your herds, just as you said, and be gone; and bless me also.

**Exodus 12:33** And the Egyptians were urgent upon the people, that they might send them out of the land in haste; for they

said, We be all dead men.

**Exodus 12:34** And the people took their dough before it was leavened, their kneading troughs being bound up in their clothes upon their shoulders.

**Exodus 12:35** And the children of Israel did according to the word of Moses...

## *The Fulfillment of the Sacrificial Lamb Jah'shua Mashiach*

What kind of ELOHIM do you worship? An ELOHIM, who changes Shabbat to Sunday, corrects His "mistakes" of bad laws and makes new laws to replace them? Or, is your ELOHIM one that progressively reveals Himself to His people through meaningful object lessons, through physical ordinances intended to convey spiritual lessons that become more and more significant as time goes on?



Jah'shua Ha' Mashiach (*The Messiah*) said that the scripture cannot be broken.

**John 10:34** Jah'shua answered them, Is it not written in your Law, "I said, You are gods?"

**John 10:35** If He called those gods with whom the Word of Elohim was, and the Scripture cannot be broken,

**John 10:36** do you say of Him whom the Father has sanctified and sent into the world, You blaspheme, because I said, I am the Son of Elohim?

Jah'shua came to fulfill that which was taught concerning Himself in the Torah. This included fulfilling the laws of sacrifices and ceremonies which were only part of the "Law" that Jahuwah gave through Moses. This included the Passover Sacrifice.

**Matthew 5:17** Do not think that I have come to destroy the Law or the Prophets (*teachings*). I have not come to destroy but to fulfill.

**Matthew 5:18** For truly I say to you, Till the heaven and the earth pass away, not one jot or one tittle shall in any way pass from the Law until all is fulfilled.

Jah'shua fulfills the requirement for sacrifice – but does not abolish Jahuwah's commands to observe His feasts for "All Generations." Ha' Mashiach IS our Passover sacrifice whose blood covers and protects.

**1Corinthians 5:7** Therefore **purge out the old leaven** so that you may be a new lump, as you are unleavened...

**The old leaven** - Here the apostle takes cause, from the mention of leaven- by the OLD leaven he means *vice and sin*. As the Jews, at the celebration of the Passover, gave all diligence in removing leaven from their houses - searching every part of their dwellings with candles, that

they might remove every particle of leavened bread from their habitations - the apostle counsels them to use all diligence **to search out and remove all sin**.

...For also **Ha' Mashiach our Passover** is sacrificed for us.

He is the object and purpose of JAHUWAH's Passover meal. The signs point specifically to Him. He is the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. The true Passover sacrifice was planned before the creation of man.



**Revelation 13:8** And all dwelling on the earth will worship it, those whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain, from the foundation of the world.

What are we to do today in these modern times?  
Follow Jewish tradition? Do we even need to observe the Passover?

**Exodus 12:48** And when a stranger shall sojourn with thee, and will keep the Passover to Jahuwah, let all his males be circumcised, and then let him come near and keep it; and **he shall be as one** that is born in the land: for no uncircumcised person shall eat thereof.

**Exodus 12:49** **ONE LAW** shall be to him that is **homeborn**, **AND** unto the **stranger that sojourneth among you**.

**1Peter 2:21, 24**, "For even hereunto were ye called: because Ha'Mashiach also suffered for us, **leaving us an example, that ye should follow HIS steps** . . . Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed."

**Revelation 14:4** ... These are they which **follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth**. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto Jahuwah and to the Lamb.

**Hebrews 10:28** ***He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses***

How did Mashiach Jah'shua- who was the sacrificial Lamb- observe the Passover and how is it a witness for us today as to the way we are to follow in His footsteps and fulfill the Law of Jahuwah for all generations?

#### WITNESS ONE:

**Matthew 26:17** Now **the first day of the feast** of unleavened bread the disciples came to Jah'shua, saying unto him, Where wilt thou that we prepare for thee to **eat the passover**?

**Matthew 26:18** And he said, Go into the city to such a man, and say unto him, The Master saith, My time is at hand; **I will keep the passover** at thy house with my disciples.

**Matthew 26:19** And **the disciples did as Jah'shua had appointed them; and they made ready the passover.**

**Matthew 26:20** Now **when the even was come**, he sat down with the twelve.

**Matthew 26:21** And as **they did eat**,

#### WITNESS TWO:

**Mark 14:12** And **the first day of unleavened bread, when they killed the passover**, his disciples said unto him, Where wilt thou that we go and prepare that thou mayest **eat the passover**?

**Mark 14:22** And as **they did eat**, Jah'shua took bread (**G740 artos**), and blessed, and brake it, and gave to them, and said, Take, eat: this is my body.

What of this BREAD that Jah'shua ate at the Passover. The torah said to eat unleavened bread but we see here in Mark that Jah'shua ate raised bread.

**Bread- G740 artos** *bread (as raised)* or a *loaf*: - shew bread.

There are many types of bread mentioned in the scriptures-

**Exodus 12:15** Seven days shall ye eat **unleavened bread** (**H4682; matstsâh- in the sense of greedily devouring for sweetness; properly sweetness; concretely sweet (that is, not soured or bittered with yeast)**);

**Deuteronomy 9:9** When I was gone up into the mount to receive the tables of stone, *even* the tables of the covenant which Jahuwah made with you, then I abode in the mount forty days and forty nights, I neither did eat **bread** (**H3899 lechem- food for man or beast, especially bread, or grain for making it**) nor drink water:

**Luke 11:3** Give us day by day our daily **artos- raised bread**.

**1Corinthians 10:17** For we being many are one bread **artos**, and one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread- **artos**.

Continuing with Mark 14-

**Mark 14:23** And he took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them: and they all drank of it.

**Mark 14:24** And he said unto them, This is my blood of **the new covenant/contract**, which is shed for many.



### WITNESS THREE:

**Luke 22:1** Now the **feast of unleavened bread drew nigh, which is called the Passover**.

**Luke 22:7** Then **came the day of unleavened bread, when the passover must be killed**.

**Luke 22:8** And he sent Peter and John, saying, **Go and prepare us the passover, that we may eat**.

**Luke 22:14** And **when the hour was come**, he sat down, and the twelve apostles with him.

**Luke 22:15** And he said unto them, **With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer:**

And what about Johns account of the Passover?

**John 13:1** And before the feast of the Passover, when Jah'shua knew that His hour had come when He should depart out of this world to the Father, having loved His own in the world, He loved them to the end.

**John 13:2** And when supper had ended, the Devil now having put into the heart of Judas Iscariot the son of Simon to betray Him

**John 13:3** Jah'shua knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from ELOHIM, and went to ELOHIM;

**John 13:4** He rose from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself.

**John 13:5** After that he poured water into a basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which he was girded.

**John 13:6** Then he came to Kepha (*Peter*): and Kepha saith unto him, Master, do you wash my feet?

**John 13:7** Jah'shua answered and said unto him, You do not know what I do now, but you shall know hereafter

**John 13:8** Kepha said to him, You shall never wash my feet. Jah'shua answered him, **Unless I was you not, you have no part with me.**

**John 13:9** Kepha said to him, Master, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head.

**John 13:10** Jah'shua said to him, **He that is washed** needs not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all.

***Jah'shua said to him, **he that is washed...*****

Who is washed by Mashiach: such as one "is clean every whit"; is all over clean; not that he has no sin in him, nor commits any; but as he is washed in the blood of Ha'Mashiach, he is wholly and entirely clean.

**...needs not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit;**

The feet of his life and conversation, which are continually gathering dirt and need daily washing in the blood of Ha'Mashiach; and therefore recourse, must be constantly had to that fountain to wash in, for sin and for uncleanness.

**And ye are clean, but not all;**

There are and will always be unclean people among the pure disciples of Ha'Mashiach; there are chaff and tares among his wheat, goats among his sheep, and foolish virgins along with the wise ones.

**John 13:11** For he knew who should betray him; therefore said he, Ye are not all clean.

**John 13:12** So after He had washed their feet and had taken His garments and had reclined again, He said to them, Do you know what I have done to you?

**John 13:13** You call me Master and Teacher: and you say well; for so I am.

**John 13:14** If I then, your Master and Teacher, have washed your feet; you also ought to wash one another's feet.

**John 13:15** For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you.

**John 13:16** Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his master; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him.

**John 13:17** If you know these things, happy are you if you do them.

**John 13:18** I speak not of you all: I know whom I have chosen: but that the scripture may be fulfilled, He that eats bread with me hath lifted up his heel against me.

This is what we know so far- Jah'shua ate the Passover on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of the month the first day of Unleavened Bread, He took raised bread blessed it and told His disciples to partake of it with the wine. He washed the feet of His disciples. And we are to do as He has done.

Jah'shua came to fulfill the WORD, besides being the Passover what other parts were fulfilled? In His resurrection the "dead bread" – unleavened bread is now become the raised bread- The bread of life.

**John 6:35** And Jah'shua said unto them, **I am the bread of life** (*Artos -raised bread*): he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

We only had the Law prior to Ha'Mashiach. The Law itself does not save us nor give us sanctification. We follow the Law out of obedience, because to do otherwise would be sin/death- Unleavened bread.

But with Jah'shua we have LIFE eternally. A New Contract- a NEW PROMISE- and although there was a new promise of everlasting life, the original Contract made at Sinai was not void. **Making a new promise NEVER removes our vows of previous promises.**

**1Corinthians 11:28** But let a man examine himself (*remove his leaven*), and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. (*The body of Mashiach*)

**Jah'shua will keep a FUTURE Passover with HIS PEOPLE so it has not yet been complete.**

Ha'Mashiach has not observed His last Passover! He will eat and drink it anew with His true followers in the Kingdom of ELOHIM.

**Matthew 26:29** 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.

**Mark 14:25** Truly I say to you, I will no more drink of the fruit of the vine until that day that I drink it new in the kingdom of Jahuwah.

**Luke 22:15-18**, "With desire I have desired **to eat this passover** with you before I suffer: For I say unto you, I will not any more eat thereof, until it be fulfilled in the Kingdom of ELOHIM."

This latter passage is clear proof that Jah'shua will eat the Passover in the Kingdom of ELOHIM with His true followers. Not until then will the Passover be fulfilled. It also pictures a future event: our deliverance from eternal death and the marriage supper of the Lamb.

**Revelation 19:9**. And he said to me, Write, Blessed are those who have been called to the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he said to me, these are the true sayings of Jahuwah.

Ancient Israel partook of the Passover. We today are to likewise partake of the Passover. **This is a critical matter of our spiritual survival**. That is why ELOHIM instituted the law in **Numbers 9:6-13** when someone who through no fault of their own, missed the Passover of the 14th day of the first month, could partake of it on **the 14th of the second month**.

It is important to repeat... Unless ELOHIM specifically annuls His statutes, they are binding on us today whether or not they are repeated in the New Testament.

Passover of the **OLD COVENANT** commemorates the deliverance of Israel from Egyptian bondage through the death of Egypt's firstborn.

The Passover of the **NEW COVENANT** commemorates our deliverance from the bondage of sin through the death and sacrifice of Jahuwah's firstborn Jah'shua.

We partake of bread and wine to symbolize our acceptance and gratitude for ha'Mashiach's broken body and shed blood for our sins. As Jah'shua told us to keep it, we are to faithfully continue to practice and pass on the "ordinances."

**1Corinthians 11:1-2** Be you followers of me, even as I also am of Ha'Mashiach. Now I praise you, brethren, that you remember me in all things, and keep the ordinances, as I delivered them to you.

The Passover and Feast of Unleavened Bread are known as the "Festival of Freedom," signifying our liberation from Satan's grasp through Jah'shua and the present and future deliverance of the Almighty's people.

We need to examine ourselves before partaking of the Passover. It is a serious matter. We must not partake of the Passover in a light or unworthy manner, but with dignity and reverence.

Jahuwah's judgment will soon come on this present evil world. Jahuwah judged the "Idol/gods" of Egypt. After Jah'shua finished His Last Supper, He said that the prince of this world, Heylel/Lucifer, was now judged.

This judgment on Heylel was pronounced, but is not yet carried out. Heylel still rules this world. The coming Passover of the future will be the deliverance of Jahuwah's people and the judgment of Heylel and *his* world.

Passover is primarily concerned with a future event, as are all of JAHUWAH's holy days that He has set aside to be observed by His people."

Colossians 2:16-17 refers to the Holy Days as "a shadow of the things to come." The Great Future Passover has not yet been fulfilled. For it is ***The Marriage Supper!***

Matthew 25:6 And in the **MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT** there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom comes! Go out to meet him.

In the Word there are some notable passages in which the concept of the Lamb of ELOHIM is highlighted. They seem to be progressive and they light our understanding as we look at them.

**In Genesis 4 the emphasis is on the necessity of the Lamb. Abel and his Lamb**

***He is our Propitiation. (One sacrifice)***

**In Genesis 22 the emphasis is on Jahuwah's provision of the Lamb. Abraham offers a Lamb**

***He is our Substitution. (For one person)***

**In Exodus 12 the emphasis is on the slaying of the Lamb. The Passover Lamb**

***He is our Protection. (For one family)***

**In Leviticus the emphasis is on the character of the Lamb (without spot or wrinkle).**

**The Lamb as a sin-offering**

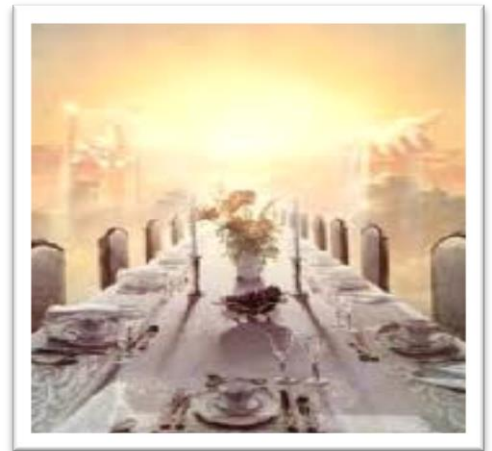
***He is our Absolution. (For one nation)***

**In Isaiah 53 the emphasis is on the Lamb as a Person. The suffering Lamb**

***He is our Expiation. (For all the elect)***

**In John 1:29-36 the emphasis is on Jah'shua as the Lamb. Jah'shua is the Lamb**

***He is the Removal of sin. (For the whole world)***



In Acts 8 the emphasis is on Jah'shua the Lamb as Messiah. The Lamb is Messiah

*He is our Salvation. (For whosoever)*

In 1Peter 1 the emphasis is on the resurrection of the Lamb. The Lamb is resurrected

*He is our Redemption. (For all history)*

In Revelation 5 the emphasis is on the enthronement of the Lamb. The Lamb is enthroned

*He is our Government. (For the entire universe)*

In Revelation 21-22 the emphasis is on the Kingship of the Lamb. The Lamb reigns

*He is our Glory. (For all eternity)*

The picture of Jah'shua in the Scriptures is progressive and deep. He is the Word of Jahuwah. The universality of Jah'shua becomes more and more personal until we have to accept or reject Him on our own as our sacrifice before the ELOHIM of the whole universe.

"And this day shall be unto you for a **memorial**; and ye shall keep it a feast to **JAHWAH** throughout your generations; ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance forever," Ex. 12:14.