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Pesach (Passover)

השבועות הזה קוראים / This Week's Reading

תורה: Exodus 10:1-13:16
הפטרה: Jeremiah 46:13-46:28
הברית: Luke 22:7-30 1 Corinthians 11:20-34
החדשה

10 Sefer Shmot (Exodus) tells us how Moshe was sent by HaShem to Pharaoh in order to deliver the Children of Yisrael from bondage/slavery. HaShem used the hardness of Pharaoh's heart to deliver Yisrael with a mighty hand. The final and terrible plague that led to the release of the people was the death of the first born sons in Mitzrayim (Egypt). Only those families that sacrificed an unblemished lamb and placed its blood on the doorposts of the house would be "passed over" (pasach) by the angel of death.

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שמות 12:29-33

29 וַיְהִי בַּחֲצֵי הַלַּיְלָה וַיְהוֹה הַבָּהּ כָּל-בְּכוֹרֹ
בְּאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם מִבְּכֹר פְּרַעֲוֹה הַיֹּשֵׁב עַל-כַּסְאוֹ עַד בְּכוֹר
הַשְּׂבִי אֲשֶׁר בְּבֵית הַבּוֹר וְכֹל בְּכוֹר בְּהֵמָה: וַיָּקָם
פְּרַעֲוֹה לַיְלָה הַזֶּה וְכָל-עַבְדָּיו וְכָל-מִצְרַיִם וַתְּהִי צַעֲקָה
גְּדֹלָה בְּמִצְרַיִם כִּי-אֵין בֵּית אֲשֶׁר אֵין-שֵׁם מֵת: וַיִּקְרָא
לְמֹשֶׁה וּלְאַהֲרֹן לַיְלָה וַיֹּאמֶר קוּמוּ צֵאוּ מִתּוֹךְ עַמִּי גַם-
אֲתֶם גַּם-בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל וּלְכוּ עִבְדוּ אֶת-יְהוָה כְּדַבַּרְכֶּם:
גַּם-צֹאֲנֵכֶם גַּם-בְּקִרְבְּכֶם קָחוּ כָּחוֹ בְּאֲשֶׁר דִּבַּרְתֶּם וּלְכוּ
וּבְרַכְתֶּם גַּם-אֹתִי: וַתַּחֲזֹק מִצְרַיִם עַל-הָעַם לְמַהֵר
לְשַׁלְּחָם מִן-הָאָרֶץ כִּי אָמְרוּ בְּלִנְיָ מֵתִים: וַיֵּשֶׂא הָעַם

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HaShem commanded that on 15th of Nisan, the head of the household is to set a young male lamb aside whose death and blood will make atonement for the family to prevent the angel of death from taking the life of the first born son. In our reading for this week we find the source text for the origins of the Pesach (Passover) meal. The name Pesach (Passover) is derived from the Hebrew word pasach which means "passed over." The Passover meal consisted of the roasted lamb, unleavened bread, and bitter herbs which are to be eaten in haste since the Children of Yisrael were to begin their journey to the Promised Land. HaShem

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Shmot / Exodus 12:29-33

12:29 Now it came about at midnight that the Lord struck all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sat on his throne to the firstborn of the captive who was in the dungeon, and all the firstborn of cattle. 12:30 Pharaoh arose in the night, he and all his servants and all the Egyptians, and there was a great cry in Egypt, for there was no home where there was not someone dead. 12:31 Then he called for Moses and Aaron at night and said, 'Rise up, get out from among my people, both you and the sons of Israel; and go, worship the Lord, as you have said. 12:32 'Take both your flocks and your herds, as you have said, and go, and bless me also.' 12:33 The Egyptians urged the people, to send them out of the land in haste, for they said, 'We will all be dead.' (NASB)

30 passed over the houses that placed their faith in the word of the Lord which applied the blood of the lamb upon the doorposts as a sign (of their faith) of the Lord's deliverance (see *Shmot / Exodus 12:7*). According to our passages, we are told to observe this meal annually as a permanent reminder of the deliverance from Mitzrayim (Egypt). Only unleavened bread is to be eaten for a seven day period and the first and seventh day of Pesach are to be days of holy assembly (a Shabbat).

35 Pesach (Passover) is the holiday that recalls the deliverance of the Lord from bondage in Mitzrayim (Egypt) and redemption of the children (first born) by the blood of the lamb. The festival commemorates the sacrifice of the Lamb which causes the wrath of G-d to pass over those who trusted in the Lord for redemption. There is a tremendous textual parallel here in the Torah and Yeshua the Messiah. Yeshua laid down his life on the Pesach holiday, the sacrifice of Yeshua the Messiah provided for us a redemption delivering us from the bondage of sin. His sacrifice also caused the wrath of G-d to forever be put away from us. Yeshua offered His own body up to be the perfect sacrifice for our sins. By His shed blood we are given complete atonement before the Lord. Atonement that is made possible according to the Torah, that is valid for us today. The atonement process, this "life for a life" principle is the foundation of the sacrificial system (*Vayikra / Leviticus 17:11*). Pesach was meant to foreshadow the true and abiding sacrifice of Yeshua as the means of our reconciliation with G-d. The author of Hebrews understood this to be true, even more so in Yeshua the Messiah.

Hebrews 10:14-23

55 *10:14 For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. 10:15 And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us; for after saying, 10:16 'This is the covenant that I will make with them After those days, says the Lord: I will put My laws upon their heart, And on their mind I will write them,' He then says, 10:17 'And their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more.' 10:18 Now where there is forgiveness of these things, there is no longer any offering for sin. 10:19 Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, 10:20 by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh, 10:21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 10:22 let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. 10:23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful; (NASB)*

Be Blessed in Yeshua our Messiah!

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הללויה לאדוננו מורנו ורבינו ישוע מלך המשיח לעולם ועד:
Hallelujah for our Lord, our Teacher, our Rabbi,
"Yeshua" King Messiah forever and ever