

Get Rid of the *Chametz* to Obtain Freedom

“7Get rid of the old chametz (Ex. 12:9), so you may be a new batch, just as you are unleavened—for Messiah, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed. 8Therefore let us celebrate the feast not with old chametz (Ex. 13:7, Deut. 16:3), the chametz of malice and wickedness, but with unleavened bread—the matzah of sincerity and truth” (1 Cor. 5:7-8). “29The next day, John (the Baptist) sees Yeshua coming to him and says, ‘Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!’” (John 1:29 cf. Ex. 12:21, Num. 28:8, Isa. 53:5-7)...

One of the great benefits of Messianic Judaism is the fact we are enabled us to add back to *Scripture* its *Jewish Roots context* resulting in the amplification of *meaning and relevance*. For the *Passover Festival* we were told in the *Torah* to put away all leaven (*chametz*) from our dwellings: *“6On the fifteenth day of the same month is the Feast of Matzot (Feast of Unleavened Bread, which is in the modern Jewish World is referred to as the Passover Festival) to Yah Adonai our Elohim. For seven days you are to eat matzah {unleavened (without chametz) bread}” (Lev. 23:6).* Every Jewish home is commanded to remove all *chametz* from their dwellings for seven days, and this is done *before anyone eats the Passover Seder*. The Hebrew word *chametz* (literally, *leaven*) is often used in Scripture as a symbol for sin.

Yeshua Adonai said: *“... Be on guard yourselves against the chametz of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. 2There is nothing covered up that will not be revealed, and nothing hidden that will not be made known. 3Therefore, whatever you have said in the dark will be heard in the light, and what you have spoken in private rooms will be proclaimed from the housetops” (Luke 12:1b-3).* He said tat the *chametz* that we must guard against is hypocrisy. You can fool me, your parents, your employer, your friends and even yourself, for a while, but ultimately, *Yeshua Adonai’s* words will come to pass and all of your and my sin(s) will be exposed/revealed. Satan and his army of evil spirits, armed with the authority of *Yeshua Adonai’s* own words in *Luke 12:1-3* (and the *Tanakh*, for example in *Psalms 51:6a* *“Behold, You desire truth in the innermost being...”*) *are busily planning to reveal our sin*, but in his timing and not ours and certainly not *Yah Adonai our Elohim’s* timing. Satan looks for and chooses the *most difficult of circumstances* in order to inflict the *most damage* because his intent is *to kill and destroy us and damage God’s reputation*. Has our sin found us out yet? (*“But if you don’t do this, behold, you sin against Yah Adonai! Be assured! Your sin will find you out!” Num. 32:23*) Consider the following Scriptures:

“10But you, why do you judge your brother? Or you too, why do you look down on your brother? For we all will stand before the judgment seat of Yah Adonai our Elohim. 11For it is written, “As I live, says Yah Adonai, every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.” 12So then each one of us shall give account of himself to Yah Adonai” (Romans 14:10-13). “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Messiah, so that each one may receive what is due for the things he did while in the body—whether good or bad” (2 Cor. 5:10). “12For the word of Yah Adonai our Elohim is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword—piercing right through to a separation of soul and spirit, joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. 13No creature is hidden from Him, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account” (Hebrews 4:12-13).

Yes, we must all give an account. But perhaps because it has not yet been required of us to do so (and especially publicly), we are often *deceived into hypocrisy* and we put it off. *Yah Adonai our Elohim* set aside this time yearly for us to do some deep cleaning and get the *chametz* out. This is no easy task, and in my home it takes several days and meticulous discipline to get it out of our home, car, clothes, office, property, etc. *The natural, which is seen does reveal the spiritual which is not seen* (See *Romans 1:20*) and we must therefore endeavor to go deep into our soul and do some *chametz* cleaning (spring cleaning). *Yah Adonai our Elohim* meant for us to do it in our homes as stated in the *Torah*, but He also meant for us to do *deep spiritual cleansing* during the Spring High Holidays. He is more interested in

the state of our hearts than He is in the state of our homes. Will you remove all *chametz* from the areas of your jurisdiction? If not, you are in disobedience. Similarly, are you prepared to *get rid of the old chametz* in your spiritual life?

What does all this say about *Messiah Yeshua's* sacrifice and His *Seder*? When was His *Seder*? What was the emphasis of His *Seder*? What are we to remember each time we do this?

Next Friday night will be *Aviv/Nisan 14*. Like *Yeshua* on His Seder, I (Rabbi Tony) *"have eagerly desired to eat this Passover Seder with you."* We will not do a *demonstration Seder*, nor just a *re-enactment* of *Yeshua's Seder*. Instead, we will be *reaching across time and dimensions* and actually be eating the *Seder* with Him and partaking of the inauguration of *His Memorial Meal* (*Zichron Mashiach* / Messiah's Remembrance Meal / Communion), that is our *Messiah Yeshua's Memorial Passover Remembrance Meal*. You may experience a lot of pushback about being there that night, and if so, you will not be alone. The spiritual warfare preceding that evening has been historically off the chart for many of you/us. But here comes the time to enter into *His Rest* and experience His *Passover Seder of Seders*.

It is written about that night: *"42It was a night of watching for Adonai to bring them out of the land of Egypt. This same night is a night of vigil for Adonai, for all Bnei-Yisrael throughout their generations"* (Exodus 12:42). Each part our *Seder* will be an authentic, Scripturally based reproduction in modern times, of actual identifiable events in *Yeshua's Seder*. This alone should motivate us. However, toward the end of the evening, at the time of the Third Cup, we will have what is commonly called *Passover Holy Communion*, except that the only time you can truly have a *Passover Meal* is at the *Biblical Passover Day*, which is next Friday, April 11, 2025. Of this momentous event Matthew writes: *"27And He took a cup; and after giving thanks, He gave to them, saying, 'Drink from it, all of you; 28for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the removal of sins'"* (cf. Ex. 24:8; Jer. 31:31; Heb. 9:22; 10:16-18. Some manuscripts say: new covenant) (Matt. 26:27-28). Luke described it: *"19And when He had taken matzah and offered the bracha, He broke it and gave it to them, saying, 'This is My body, given for you. Do this in memory of Me.' 20In the same way, He took the cup after the meal (the Third Cup), saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is poured out for you.'" And the Apostle Paul wrote: "23For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you—that the Lord Yeshua, on the night He was betrayed, took matzah; 24and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, 'This is My body, which is for you. Do this in memory of Me.' 25In the same way, He also took the cup, after supper (the Third Cup) saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in My blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in memory of Me.' 26For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes" (1 Cor. 11:23-26). You can have *Messiah's Meal* (*Communion*) anytime, but you can only have *Messiah's Passover Meal* next Friday night, on *Aviv/Nisan 14*. For this reason alone, this will be a truly significant and extraordinary experience.*

Let us prepare Spiritually for this celebration and give it its gift of time. The same mindset will be true for the first and last days of the *Feast of Matzot* (*Unleavened Bread*) on Saturday night April 12, 2025, and Saturday day April 19, 2025. It is the season to bless *Yah Adonai* and thank Him with our entire being for our freedom in Him. This is *for us* a great *Mitzvah*! The days *Passover* are *forever* treasured!

Did you get rid of the all *chametz* to obtain freedom? Why wait for next Fri. night? *Shabbat Shalom*!