

The Passover Bride - Part 2

Intro - For Jews and Gentiles

God has a plan for everyone. He has a plan for the Jews and He has a plan for the Gentiles. They're different plans, in the way two brothers are unique in their own right.

The Church did NOT replace Israel. We were both always in the plan from the beginning. But the plan for the Gentiles came through the Jews.

"Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah -- not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the Lord.

But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. Jeremiah 31:31-33

For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: "The Deliverer will come out of Zion, And He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob; For this is My covenant with them, When I take away their sins." Romans 11:25-27

Rachael and Leah

Why two wives?

We are single (betrothed/engaged - while we were lost sinners) - Leah
Then we are chosen/married - Rachael

Double shadow

Also Leah represents the Gentiles.
Rachael the chosen Jewish people

Rachael - *And Jacob served seven years for Rachel; and they seemed unto him but a few days, for the love he had to her. And he went in also unto Rachel, and he loved also Rachel more than Leah, and served with him yet seven other years. Genesis 29:20, 30*

Rachael dies in childbirth (Benjamin) and is buried in Bethlehem. She represents the church in so many shadows and types.

Rachael's children are:

Joseph (The birthright was rightly Reuben's who was born first to Leah, but Joseph was first born of Rachael so he eventually received the double blessing of the birthright so his 2 sons Ephraim and Manasseh each become tribes) - Joshua was in Ephraim's line

Benjamin (King Saul and Queen Ester are in his line, as was Paul)

and

The sons of Rachel's servant Bilhah: Dan and Naphtali.

Leah - *You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 8:6-8*

Leah lives longer and is buried in the family tomb. She represents our flesh - dead and buried - waiting for the last trumpet. She really represents our earthly walk in every way.

Leah's children are:

Reuben,

Simeon,

Levi (the priestly line - including Moses, Aaron, John the Baptist, Barnabas),

Judah (Caleb, Joseph & Mary, Jesus),

Issachar

Zebulun,

Dinah

The sons of Leah's servant Zilpah: Gad and Asher.

When the Lord saw that Leah was not loved, he enabled her to conceive...She named him Reuben, for she said, "It is because the Lord has seen my misery. Surely my husband will love me now."

She conceived again, and when she gave birth to a son she said, "Because the Lord heard that I am not loved, he gave me this one too." So she named him Simeon.

Again she conceived, and when she gave birth to a son she said, "Now at last my husband will become attached to me, because I have borne him three sons." So he was named Levi.

She conceived again, and when she gave birth to a son she said, "This time I will praise the Lord." So she named him Judah. Then she stopped having children. Genesis 29:31-35

3 sons while she is rejected. (three matzahs, three cups of wine - 4th cup is the cup of praise)
Passover ends and Jesus goes to the cross

Leah is now a different person. She's done having children so the next ones are in a sense supernatural. She is now the shadow of a child of God in eternity.

Issachar - God has given me my reward

Zebulun - God has given me a choice gift; this time my husband will exalt me

In some ways that is a beautiful picture/shadow of the Gentiles entry into the Kingdom.

8. Passover Seder

Passover is a celebration of what Jesus did for us, and it's a celebration of the day that will come when Jesus will destroy Satan and all the bad people in the world.

The Feast of Unleavened Bread begins the day after Passover and is celebrated for one week.

The next act of Passover is to Search for Leaven

You get rid of all yeast in your house – (no regular bread for a week)

The first thing you do is make sure there is no leaven in the house.

What does leaven or yeast represent? Sin.

But since yeast and bread isn't our real enemy, what could we find in our house that is causing us to sin. Do any of these items steal time from God: Books, Music, TV, Computer, Telephone... What causes you to sin (to not act like His Bride) that you could fast from - for the next week?

Take a pen, paper and tape and if you find something that is leaven to you, write "Leaven" on the paper and tape it to the item. This paper will remain there for the next 7 days to remind you to fast from it.

Why? We are the bread.

Leaven or yeast is sin or bad stuff.

The sin of pride causes one to puff up, to think you are better than others.

When we become Christians we get rid of all of our sin and stop being bad.

We're unleavened bread.

Matzah reminds us that one day we'll live in heaven with new bodies that have no sin.

Four Cups of juice or wine are used. You don't fill them all the way full because you have to drink everything in the cup every time to symbolize that your joy is full.

THE SYMBOLS OF PASSOVER

The **MATZAH**, The Unleavened bread. The Israelites fleeing Egypt had no time for it to rise. The bread without leaven.

- The **Roasted Lamb Bone** is a reminder of the Temple Sacrifice and the first Passover Lamb –
- **Bitter Herbs (Horse Radish)**, recall the bitterness of slavery. Traditionally this is grated by hand by the man of the house till he begins to cry. ***Sin like the bitter herb tastes sweet at first, then bitter***
- A **Green Vegetable (Parsley)** represents the hyssop branches used to apply the blood of the lamb to the doorpost. It is also considered a bitter herb.
- The **Clay** of apples, nuts, cinnamon, and wine, represents the bricks and mortar the Israelites were forced to make under Pharaoh's taskmasters
- A **Roasted Egg** is a reminder of the Temple Holiday Sacrifice and it is also a symbol of life. It was offered at the Temple during the Feast of Passover, Pentecost and Tabernacles. (*Deuteronomy 16:16*)

- **Salt Water** symbolizes the tears shed by the Israelite slaves. It also reminds us of when they crossed the salty Red Sea when they were set free. (*Exodus 14:22*)
- **The Juice/Wine represents the blood of the lamb - Jesus**

9. KIDDUSH - First Cup

THIS FIRST CUP MEANS “BE DIFFERENT”. [In Hebrew, KIDDUSH.]

This cup corresponds to the verse” “I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians.

Being different is the first step to being saved. Everybody is a sinner, but God is holy and we cannot be close to Him with sin. The punishment for sin is death. Jesus died for us (was punished for us), so we can be close to God.

With this cup we set this night aside as different from all other nights.

Ba rook Ah-ta Ah-do-ni El-olhay-knew Mel-ick How-o-lam Bore a Parie Ha gawo-fen.
Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, Creator of the fruit of the vine.

Lean to the left and drink the Cup.

UR'CHATZ (oor -hatz) - THE WASHING OF HANDS:

The Bible says, “Jesus got up from the Passover meal...poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him...Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.”

He was about to wash the feet of Judas the traitor and then go prepare to be crucified. This taught us that we must do nice things for each other, even if others aren't nice to us!

Pour water over hands or feet 2-3 times - (7x70)

KARPAS - EATING OF the GREEN VEGETABLE

The Eating of the Green Vegetable (Cucumber) in salt water.
Green is a symbol of life and Springtime.

The Bible says: The Israelites groaned in their slavery and cried out, and their cry for help because of their slavery went up to God. God heard their groaning and he remembered his promise with Abraham, with Isaac and with Jacob (Exodus 2:23b-25)

This reminds us to pray and ask God for help because He promised to hear us and help us!

10. YACHATZ - BREAKING THE MIDDLE MATZAH

(show 3 matzos wrapped in white covering [napkin])

Now comes one of the most interesting parts of the Passover for Christians, the breaking of the middle matzah. Three Matzos are placed in a special white covering.

The middle matzah is removed and broken. The larger piece is wrapped and hidden, it is called the afikoman, meaning "that which comes later" *[in Greek]*.

The Afikoman is hidden, or buried, and later whoever finds it gets a prize.

Why are there three matzos?

It's a picture of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The Son left heaven, was broken, buried, and then rose again alive.

And whoever finds Him, or asks Jesus to forgive them and come and live in their heart, they receive a great reward, Eternal Life in heaven.

Then recite following:

This is the bread of affliction which our forefathers ate in the land of Egypt. All who are hungry - let them come and eat. All who are needy - let them come and celebrate the Passover with us. Now we are here; next year may we be in the Land of Israel. Now we are slaves; next year may we be free men. **(We will be in Israel during Rosh Hashanah!)**

Leader recite:

We single out this piece of bread because Jesus was foreordained to die for us.

We break it because He was broken for us. - We hide it because He was buried with our sin.

We will bring it out later because He rose again. -

We will eat it before the 3rd cup of wine because He was 3 days in the grave. -

And we will eat it because you must accept Jesus into your life to be saved.

Now HIDE the AFIKOMAN.

THE FOUR QUESTIONS

In the future, when your son asks you, "What do all of these rules mean, tell him: "We were slaves of Pharaoh in Egypt, but the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand. (Deuteronomy 6:20-25)

And when your children ask you, "What does this Passover ceremony mean to you?" then tell them, "It is the Passover sacrifice to the LORD, who passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt and spared our homes when he struck down the Egyptians." (Exodus 12:26-27)

MAGGID - TELLING THE PASSOVER STORY

Now we will tell THE PASSOVER STORY

Of Slavery of Pharaoh of 10 Plagues

But the worst was the last one: "On that same night I will pass through Egypt and kill every firstborn--both men and animals--and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the Lord. (Exodus 12:12)

But to protect the children of Israel, God commanded the father's to kill a baby lamb, and to put its blood on the doorway of their homes, first on the top of the doorway, and then to the two side posts.

Passover literally means to protect or shield with wings, like a mother bird her young

Matthew 23:37-39 says "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing. Look, your house is left to you desolate. For I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

And just as the blood of those first Passover lambs was applied to the doorposts of Israel's homes, so the blood of Jesus must cover the door of our hearts.

The lamb was killed at the door and the blood ran into the drainage basin. The father dipped a branch in the blood then wiped it on the top and sides of the door posts.

This fulfills John 10:7-10: Then Jesus said to them again, "I am the door of the sheep.

11. THE SECOND CUP – PLAGUES & INIQUITY

Please refill up the second cup, the cup of the TEN PLAGUES.

This cup corresponds to the verse: "I will free you from being slaves to them."

A full cup represents joy, but we want to remember the Egyptians who died, so we going to say each plague, then dip our little finger into the cup, allowing a drop of wine to fall unto our plate, we do this to take away some of our joy.

ALL REPEAT: Our joy is not full because we were set free, but the Egyptians died, and God has taught us to love our enemies.

These were the TEN PLAGUES which God brought upon the Egyptians in Egypt. **Blood, frogs, lice, swarms of insects, cattle disease, boil, hail, locusts, darkness, slaying of the first born. (Raise the cup and say:).**

Blessed are You, O Lord Our God, Ruler of the Universe, Creator of the fruit of the vine.

Drink the second cup, leaning to the left

Now let's be joyful

Sing Psalm 136 the Great Hallel & Dayeinu

If God had only delivered us from Egypt, It would have been enough for us. That is it would have been sufficient. The Hebrew word for "It would have been enough" is DAYEINU. (pronounced: Day e inu)

MOTZI - MATZAH

Take a pinch of salt and add it to your matzoh

"Season all your grain offerings with salt. Do not leave the salt of the covenant of your God out of your grain offerings; add salt to all your offerings." Leviticus 2:13

MOTZI - MOROR & BITTER HERBS

We now eat the Bitter Herbs mixed only with Charoses. (No Matzah is eaten)

We recall the bitterness of slavery when we choose to sin;
we remember the suffering of Jesus who set us free;
in the Charoses we taste the sweetness of God's forgiveness

KORECH -- MATZAH, BITTER HERBS SANDWICH

We now eat the Matzah combined with bitter herbs, and the sweet Charoses.
Again, we recall the bitterness of slavery or sin,
and in the charoses the sweetness of God's redemption.

Make a sandwich of matzah, bitter herbs Charoses

This sandwich was eaten with Lamb during temple times in Jerusalem,
It is also known as the sop.
It is still the custom today to give this dipped sop to a loved one.
Jesus gave it to Judas to identify him as the one who would betray Him.
Give sop to loved one

12. TZAFON - EATING THE AFIKOMEN

Since the meal cannot be completed without eating the Afikoman.
The Afikoman, the broken middle matzah that was hidden, must be found and brought back.
The one who finds it receives a great reward.

The children must now get up and find the Afikoman.

This is the Bread of Affliction, the humble Bread.

The Bread itself reminds us of Jesus.
The Rabbis have rigid codes as to the appearance of the matzah.
It must have stripes, be pierced and without leaven.
Jesus was afflicted, striped, pierced and without sin.

Isaiah 53:5 "But he was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed."

Sailors would often save some of the Afikomen to keep with them because it was believed to calm the sea. As it happens this was one of the miracles that Jesus did to help end the disciples unbelief (many of them were fishermen)

It was during the eating of this Afikoman (and the blessing of it) that the Bible tells us: Jesus, the same night in which he was betrayed, took bread: and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. (*1 Corinthians 11:23-24*)

The apostle Paul wrote to the Corinthians "A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup." (*1 Corinthians 11:28*)

In Jerusalem at Passover time, Jews got ceremonially clean, fixing up roads and whitewashing tombs to prevent travelers from seeking shelter in a cave which was really a tomb. (coming in contact with a dead body would make people ceremonially unclean.

Likewise we must examine ourselves before we partake of communion:
1 Corinthians 11: 27-31 "Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep. For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged."

Let us pause for moment of repentance. (*pause*)

13. THE THIRD CUP - REDEMPTION

The Cup of Redemption / Blessing:

With this cup Israel remembers their deliverance from slavery, and their redemption from the plague of death by the blood of the first Passover Lamb.

This cup corresponds to the verse: "I Will Redeem You"

If the afikomen was His body, then obviously the third cup is His blood.

"In the same way, after the supper He, took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you. (Luke 22:20)

This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me" (1 Corinthians 11:25b)

I will lift up the cup of salvation, The Cup of Jesus, and call on the Name of the Lord.

Remembering that Jesus' blood was poured out for the forgiveness of sins. Let us be thankful.

HALLEL - PSALMS OF PRAISE

Sing Psalms 115, 116, 117

THE FOURTH CUP is the Cup of PRAISE and Completion

At This Time of the last Super, the Word says:

When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. "You will all fall away," Jesus told them, "for it is written: "I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.' But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee." (Mark 14:26,27,28)

Jesus, after singing and closing the Passover dinner, had to leave the city for the atonement Lamb's body was always offered up to God outside the city's walls. (Hebrews 13:11-14)]

Sing Psalm 118 AND any other closing songs

14. NIRTZAH - CONCLUSION OF THE SEDER

ELIJAH THE PROPHET

THE 5th CUP - The cup of Elijah - The silent cup.
A special place at the table is set for Elijah.

This cup corresponds to the verse "I will take you to be my people".

An interesting side note is that Elijah was one of the few people that didn't die, but was taken by God to heaven. We similarly await the possibility of rapture.

You literally go and open the door

I will send you the prophet Elijah before that great and dreadful day of the LORD comes. He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers; (Malachi 4:4-6a)

We recall Jesus saying of John the Baptist:

(For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John. And if you are willing to accept it, he is the Elijah who was to come. He who has ears, let him hear. (Matthew 11:13,14,15)

John the Baptist would have been born around Passover.

His father Zechariah was a priest of the division of Abijah which would have placed him in the temple through the tenth week due to the Feast of Weeks (Sivan 12-18) when he would have spoken with the angel. He would have remained away from his wife for an additional two weeks due to the laws of separation. "When his time of service was ended, he went to his home. After those days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she remained in seclusion. She said, "This is what the Lord has done for me when he looked favorably on me and took away the disgrace I have endured among my people." Luke 1:23-25

This places the birth of John the Baptist at the time of the *Passover*
Jesus would have been born 6 months later (during the Fall Feasts)

At this time we remember the promises of God to Israel. He who blesses the Jews will be blessed, he who curses the Jews will be cursed. (*Genesis 27:29*)

(Let's pray for Israel)

Have compassion, O Lord our God, upon us, upon Israel Your people, upon Jerusalem Your city, on Zion the dwelling place of Your glory, and upon Your altar and Your Temple. Rebuild Jerusalem, Your holy city, speedily in our days. Be gracious to us and give us strength.

O God, restore the congregation of Israel in Your love, and bring them to the knowledge and love of the everlasting Redeemer, Y'shua, the Anointed one, King of Kings, Lord of Lords. For before Him every knee will bow and every tongue confess, Jesus Christ is Lord. And we will be

with Him in the New Jerusalem. He will be our God and we will be His people forever more.
(*Revelation 21:1-4*)

The Seder customary ends by everyone saying:

Next Year in Jerusalem!

May the Lord bless you and protect you.

May the Lord deal kindly and graciously with you.

May the Lord bestow His favor upon you and grant you peace.

15. Bride of Christ Verses

Revelation 19:7-8

Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready. Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear.” (Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of God’s holy people.)

Revelation 21

1 Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. 2 I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 4 ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.’”

9 One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and said to me, “Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb.” 10 And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. 11 It shone with the glory of God, and its brilliance was like that of a very precious jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal.

22 I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. 23 The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. 24 The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it. 25 On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there. 26 The glory and honor of the nations will be brought into it. 27 Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb’s book of life.

Revelation 22:17

The Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” And let the one who hears say, “Come!” Let the one who is thirsty come; and let the one who wishes take the free gift of the water of life.

Ephesians 5:22-32

Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church— for we are members of his body. “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.” This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church.

Biblical Time Line

- 1 - **Adam** (generation 1) is created.^[1]
- 930 - Adam dies, aged 930
- 1056 - **Noah** is born (generation 10)
- 1656 - Methuselah dies the same year as the **flood** comes, aged 969
- 1,757 - TOWER OF BABEL
- 1948 - **Abraham** is born (generation 20)
- 2006 - **Noah**, generation 10 after Adam, dies at the age of 950
- 2034 - Ishmael is born (generation 21)
- 2048 - **Isaac** is born (also generation 21)
- 2108 - Jacob is born, with his twin Esau (generation 22)
- 2123 - **Abraham** dies, aged 175
- 2238 - **Jacob** moves to Egypt at the age of 130
- 2255 - **Jacob** dies in **Egypt**, aged 147
- 2,310 - Joseph dies at 110
- 2,374 - Moses born
- 2,454 - Exodus begins!
- 2,494 - Joshua leads Israel thru Jordan into Promised Land
- 3,004 - David king over Judah at 30
- 3,487 - Jerusalem & Temple destroyed
- 4,007 - Birth of Christ
- 4,040 - The Crucifixion & Resurrection

It's been over 2,000 years since then, yet the Jew consider it the year 5775. Why?
They ignored 240 years during captivities when the Jews were not in the land.