

# PASSOVER: He Is Risen!

This year's Resurrection Day has been the most awe inspiring of recent memory. Why? Because everyone seems to realize how much we truly need Yeshua/Jesus to come in and rescue us! It's not something a mere man can ever be expected to accomplish; there's only One who can, and He knows your name!

How exciting is that?

In the last issue there was one point we skipped about the crossing of the Red Sea which made a huge impact on my understanding of how Yahweh completely annihilated the pagan gods. Numbers tells us the Hebrews fled after the Passover in the first month, on the fifteenth day. This would be the night of a full moon which sounds reasonable considering the light cast is great for travel. (Numbers 33) But remember the pillar of fire traveled with them as a wall standing between the Israelites and Pharaoh with his chariots soldiers. It's interesting to read various translations, and especially to refer back to the Hebrew for insights. I recommend biblehub.com. It describes the pillar of fire as darkness for the Egyptians but as light for the Israelites. Kind of reminds me of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil, meaning the tree contained both. Possibly how one uses the knowledge can lead them to either good or evil?



At any rate, the Hebrews were under the fullest protection provided by Abba. When they came back to Pi-Hahiroth under Abba's orders he told them to camp. It's interesting (and vital) to understand that Pi-Hahiroth was across from a small island known throughout the region because it housed Baal Zaphon—the pagans' god of storm and thunder. I provide the imagery above to illustrate that the Hebrews were locked into a dire situation (or so Pharaoh imagined). At one side was the Red Sea, at the back end was Pharaoh and his soldiers, but before them was the home base of the pagan storm god. Therefore Pharaoh assumed that if he couldn't catch them, his storm god would drown them for sure!

However, Abba intervened and held back the Red Sea, even in the face of their pagan storm god, and still they crossed on dry land! How

spectacular a sight; the Egyptians were to know the Hebrews were crossing over. All the while, Pharaoh and his chariot men were drowned under the tremendous amount of water. This was the final disassembling of their mythical gods, proving Yahweh's might.

*Exodus 14:1-4 Then the Lord said to Moses, 2 "Tell the people of Israel to turn back and encamp in front of Pi-hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea, in front of Baal-zephon; you shall encamp facing it, by the sea. 3 For Pharaoh will say of the people of Israel, 'They are wandering in the land; the wilderness has shut them in.' 4 And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and he will pursue them, and I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, and the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord." And they did so.*

Do you believe Yahweh does anything by coincidence? I don't! We can read this passage a little differently now in knowing that He brought the Egyptians down to their very end! There was no expectation to be saved for them, they had no protection, but Yahweh's people did.

*Exodus 14:13-14 And Moses said to the people, "Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to be silent."*

And here we read that Yahweh proclaims Yeshua their salvation! If you spend anytime in Hebrew studies that passage should give you goosebumps because it was Yeshua who was rescuing them as Yahweh's right hand.

### Study Documentary



### Events of Yeshua's Death & Resurrection

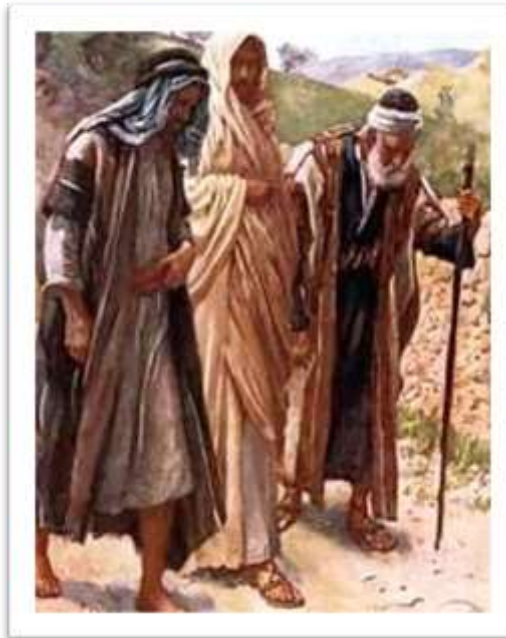
Yeshua was foretold in the Old Testament and people who say otherwise haven't yet become wise to scripture. Here's a few example prophecies below:

◇ Messiah's pre-existence & birth in Bethlehem:

◇ Messiah will resurrect as will those who have perished previously:

*Hosea 6:2-5 After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. Let us know; let us press on to know the Lord; his going out is sure as the dawn; he will come to us as the showers, as the spring rains that water the earth. Messiah will be born after the destruction of the Second Temple: Seventy weeks are de-*

*Micah 5:2 But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient*



### Fact Checked: Witness Reports No Body in Tomb

The two men were distraught and most likely in disbelief that their amazing Messiah was put to death. Yeshua walked up to them and said, "What are you discussing to-

*creed about your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to put an end to sin, and to atone for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal both vision and prophet, and to anoint a most holy place. Know therefore and understand that from the going out of the word to restore and build Jerusalem to the coming of an anointed one, a prince, there shall be seven weeks. Then for sixty-two weeks it shall be built again with*

gether as you walk along?" They stood still, their faces downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" "What things?" he asked. "About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus."

**"It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon."**



squares and moat, but in a troubled time. And after the sixty-two weeks, an anointed one shall be cut off and shall have nothing. And the people of the prince who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary

- ◇ Messiah will bring salvation to mankind.

*He saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no one to intercede; then his own arm brought him salvation, and his righteousness upheld him. He put on righteousness as a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation on his head; he put on garments of vengeance for clothing, and wrapped himself in zeal as a cloak. According to their deeds, so will he repay, wrath to his adversaries, repayment to his enemies; to the coastlands he will render repayment. So they shall fear the name of the Lord from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun; for he will come like a rushing stream, which the wind of the Lord drives. And a Redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who turn from transgression, declares the Lord. (Isaiah 56)*

- ◇ Messiah redeems what was lost: *For the Son of Man came to seek and save what was lost. (Luke 19:10)*

These are just a few of the prophecies that Yeshua/Jesus fulfilled. I found on one list alone 48 fulfilled prophecies substantiated in both the



Old Testament and the New Testament. This leaves proof of not only Yeshua's prophetic gift to us, but allows a clear lesson as to how only He could fulfill the true Word that changed all of creation.

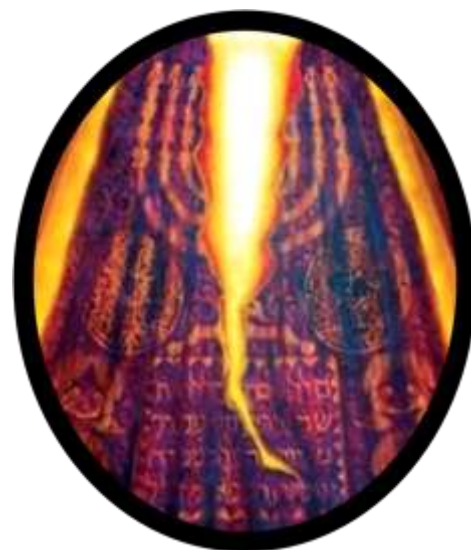
His death was so astounding that even the sun mourned His death on the cross, "When that time comes," says Adonai Elohim, "I will make the sun go down at noon and darken the earth in broad daylight. I will turn your festivals into mourning and all your songs into wailing; I will make you all put sackcloth around your waists and shave your heads bald in grief. I will make it like mourning for an only son and its end like a bitter day. (Amos 8:9-10)

In Matthew 27 we read, "From noon until three o'clock in the afternoon, all the Land was covered with darkness."

But it continues providing evidence of His supernatural power, "At that moment the parokhet in the Temple was ripped in two from top to bottom; and there was an earthquake, with rocks splitting apart. Also the graves were opened, and the bodies

of many holy people who had died were raised to life; and after Yeshua rose, they came out of the graves and went into the holy city, where many people saw them. When the Roman officer and those with him who were keeping watch over Yeshua saw the earthquake and what was happening, they were awestruck and said, "Truly He was God's Son."

At Messiah's death we had the tearing of the veil of the Temple which was torn between the Holy of Holies and The Holy Place. Only the High Priest was allowed to pass through the curtain into the Holy of Holies. And this only happened once a year on Yom-Kippur, the Day of Atonement, when he would make a sacrifice for his sins and the sins of the people.



By this arrangement, the Ruach HaKodesh (Holy Spirit) showed that so long as the first Tent had standing, the way into the Holiest Place was still closed. This symbolizes the present age and indicates that the conscience of the per-

son performing the service cannot be brought to the goal by the gifts and sacrifices he offers. For they involve only food and drink and various ceremonial washings — regulations concerning the outward life, imposed until the time for God to reshape the whole structure.

But when the Messiah appeared as high priest of the good things



that are happening already, then, through the greater and more perfect Tent which is not man-made (that is, it is not of this created world), **He entered the Holiest Place once and for all.**

And he entered not by means of the blood of goats and calves, **but by means of his own blood**, thus setting people free forever. For if sprinkling ceremonially unclean persons with the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer restores their outward purity; then how much more the blood of the Messiah, who, through the eternal Spirit, offered himself to God as a sacrifice without blemish, will purify our conscience from works that lead to death, so that we can serve the living God!

It is because of this death that he is mediator of a new covenant [or will]. **Because a death has oc-**

**curred which sets people free from the transgressions committed under the first covenant, those who have been called may receive the promised eternal inheritance. For where there is a will, there must necessarily be produced evidence of its maker's death, since a will goes into effect only upon death; it never has force while its maker is still alive.**

This is why the first covenant too was inaugurated with blood. After Moshe had proclaimed every command of the Torah to all the people, he took the blood of the calves with some water and used scarlet wool and hyssop to sprinkle both the scroll itself and all the people; and he said, "This is the blood of the covenant which God has ordained for you." Likewise, he sprinkled with the blood both the Tent and all the things used in its ceremonies. In fact, according to the Torah, almost everything is purified with blood; indeed, without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

... For the Messiah has entered a Holiest Place which is not man-made and merely a copy of the true one, but into heaven itself, in order to appear now on our behalf in the very presence of God.

Further, he did not enter heaven to offer himself over and over again, like the High Priest who enters the Holiest Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer death many times — from the founding of

the universe on. But as it is, he has appeared once at the end of the ages in order to do away with sin through the sacrifice of himself. Just as human beings have to die once, but after this comes judgment, so also the Messiah, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to deliver those who are eagerly waiting for him. (Hebrews 9)

Hebrews Chapter 10, "So, brothers, we have confidence to use the way into the Holiest Place opened by the blood of Yeshua. He inaugurated it for us as a new and living way through the parokhet, by means of his flesh. We also have a great cohen over God's household. Therefore, let us approach the Holiest Place with a sincere heart, in the full assurance that comes from trusting — with our hearts sprinkled clean from a bad conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us continue holding fast to the hope we acknowledge, without wavering; for the One who made the promise is trustworthy. And let us keep paying attention to one another, in order to spur each other on to love and good deeds, not neglecting our own congregational meetings, as some have made a practice of doing, but, rather, encouraging each other.

Flavius Josephus was a Jewish historian, a contemporary to Messiah. Just as any notable historians his works were accepted as fact regu-

larly. He wrote concerning the death of Yeshua/Jesus but many scholars have disputed phraseology. So I offer up the Arabic translation with which there is no contention.

### Video Book Of John

*“At this time there was a wise man who was called Jesus. And his conduct was good, and [he] was known to be virtuous. And many people from among the Jews and the other nations became his disciples. Pilate condemned him to be crucified and to die. And those who had become his disciples did not abandon his discipleship. **They reported that he had appeared to them three days after his crucifixion and that he was alive. Accordingly, he was perhaps the Messiah concerning whom the prophets have recounted wonders.**”*

(Josephus, Antiquities Chapter 3)

## Videos & Links Of Interest



### The location of Yam Suph

And I will set your border from the Red Sea [Yam Suph] to the Sea of the Philistines, and from the wilderness to the Euphrates... (Ex. 23:31)

King Solomon built a fleet of ships at Ezion-geber, which is near Eloth on the shore of the Red Sea [Yam Suph], in the land of Edom. (1 Kings 9:26)

“Pharaoh’s chariots and his host he cast into the sea, and his chosen officers were sunk in the Red Sea [Yam Suph]. (Ex. 15:4)

A map of the Red Sea region, showing the Red Sea, the Gulf of Aden, and the surrounding landmasses. A blue line indicates a path or border along the coast.