

Life Changing Word—Passover Part 4

Hello and welcome,

I pray that the Holy Spirit will anoint every word of this teaching and bring truth and wisdom to every listener. In Jesus name. Amen.

I just want to remind you that Passover is Friday, April 15, at sunset.

I have taken several broadcasts to cover a lot of material regarding the Passover. Today, I will examine how and why modern Christians should participate in the Passover and the distinct Passover offering that you must bring to the Lord at this appointed time.

Many of you may be wondering why modern Christians who live in an “After the Cross” world need to even know or care about the Passover ceremony. Many of you believe that the Passover is only observed by a religious or practicing Jew.

Unfortunately, Christianity has largely ignored the Passover but that has been due to the deceptive and manufactured traditions of men. Originally, the Passover was a sacred ritual that was performed by physically slaying a male lamb with no defect and no broken bones. God designed the elements of the Passover ceremony to be full of symbolism that directly points to the redemption that Jesus would establish for all mankind by being the ultimate and final Passover Lamb.

Now let’s look at the parallels between the Passover lamb and the crucifixion of Jesus. Here are some scriptures that compare Jesus to the Passover Lamb.

In John 1:29 and 31 of the New Testament, John the Baptist declares, “Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world” and “Behold the Lamb of God”.

1 Peter 1:18-19 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, *as* silver and gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

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 goat.

Exodus 12:46 It must be eaten inside the house; take none of the meat outside the house. Do not break any of the bones.

In John 19: 33 But when they came to Jesus and found that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. You see it was customary to break the legs of those crucified, but the soldiers did not break the bones of Jesus. Those passages plainly illustrate that Jesus Christ symbolized the Passover Lamb.

Now look at several other links of the first Passover and the life of Jesus. The first Passover required the sacrifice of an unblemished lamb. The blood of that lamb was then placed on the outside doorposts of each home to provide protection from the plague of death to the firstborn of the Israelites, but the Egyptians did not have the protection of the blood of the lamb and their firstborn were destroyed. Jesus was innocent of any crimes, but he was slain and his blood saves us from eternal destruction.

A second connection is that Passover commemorated the Exodus or deliverance of the Israelites from Egypt and Jesus had instructed His disciples to go make preparations for them to observe the Passover. Jesus observed the Passover meal and it was later that evening that He was betrayed by Judas, arrested and taken before Herod and Pilate, and even though Jesus was without guilt He was crucified. Jesus, the innocent Lamb of God was a male without defect crucified, but his bones were not broken and he shed His blood on Passover, just like the spotless lamb sacrificed for the original Passover.

Another link between the original Passover lamb and Jesus' death is that the children of Israel were delivered from the bondage of slavery in Egypt when the destroyer saw the blood of the lamb. Also, the Israelites were brought out of Egypt which represents a worldly life and given the opportunity to start a new life in the Promised land. Through the blood of Jesus, the Lamb of God, all

mankind can receive deliverance from the bondage of sin which is a form of slavery and we can start a new life free of sin, guilt, and shame. Romans 6 says we were slaves to sin. The Bible says that the penalty for sin is death and eternal separation from God and that all of us have sinned. So God went to great lengths to resolve this problem of sin and eternal separation for mankind. God sent His only begotten son, Jesus, to be the ultimate and final Passover Lamb that would take away the sins of the world. 1 Corinthians 5:7 says; indeed Christ is our Passover and was sacrificed for us.

Consequently, I have explained why it is relevant for modern Christians to understand and observe the Passover. The question now is how should a Christian observe the Passover. The New Testament Passover is done as a memorial of Jesus suffering, sacrifice, and death on the cross to redeem us from the curse that came into the world because Adam sinned.

The first Christians remember were Jewish, however, after the cross early Christian Jews did not celebrate the Passover in the same manner as traditional Israel had in the past. Jesus introduced new elements to celebrate His sacrifice for sins. At His last Passover, Jesus used unleavened bread to symbolize the element of His body and the cup of wine represented His blood. The washing of the disciple's feet was also introduced and commanded by Jesus for his followers to continue that practice as well at Passover. These new practices institute a New Blood Covenant that God was making with mankind.

Here are scriptures to describe how Jesus observed his last Passover and his instructions to his disciples. Most Christians refer to this as the Lord's Supper and when we partake we call it Holy Communion.

Luke 22:13-20

So they prepared the Passover.

When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table.

And he said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer

After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, "Take this and divide it among you.

And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

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.

Also, in Mark 14:22-24 we see how Jesus celebrated His last Passover with his disciples.

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take it; this is my body."

Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and they all drank from it.

This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many," he said to them.

Then in I Corinthians 11, Paul says he has been told by the Lord Jesus the appropriate manner to participate in the New Covenant Passover meal.

For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread,

and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup.

That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have died prematurely.

In John 13:4-17 we also see that after the Passover meal Jesus got up and washed the feet of his disciples and commanded that we should wash one another's feet also.

⁴ so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. ⁵ After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

¹² When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. ¹³ "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. ¹⁴ Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. ¹² When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. ¹³ "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. ¹⁴ Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. ¹⁶ Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷ Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

Now there is one final thing that you need to do at Passover time. That is to bring the Lord an offering. Deuteronomy 16:16 says Three times a year all your males shall appear before the LORD your God in the place which He chooses: at the Feast of Unleavened Bread, (which is at the time of Passover) at the Feast of Weeks, and at the Feast of Tabernacles; and they shall not appear before the LORD empty-handed. That means in modern language bring a financial offering to the Lord at these three Holy

and appointed times. This offering must be given to your church or to whom you receive your spiritual enrichment. It is above and beyond your tithe. I give my Passover offering a specific assignment for my life or name the specific harvest that I am asking God to provide. Personally, I have seen amazing results in my life after I learned this principle.

In summary, I have given you the scriptures that explain why modern Christians should observe the Passover as a New Covenant Passover. Also, I have provided scriptures to support that Jesus gave a new example of how to celebrate Passover after his death on the cross. His disciples and early Christians celebrated the Passover by following Jesus' example given during His last Passover celebration.

That example would be to partake of unleavened bread or bread that does not contain yeast. For example, a flat bread or cracker. This kind of bread is the element used to symbolize Christ body which suffered and bore all our sickness and diseases for us so that we may be strong and healthy enough to fulfill our assignment from God.

Next, you would partake of wine or fruit of the vine. This element represents the cup of the new covenant of Jesus blood that was shed to redeem us from sin. We give thanks and state that we are partaking of this Holy meal in remembrance of what Jesus accomplished in his suffering and death on the cross.

We should also repent and ask forgiveness for our sins and forgive those who have wronged us. We should always partake of the Passover with clean hands and heart.

After we have taken the elements we should wash one another's feet as described in John 13. Jesus commanded us to perform foot washing because he wants us to learn the spiritual lesson of humility so that we will maintain a servant's attitude and help one another to live a Christian life.

I just wanted to remind you that the Passover begins Friday, April 15, at sunset. If you are not able to observe Passover on April

15, then you have a second chance on Sunday, May 14, at sunset.

If you are a Christian and you have not understood the significance of observing the Passover, I would encourage you to celebrate this important Holy appointment with God. I also have provided a Communion Prayer on my website DeborahLane.org under heading Prayers and then Sample prayers.

I have all the written notes and transcripts on my Passover teaching also on my website DeborahLane.org under the heading Broadcasts and then transcripts.

I want to offer everyone the opportunity to pray and make Jesus their Lord and Savior. Jesus is the ONLY WAY to redeem your soul from sin. Repeat this prayer with me.

Jesus I confess I am a sinner. I humble myself and repent of my sins. Please forgive me of my sins. I believe You sacrificed your life and rose again from the dead to secure my salvation. Jesus come into my heart and be my Lord and Savior. In Jesus name, Amen.