

**April 8, 2020: From the Rabbi...**

**A Time of Remembrance: Mashiach ben Yoseph to Mashiach ben David**

In most of our lifetimes this Pesach is different from any others before. This year we are experiencing a pandemic that permeates throughout the whole world. Tonight, at this time, we find ourselves...in our homes...behind closed doors. But this time we find ourselves under a Stay at Home Order that was instituted over two weeks ago. Outside our homes, it is a very scary environment. No one knows if someone will be (or have already been) infected by a deadly plague. If so, to what degree will it ultimately affect them (or someone that comes into contact with them) or on the other hand, someone who may not be infected, comes into contact with another someone who is infected. As we approached the time of this Pesach, it was truly easy to put ourselves into the same mindset as with B'nai Yisrael, during their time of experiencing the 10 plagues of Mitzrayim (Egypt). So much so that many of us have looked to see if all the 10 plagues were re-appearing in this day, during this season.

How many similar plagues did you find, see or hear about? Even at this moment, as I finish tonight preparing this message for tomorrow, the largest Full Moon of the year (SuperMoon 2020) became visible from behind the clouds. At the same time, we are being alerted to severe weather over night that could include tornadoes, possible damaging winds, heavy thunderstorms... and Yes you guessed it: Barad (HAIL). Coincidence? Brothers and Sisters in Yeshua, don't fall into that coincidence trap. Remember, Pharaoh thought the plights of his day were just coincidences and look how it ended up. In the environmental circumstances we find ourselves, it seems to make it easier this year to think how it must have been on that very first Pesach, at midnight, when the destroying angel went through Mitzrayim; afflicting death upon all the first born, that did not stay in their houses where the blood of the Pesach lamb was applied to the door posts and lintels as instructed by G-D through Moshe.

We have made our remembrance up to now through our Seder of the first Pesach. I believe this Pesach season, Elohim has allowed the people of the world to re-evaluate their spiritual priorities and/or to teshuvah who have strayed too far from Him. (returning back to Yeshua through repentance and resulting in self transformation away from apostasy which is reverting back to the way you were before you accepted Yeshua as your Mashiach (Messiah)) Why would this happen? Because He is reminding the world that He is coming back soon! He wants people to accept him as their savior, to renew your relationships with Him and for others to deepen their personal relationships with Him. So, when we all come out on the other side of this plague, do not make the mistake of the Egyptians and mark our current circumstances up to coincidence... But instead CHANGE.

Now we turn our attention to our second portion of our Pesach which is the Tzafun (Hidden) memorializing Yeshua's Last Supper, where he instituted our communion for the remembrance of what He did for us then and in the future until His glorious return to establish His Kingdom on Earth. We see in the past where Rav Shaul (Apostle Paul) shared these words reinforcing the institution of Yeshua's communion to first century brethren in **1 Corinthians 11:24-25 which says: *And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is***

broken for you: **this do in remembrance of me.** After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: **this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.**

We acknowledge through our Messianic Jewish communion that we remember He is our Mashiach ben Yoseph (the Suffering Servant Messiah) that came to establish an acceptable sacrifice for forgiveness of our sins through giving up His life voluntarily and the shedding His blood for us to accept Him for our salvation and life everlasting through faith and not finding salvation and life everlasting through works of our own doing. Thank You Yeshua! Let us all give thanks with a grateful heart for what He did to save us (those who believe in Him) from the terrible Day of Judgement and Death that is coming to the people of the earth. **Learn from the spiritual lessons of this season we are going through as Believers and maintain your spiritual closeness to Him.**

**Jude 1:17-21 says:** *But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ; How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts. These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit. But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. And **Romans 8:26-28 says:** Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God. And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.*

One Day soon Yeshua will return as He left. But this time as Mashiach ben David (the Conquering King Messiah). What we have been experiencing in the physical realm is showing how far along the birth pains are (spoken of in **Matthew 24:4-8**) to His return and establishing His Kingdom on earth. What has occurred in the spiritual realm, we read of his transition from Mashiach ben Yoseph to Mashiach ben David and the account of His heavenly coronation **Revelation 5: 1-14 says:** *And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals. And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof? And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon. And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon. And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof. And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth. And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne. And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints. And they sung a new song,*

*saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth. And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing. And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever. And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever.*

And finally we acknowledge through our Messianic Jewish communion the we will always remember He is our Mashiach ben David (the Conquering King Messiah) that will return to establish His Kingdom on earth and we will reign with him forever and ever... Yeshua haMashiach (Jesus the Messiah) He is the One who was to come, the One who is and the One who is to come and we shall not look for another.

Even come quickly L-rd Yeshua... Amein -o- Amein