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# Passover & Isaiah Chapter 53



A ministry Seder demonstration in Australia

Dear friend in the Messiah,

Shalom from the Chosen People Ministries headquarters in New York City. Soon we will celebrate Messiah's resurrection from the dead and all that this means to us as believers. The Jewish community is already in the midst of celebrating the Feast of Passover and Unleavened Bread.

In this newsletter, we will give you the tools and guidance to celebrate your own Passover *Seder* as fulfilled in the death and resurrection of Jesus. We have provided a service outline that you can follow to celebrate Passover in your home. Over the last few years, it has been wonderful to see how many Christians are eager to connect with their Jewish roots in the Messiah and celebrate the biblical festivals as fulfilled in Jesus!

I hope that you will take this opportunity to prepare your heart for Resurrection Sunday through celebrating the Passover in your own home. I am sure the experience will be spiritually enriching for you and

your family as you remember the Last Supper, which was a Passover *Seder*. It will also help you better understand your Jewish friends and neighbors.

Although believers are certainly not obligated to enjoy a Passover dinner, we do have the freedom to participate in these great biblical festivals—so we thought we would help you enjoy the blessing of Passover. We love sharing our heritage with our brothers and sisters in Christ, for in Him it is your heritage as well!

We have also established a Passover Hotline on the web and over the telephone. So if you have any questions about celebrating the Passover in your home—whether it be about the service, recipes, significance or other questions—feel free to visit [chosenpeople.com/passoverhotline](http://chosenpeople.com/passoverhotline) or call 1-888-405-5874, and we will be happy to answer your questions.

## **The Link Between Isaiah 53 and Passover**

If you have been reading our newsletter recently, you know that over the past year, your Mission to the Jewish people has been engaged in an Isaiah 53 Evangelistic Campaign. This will continue to be a major strategic initiative to help both Jewish people and Gentile Christians become aware of this inspirational chapter in the Hebrew Scriptures, which specifically links the death of the Messiah with His atonement for our sins.

I have been studying this marvelous chapter more deeply over the last few years, and I would like to share with you a few of the parallels I have discovered between the Passover and this great prophecy of the death and resurrection of Messiah Jesus. If you compare Exodus chapter 12 and Isaiah chapter 53, I am sure these links will become as obvious to you as they have to me.

In Exodus chapter 12, God spoke through Moses and told the Jewish people to sacrifice a young lamb for the "Lord's Passover." However, this was not just any lamb—the lamb had to be perfect and without blemish. As Moses wrote,

*Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year...* (Ex. 12:5)

In Isaiah chapter 53, the prophet described the Servant of the Lord who would ultimately be slain for our sins as being innocent and undeserving of His brutal death. The Passover lamb had to be without physical blemish, but the Servant of the Lord needed to be spiritually perfect—in other words, without sin. The prophet describes the coming Messiah in these words:

*...He had done no violence, nor was any deceit in His mouth.* (Is. 53:9)

The reasons for Messiah's perfection are evident: if He were sinful Himself, then it would have been impossible for Him to die a substitutionary death for your sin and mine, as He would instead have died

for His own. Yeshua (Jesus) lived a perfect life, fully obeyed the Law of God and was spiritually unblemished; therefore, He was worthy to sacrifice His life to atone for our sin.

Moses also gave the Israelites very clear instructions on what to do with the blood of the Lamb they sacrificed:

*And you shall take a bunch of hyssop, dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and strike the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood that is in the basin. And none of you shall go out of the door of his house until morning. For the LORD will pass through to strike the Egyptians; and when He sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the LORD will pass over the door and not allow the destroyer to come into your houses to strike you.*  
(Ex. 12:22-23)

This passage evokes some vivid images in our minds and hearts! One of the reasons I love the Passover Seder is that the visual imagery of the festival helps both children and adults better grasp what occurred at the original Exodus. It is a magnificent prophetic portrait of Jesus' work on our behalf when He died as an innocent lamb.

The prophet Isaiah described the sacrificial death of the Lord's Servant in chapter 53:

*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. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.* (Is. 53:5-6)

This describes exactly what the Messiah did for all humanity when He took on flesh and died in our place as a sacrifice. If He had not died for our sin, each one of us would not only have to die physically (which we will if the Lord tarries), but we would also die spiritually as a punishment for our sin. Spiritual death is defined as eternal separation from the God who made us.

I am so grateful for the lessons of Passover, and for these wonderful parallels with Isaiah chapter 53. They give us a deeper appreciation for all the Lord did for us through His Son Jesus—the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

He is Risen!

Your brother in the Messiah,

*Mitch*  
Mitch



Dr. Mitch Glaser  
President

**P**assover, which celebrates the Exodus of the Jewish people from their bondage in Egypt under Pharaoh, is one of the festivals that grounds Jewish life in history and tradition. You too can celebrate it with your family, friends, and neighbors as the Jewish people have celebrated from before the time of Jesus. The *Haggadah* (the telling), which has changed little over the centuries, is our guide to the *Seder* (the order of the ceremony). Just follow the steps below and you will experience the blessing of gathering to celebrate the Passover, just as Jesus the Messiah gathered with His disciples at the Last Supper.

The Passover involves two separate kinds of food: the Passover meal, and the special elements that are part of the ceremony—the bitter herbs, the parsley, the hard-boiled egg, the lamb shank, the *matzah* (unleavened bread), the salt water, the *charoset* (chopped apple and nut mixture) and the Four Cups. Three pieces of *matzah*, separated by napkins or placed in a special pouch called the *Matzah Tash*, are placed alongside the *Seder* plate.

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## THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

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The woman of the house lights the candles, reciting the Passover blessing:

*“Blessed art Thou, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who has sanctified us with His commandments and commanded us to light the Passover candles.”*

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## THE FOUR CUPS

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Each of the Four Cups of Passover stands for one of the four “I wills” of Exodus 6:6-7:

- Sanctification: *“I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.”*
- Judgment: *“I will rescue you from their bondage.”*
- Redemption: *“I will redeem you with an outstretched arm.”*
- Praise: *“I will take you as My people.”*

The red color of the fruit of the vine reminds us of the blood of the lamb, which was applied to the doorposts and lintels of Jewish homes to avert the terrible judgment of the Lord upon the wickedness of Egypt. While drinking, we recline to the left, to symbolize the freedom of our liberation from slavery.

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## THE FIRST CUP — THE CUP OF SANCTIFICATION

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The leader of the *Seder* offers the blessing:

*“Blessed art Thou, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, Creator of the fruit of the vine.”*

All partake of the cup together.

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## THE KARPAS (PARSLEY)

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All dip greens in the salt water—the greens symbolize hyssop, the plant used to brush the blood of the lamb upon the Jewish homes at the first Passover, and the salt water represents the tears shed by the Jewish people while in bondage.

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## THE BREAKING OF THE MATZAH

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The middle *matzah* is removed from the napkins or *Matzah Tash* and is broken in half. One half is wrapped up in a cloth napkin and hidden for the children to search for during the dinner. The remaining half is replaced in the *Matzah Tash*.

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## THE FOUR QUESTIONS OF PASSOVER

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An introductory question is asked: “Why is this night different from all other nights?” This is an invitation to tell why the Passover is so meaningful. The following questions are one of the most well-established centerpieces of the Passover celebration. They are usually asked by the youngest child at the table.

- 1) On all other nights we eat either leavened or unleavened bread; why on this night do we eat only *matzah* (unleavened bread)?
- 2) On all other nights we eat vegetables and herbs of all kinds; why on this night do we eat only bitter herbs?
- 3) On all other nights we never think of dipping herbs in water or in anything else; why on this night do we dip the parsley in salt water and the bitter herbs in *charoset*?
- 4) On all other nights we eat either sitting upright or reclining; why on this night do we all recline?

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## THE MAGGID (TELLING OF THE STORY)

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In reply to the Four Questions, the Passover narrative is read from Exodus 12:1-13, placing special emphasis upon the essentials of the Passover—the lamb, the unleavened bread, the bitter herbs and the manner in which the children of Israel were instructed to eat the Passover meal.

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## THE TEN PLAGUES

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The Second Cup is filled and the Ten Plagues that the Lord visited upon Egypt are now recited in unison. The participants in the *Seder* spill a drop from the Second Cup for each plague. This represents the belief that we must have compassion for our enemies, and our joy is diminished when we remember the suffering of the Egyptians.

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## THE SECOND CUP — THE CUP OF JUDGMENT

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We partake together of the Second Cup, with the traditional blessing (see First Cup above).

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## THE MATZAH

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The leader of the *Seder* elevates the unity of the three pieces of *matzah*. He then breaks olive-sized pieces from the top and middle *matzahs* and distributes them to the others. After the following prayer, they are eaten:

*“Blessed art Thou, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who has sanctified us with His commandments and commands us concerning the eating of the unleavened bread.”*

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## THE MAROR (BITTER HERBS)

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Everyone dips a small piece of *matzah* into the *maror*, and eats after the following blessing:

*“Blessed art Thou, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who has sanctified us with His commandments and commanded us concerning the eating of bitter herbs.”*

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## THE CHAROSET (MORTAR)

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A small piece of *matzah* is dipped into the *charoet*, a mixture of finely chopped apples, nuts, honey, and cinnamon, which symbolizes the mortar with which the children of Israel fashioned the bricks for Pharaoh’s building projects. The *matzah* is eaten.

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## SHULCHAN ORECH (THE PASSOVER DINNER)

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Dinner is served. It may be as simple as chicken, potatoes and cooked carrots. *Matzah* ball soup is a common dish. Adventurous cooks may want to find a Jewish cookbook and try recipes for Jewish dishes from around the world. Throughout the dinner, the children search for the piece of *matzah* that was previously hidden.

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## THE AFIKOMEN (THE HIDDEN MATZAH)

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After the meal, the hidden *matzah* is presented by the fortunate boy or girl who has found it. The leader of the *Seder* “redeems” it with a gift of money. It is then broken, distributed and eaten. This, together with the Third Cup, forms the basis of the Lord’s Supper.

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## THE THIRD CUP — THE CUP OF REDEMPTION

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The Third Cup is consumed with the appropriate blessing (see above). This cup is a reminder of the shed blood of the Passover Lamb that purchased our redemption from slavery.

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## ELIJAH’S PLACE SETTING

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Throughout the evening, one place at the table has been left unoccupied. This is Elijah’s place, and the door is now opened to see if he will enter, and bring with him the long-awaited Messiah of Israel.

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## THE ZEROAH AND THE BEITZAH

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The shankbone and egg, symbols of sacrifices that are no longer offered because of the destruction of the Temple, are referenced for the sake of their presence on the Passover Plate.

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## THE FOURTH CUP — THE CUP OF PRAISE

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As the Passover is brought to conclusion, a blessing is said and the fourth cup is taken, while the following phrase is said in unison:

*“Next Year in Jerusalem!”*

For more detailed instructions on Passover preparation and further commentary about the meaning of Passover for believers in Jesus, contact Chosen People Ministries at 212-223-2252 or visit our web site [www.chosenpeople.com](http://www.chosenpeople.com).

**CELEBRATE THE**  
*Passover!*

# SEE THE BIBLE THROUGH JEWISH EYES

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## THE KING EXPOSES TWO FATAL ERRORS OF EVERY FALSE RELIGIOUS SYSTEM

### MATTHEW 22:23-33

After the Pharisees challenged Jesus with their questions (Mt. 22:15-22), the Sadducees sought to catch Him off guard. We recall that the views of the Sadducees denounced belief in a bodily resurrection. Also, in contrast to the Pharisees, only the *Torah* of Moses (the Pentateuch) was authoritative to them. In this passage of Matthew, we find the Messiah answering their objections.

#### ERROR #1—DISBELIEF OF GOD’S WORD

Jesus said to them, “*You are mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures...*” (Mt. 22:29). The Sadducees knew the content of the historical, poetic and prophetic books of the Old Testament, but they denied their inspiration, thus exalting the Law of Moses as the only worthy section of Scripture.

In contrast, Messiah Jesus acknowledged the entire Old Testament as we have it today as inspired and authoritative (Lk. 24:45; 11:51; Jn. 10:35). He utilized and quoted not only from Moses (Mt. 4:4; Dt. 8:3), but also expounded from every section of the Old Testament (Lk. 24:27). Our Lord acknowledged the historicity

of Isaiah (Mt. 12:17) and authenticated the personal history of Moses (Mt. 8:14; Jn. 5:46), Elijah (Mt. 17:11,12) Daniel (Mt. 24:15), and more. Messiah also confirmed the events concerning the creation of Adam and Eve (Mt. 19:3-5); the flood of Noah’s day (Mt. 24:38,39), the destruction of Sodom (Mt. 10:15) and the story of Jonah and the great fish (Mt. 12:40).

Messiah Jesus substantiated many controversial passages in the Old Testament—such as Creation, the Flood, and the major miracles of Elijah and Jonah. Obviously, our Lord believed the Bible is historically true and every word is trustworthy.

Thus, the first major error of the Sadducees was to disbelieve or discount the accuracy of God’s Word. “*Forever, O LORD, Your word is settled in heaven*” (Ps. 119:89). Any religious entity that discounts or contradicts God’s Word, or exalts other writings above the Scriptures, constitutes a false religious system.

#### ERROR #2—DENIAL OF GOD’S POWER

Jesus declared to the Sadducees, “*You are mistaken, not*

*knowing...the power of God*” (Mt. 22:29). Two great biblical demonstrations of God’s omnipotence are seen in the events of Creation (Gen. 1, 2) and also in the resurrection from the dead. In our text, the Sadducees denied God’s resurrection power. In their own time, Jesus had raised Lazarus from the dead, which was evidence of His divinity and Messiahship (Jn. 11:40-45).

In His reply to the Sadducees, Jesus stated that God is “*the God of Abraham...Isaac...and Jacob. God is not the God of the dead, but of the living*” (Mt. 22:32). Jesus also quoted Moses (Ex. 3:6). Instead of declaring, “*I was the God of Abraham,*” God declared: “*I am the God of Abraham,*” thus confirming the promise of eternal life through God’s resurrection power to those who are found in Him (Mt. 22:32)—a truth the Sadducees denied.

#### SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Do you affirm these essential truths? Do you personally believe the Divine Scriptures and in God’s omnipotence? 🙏

# NEWS BRIEFS



Vladimir Pikman

## MESSIANIC OUTREACH GOES BEYOND BORDERS

Vladimir Pikman, who leads our work in Germany, reports that the ministry of our Messianic congregation in Berlin goes far beyond national borders—hundreds of people worldwide are watching the weekly services online in German and Russian. Vladimir reports, “We constantly hear from new people around the world who are touched by God while watching the services. It is exciting to see how God can use contemporary communication tools to bring the Gospel to people’s homes! Please pray for my preaching and my wife Inna’s worship to touch the hearts of those watching the services online.”

## FRUITFUL CONFERENCE FOR RUSSIAN MESSIANIC LEADERS

Peter Shirokov, one of our Chosen People Ministries workers from the former USSR, recently organized a conference for leaders of Russian Messianic congregations throughout the United States. Just like our congregation in Brooklyn, these fellowships become centers of outreach to Russian Jews in their respective neighborhoods. The conference addressed both theological and practical issues and was a great source of encouragement as the leaders spent time together in worship and prayer. Peter reflects on the importance of such events: “As Jewish outreach leaders meet and pray together, they learn from each other and can better plan how to move their fellowships forward. This is exactly why we organized this growth-stimulating gathering.”



Peter & Rachel Shirokov

## FOOTBALL EVANGELISM IN ISRAEL

Chosen People Ministries staff member Dan,\* serving in Israel, suffered an injury during a soccer game. Despite his injury, Dan continued to invest in building relationships

with his team by helping out where he could. During an hour-long drive home from a recent game, the Lord opened the door for Dan to share with five of his teammates about his faith in Yeshua. Four of them were students at *Yeshiva* (Jewish religious school) and asked him question after question about his beliefs. Please pray for these young men—and also for the rest of the soccer team—that God would open their hearts to receive His Messiah.

## MESSIAH TOUCHES UK WOMAN’S HEART



Daniel & Debi N.

Daniel N. in the U.K. is happy about a new men’s Bible study on Wednesday evenings, as these gatherings have provided a safe, comfortable place for several Jewish men to air their questions about faith in Yeshua to the group. Now the women are starting their own Bible study in U.K. staff member Fiona’s house. Daniel was very encouraged recently when a lady who has been coming with her two children for some time confided, “I do believe He is the Messiah. I really do!” This woman comes from a very religious form of Judaism, and her statement is an amazing sign that God has truly been at work in her heart.

## AN ELDERLY RE-BIRTH

California-based worker Michael Cohen regularly ministers to the elderly at convalescent homes, and enjoys many opportunities to witness to Jewish people. Sadly, some of the people Michael talks to are very hostile to the Gospel message, but others appear to open their hearts after Michael shares his testimony and verses from the Scriptures. One man reacted like the Philippian jailer after Michael shared with him that Yeshua had come to give him eternal life—he immediately prayed to receive Messiah!

Michael and Lisa Cohen



\*names have been changed

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- Dorothea N.

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