

Preparing for The Spring Feasts of YHVH

Part 1

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Today, our message is “Preparing for the Spring Feast of YeHoVah!”

I want to encourage you to begin to bring your Bible, something to write with, and something to write on! You know I’ve been doing this for some time and I still feel, based on what I see the Father doing in my midst, there are a lot of things that He’s revealing and showing me that I’ve not seen. I’ve been incredibly amazed over the last few months by the words that He has been depositing in my spirit to share with people, and these words have been words of corrections to me! They’ve been words of instructions!

A few weeks ago right in this very spot the father walked me through some deliverance! I mean I’m standing here being delivered and enjoying it and it’s like you know this is a weird time to take me into some deliverance while I’m standing here ministering to you people! But you know He doesn’t need an invitation! Once we say to Him and pray, “*Father let your will be done in my life,*” that tells Him whenever He chooses to do whatever He chooses to do our role is simply to let Him! And I’m standing here and it’s just absolutely amazing that I’m dealing with things that I thought I had dealt with. You know dealing with the issues of fear that I thought I had let go of and had overcome and yet He’s revealing these things to me and now I’m standing here having to deal with them while at the same time give to you what’s He’s placing in me to give to you!

When we are in our leadership, and we’re going through some of these in the leadership development on how the Father uses the people of the Bible to teach us lessons, He exposes not only their successes but He also exposes the failures and how we can learn from those who’ve come before us. Or we can keep bumping our heads and making the same old dumb mistakes over and over and over again and continue to go around the same old mountain for 40 years. I choose not to do that!

You know it’s time for us to be about our Father’s business! Let Him do whatever He needs to do. Let Him deliver where He needs to deliver. Stop resisting! Stop

grieving! Stop fighting and just let Him have His way! That would be a lot easier for you, believe me.

YeHoVaH chose the people out of the world who had been influenced by the world and called them His set apart people or modern day saints. You'll hear me using the term *saints* a lot, and the reason why I use it is because *saint* today is actually the word for sanctified persons--the ones who have been set apart.

Now I know it sounds like a churchy tune and people do not like to be called saints. Catholics have taken these words and made people saints who are people who have met their standards of sainthood but the bottom line is that every one of us who has been set apart, every one of us who has been sanctified, has been called to be a saint! So we don't have to resist this, we don't have to reject it. We need to learn to embrace what the Father says about you and me. Are you with me?

Now, He knew that when He chose His people they had already been infected and affected by the world in which they lived. Now this is powerful for us because YeHoVaH had a people in Egypt that had been in bondage for many, many years. These individuals dealt with whatever slaves had to deal with--the fear of man, the fear of authority, the fear of people, persecution, subjection, treated less than human as possession, as property, folks taken ownership of them being at the lowest state. Animals were more precious than the slaves were, and these were people that the Father chose a servant to go and get!

He said. *"I want you to go to Egypt and I want you to tell the most powerful person on Earth that these are My people, and I want you to let them go!"*

"And if you don't let them go...", ultimately He showed them that they were not as powerful as they thought they were--which is a lesson to us. You see there may be powerful people, but there is the all-powerful Elohim, and that's Who we serve! You hear what I'm saying?

So now He's got to get Egypt out of the people. He's got to get the world out of the people. Can you see the correlation here? He's brought us out and now He's trying to get that which was *in us out* of us so we can be free to focus and to allow Him to cleanse us, and to make us a Holy people. You see the Almighty is Holy and He wants a Holy people.

Deuteronomy 7:6: *For thou art an holy people unto the LORD thy God: the LORD thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth.*

YeHoVaH wants His people to be Holy! He's calling Israel Holy! He's calling His people Holy. YeHoVaH your Elohim has chosen you to be a special people. These words are to us!

He's called you to be special people, and regardless of what you think about yourself this is what He thinks about you! At some point you have to exchange what you think about you for what He thinks about you. And when that happens, you will find that a lot of fear just goes away because it is fear. It's when you look at your own capacity, when you look at your own ability, when you look at your own level of education, when you look at your own intellect, when you look at your own speech pattern, when you look at things you don't believe you can do—it is those things that keep us from walking in what He says we can do because we are the ones who put the restrictions based on the limitation we see when we look at ourselves in the mirror. He doesn't see all of that, and so He doesn't accept excuses.

This is why He wouldn't let Moses off the hook, *“I know Moses you've been looking at what you've done and I know Moses you're looking at what you want to do, and I know you want to be left alone Moses but you need to know Moses that you are born into this!”*

And what I mean by being born into it, everything in creation belongs to Him, and whether you surrender, whether you submit and whether you give up or give in does not negate the fact that you belong to Him which is why at the end of the journey you are going to have to give an account to Him. Every human being on the planet, saints, sinners, atheists, ungodly, pagan, it doesn't matter what they call themselves--every knee will bow! So you don't have a right to take your life hostage. You belong to Him, and the sooner you get that through your noggin the better.

Seriously, continuing in verse 6, *YeHoVaH thy Elohim hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth.*

7 YeHoVaH did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people:

8 But because YeHoVaH loved you, and because he would keep the oath which he had sworn unto your fathers, hath YeHoVaH brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondmen, from the hand of Pharaoh King of Egypt.

So this is why--because I've loved you, because I love you, and because of the oath I swore to your fathers.

Now you've got to understand that these individuals had been in Egypt for hundreds of years. YeHoVaH already said to Abraham that they were going to be taken into bondage. Now if you look at over 400 years, you know America is how many years old? 1776? I mean this country is less than 300 years old! Imagine? Right? Imagine! Egypt was in bondage longer than America has existed by that name! Can you understand that?

So think about it. You know when we look at the Founding Fathers of this country, this nation and we think about the duration of being in bondage in Egypt. I mean we still have a hundred and some odd years to go before we even get to the point where Israel was in bondage to Egypt! What does all that mean? What it all means is that they were there. There were people in Egypt that would be born and die, generation after generation. The people who were delivered had seen their great, great, great, great, great grandparents, who were born and died in Egypt. That's all they had ever known.

Now you have to understand this, because if you don't understand this, you won't understand why they got out in the wilderness and began to complain. There was legitimacy to their complaint, but their complaint was an indication to their lack of faith in the One who would deliver them. You see there is some legitimacy to your complaints. There is some legitimacy to how you feel about how you've been treated, what people have done to you, wrongs that have been done to you, people who have taken advantage of you, or even things that you've done to people. There are legitimacies to the complaint that you may wager.

You may be in a situation right now to where you feel like a slave. You feel like you're in bondage. I know a lot of wives who feel oppressed. I know husbands

who feel oppressed, and they feel that there is always somebody watching over them, always somebody trying to tell them what to do. They just want to be free! They just want to be happy, and there's some legitimacy to their complaints.

Where the illegitimacy comes in is in how you begin to pursue your freedom. You see if the Son doesn't set you free, you are not free even though you might pursue freedom and think you are. If He doesn't set you free, you are not free and guess what? I don't care how powerful the tyrants, how powerful the bosses, how powerful the organization.--it could be the Illuminati, it could be the Masons, it could be the Rothschild's, it could be the Bilderberger's, and it could be whoever is out there with all the money, they still don't come close to Him! He's the one who puts up one, and takes down another. He's the One who holds the hearts of men, even your husband's! He's the one who holds the hearts of women, even your wife's. And instead of you trying to argue and whip her into shape leave her alone and let Him deal with *you*! If you let Him deal with *you* and you get to a place to where you desire to please Him--He'll deal with that. Sometimes we just have to get out of the way.

You see Pharaoh was simply in the way. The people could focus on Pharaoh for their issues as if Pharaoh was their problem. The Father wants to show them Pharaoh wasn't their problem. Their problem was them! Your problem is you! My problem is me! And the moment I recognize that--I leave you alone because I can't even manage my own life! How in the world am I going to try to manage yours? I'm having a hard enough time just trying to walk with YeHoVaH by myself! You see?

And He's trying to say, "*Arthur your wife is not your problem! Let me show you.*"

He moved her out of the way, now what? And now what are you going to do? You see? He'll move this thing out of the way just to show you who your real problem is. As long as there's a smoke screen, as long as there are people you can point to and blame for what's going on in your life, you can feel justified for where you are. Know therefore that YeHoVaH your Elohim, He is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love Him and keep His commandments to a thousand generations.

Now you do the calculations. By some people's measurement a generation is 20 years, some people measure the generation for 40 years. Imagine! Just multiply 20 by a thousand! 20 years as a generation by a thousand and see how many years that is? I dare you to do the math! See you look at, when I look at my life and the duration of 60, 70, 80, 90, a hundred, a hundred and 10 years. I mean that's less than 6 generations by the twenty number! And He's saying, "*Showing mercy and keeping covenant to a thousand generations.*"

Let me tell you something, you will live and die, your children will live and die, your children's children will live and die, your children's children's children will live and die, your children's children's children's children will live and die and He's still keeping covenant and showing mercy to them that love Him! And repays them that hate Him to their face!

You see, this is why He says, "Listen no, no, no, no! Don't go off on them. That's my job! You just step aside and work on you. I've got these. Let me have him!"

Let me tell you something, your enemies are not nearly at risk in your hands as they are in the hands of your Father. The difference between you and Him is that you want your enemies destroyed. He wants your enemy saved. And guess what, you aren't trying to get your enemy saved. You see the problem? So right there is a conflict. Father's resisting you in dealing with your enemies because, hey, you are in a wrong spirit.

He says, "*I will destroy them: He will not be slack to him that hateth Him; He will repay him to his face. Thou shalt therefore keep the commandments, and the statutes, and judgment, which I command thee this day, to do them.*"

Now, to do this He gave them commandments and this is what gets us into the Feasts and He gave them ordinances, and judgments for them to conduct themselves by within the world. He gave seven annual festivals, weekly festivals, and a monthly festival, the New Moon. And so when we look at these, feasting was a part of the observances of these festivals in connection with suffering or the offering of sacrifices.

Now when we come into Messiah our sacrifices are our own lives! But imagine if you are not familiar with sacrifices! You will not know how to perform a sacrifice of self! You'll do as the churches say! You will offer sacrifices of praise! Basically you will give the Father the lip service!

"Oh, I love you YeHoVaH! Oh! I just love you God."

And you know I'm not trying to be funny or anything, but there are people who feel that they truly love Him based on these actions and, in essence, based on the standard of what they had been taught by religion. They love Him, according to their religion so I don't deny a person loves the Almighty but, let me tell you something, if you've been taught that loving Him is keeping His commandments, then you're going to keep His commandments to demonstrate you love Him! If you've been taught that loving Him is going to church every Sunday and you know, morning and evening and mid-week services then you're going to be there Sunday mornings and Sunday evenings and at whatever mid-week services. If you've been taught that loving Him is serving your fellow man and going on mission trips and building schools in China or in Africa or in Haiti, then you'll be on the mission team. You're going to do whatever the denomination, the church, the organization, says is how you show you love God.

And by that standard you love Him! And everybody around you, who sees you and who knows you and observes your life, will say that that person loves the Lord. Look at how they live! They're doing everything the denomination says that a person who loves God will do. And you can't tell them they don't love Him.

Now the Bible says if you love me you'll *keep my commandments!* This is what the Bible says!

But the church says, "*We're not under the law, we're under grace and this is how you love God!*"

And so the church has moved people from a Biblical love to a church love, to an agape church love and they've got wonderful fancy words that they've picked up from the Greek. You understand what I'm saying?

And the Father has made it clear He says, "*Showing love to a thousand generations that love Him and keep His commandments!*" So it's more than just expressing love. *It's a demonstration of obedience to His words!*

These annual feasts were designed to keep the people's consciousness alive, to revive, to strengthen, and perpetuate harmony and unity among His people. Now while they were in the wilderness, this was easy to do. It was a lot easier to do if I may say! The seven annual feasts were divided into what we know today as The Spring Feasts of YeHoVaH and The Fall Feasts of YeHoVaH.

The Spring Feast of YeHoVaH consists of different words that you need to be aware of because when you see these words you need to make the connection. In the Bible, if you are in the King James Bible, you'll find the word *Pesach* but you

won't find *Pesach* unless you look up the word *Passover* but you'll also find that *Pesach*, *Passover* is in a particular month or a particular season. It is called *Aviv* in some cases, in the King James its *Abib* but it is also in some places *Nisan*. So you'll see in the King James *Abib*, and you will see *Nisan*. You'll see *Abib* in the Torah. You'll see *Nisan* in the writings. And there's a reason for that because in the Torah, when the people were in the first 5 books they were under the Kingdom and Kingship of YeHoVaH. When they went into captivity they lived in another kingdom. They were taken out of the kingdom of Israel and now they're in the kingdom of Babylon. And in Babylon there was another name for the names of months. Just like here in America--there's another name for the name of months.

So you look at the Jewish calendar, you look at a Hebrew calendar, and you'll see this month, the month of March. Then you'll look on a Hebrew calendar and you'll see *Adar*! These days don't coincide because the months begin with first day of the month at the conclusion of a last month on the Gregorian calendar and that doesn't always coincide with the new moon. And then you'll see the new moon in the middle of the Gregorian Calendar month. But in the Hebrew calendar you'll see that the month of the Hebrew calendar begins in the middle of month of the Gregorian calendar and that creates some confusion to people.

The Father says, "*You know you can either allow yourself to be confused or try to get on My calendar and figure this thing out!*"

But no we want it easy! "*You just tell us, Moses, what He says and we'll do it!*"

And the Father is saying. "*Listen, you be your Moses!*"

Because you've got to understand Moses didn't enter in and neither did they and that's a story all in itself. You can put your spiritual journey walk in life in the hands of no apostle, no prophet, no evangelist, no pastor, no teacher, no bishop, no husband, no wife, no daddy, and no mama! That's *your* responsibility because you are the one who's going to have to stand before Him and give an account! And you tell Him I was so confused? Well you're confused because you are engaging in all that other stuff that causes confusion!

Pesach/Passover/Aviv/Abib/Nisan now is important and we'll get into it a little bit later to understand that *Abib* is not the name of a month. *Nisan* is a name of a

month. Nisan has no meaning other than it's the first month of the Babylonian calendar/Jewish calendar/some Hebrew calendar.

Abib is the condition of a crop! Now this is important for you to know because somehow you've got to determine when the month begins.

The second Feast, Matza/Unleavened Bread, is also in the month of the Aviv. The third Feast of the Spring Feasts is *Ha-bikkurim*, the First Fruits. And then the First Fruits is the beginning of the counting up to the Latter Harvest (Shavuot/Feast of Weeks), which is also First Fruits.

Shavout, Feast of Weeks, is known in modern day vernacular as *Pentecost*. Now it's amazing that there are Pentecostals who don't keep Pentecost because it's a denomination. It's a religion! You know what Pentecostals? *Tell me about Shavuot! Shavo who? What did you say?*

And then there's a Fall Feast--without talking about those Feasts this time around, we'll talk about them some other time--which is beginning on Tishri 1 is Yom Teruah. Now what you're going to find is you can't determine the Fall Feast by the first of the year. Tishri 1 is the beginning of the seventh month. It's the first day of the seventh month and of course you have to know how to determine the beginning of the month. See? Are you all getting it? I know many of you got it but you know we've got some new people here.

Then you have Yom Kippur/Day of Atonement. This is in the month of Tishri as well and Sukkot which is also called Feast of Booths/Tabernacles and by some Gatherings and Ingathering. Those are different names that are associated with this particular Feast, and so depending on what version of the Bible you read, you'll see one of these words in those places identifying the Feasts of YeHoVaH.

In the First Month of the Year is Passover. There is some confusion here and our role today is to try to clear it up. Now people who are on a calendar that doesn't say *Aviv* or *Abib*, if the calendar says *Nisan*, then you'll see Nisan 1 and that is the first day of the month.

But the word *Abib* means *ear in the corn!* That's what the word means. And that word in itself says that in order to determine the month Aviv there is some meaning that relates to a harvest. We'll see that here in a moment.

In Exodus chapter 12 verse 1 through chapter 13 verse 18 we get the workings of the first Passover:

Exodus 12:1 And YeHoVaH spake unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, 2 This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you.

So the Almighty has determined the beginning of months.

Those who follow the Jewish calendar are familiar with the term *Hashanah*, or *Rosh Hashanah* which is the celebration of the Jewish New Year. Now make no mistake about it that Rosh Hashanah is the celebration of the *Jewish New Year* and that's important. And the reason why it's important is because, just as we've been groomed in our society to be workers, we've been groomed by religion to read the Bible and not believe it! We've been groomed to believe what the church tells us versus what we read on our own. We've been groomed to be led by leadership instead of being led by the Spirit. We also are groomed to ignore spiritual things.

You see the Bible says you don't need a man to lead you. You are supposed to lead you! How can those who are led by the Spirit be sons and daughters of YeHoVaH and you are being led by the church? Whose sons are you? No wonder the preacher says, "*That's my son!*" Oh yeah? Is your wife his mother? Well, spiritually speaking now the preachers have son and daughters in the Spirit, and they can justify all of these things and you know, anyway we won't go there.

This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you. When it comes to the things of Jewishness some folks would say, you have a problem? I don't have problem with Jewish things, I have a problem when Jewish things are being attributed to things Biblical. Rosh Hashanah is a term that is identified and celebrated as a Jewish New Year, now the question is, is it a Biblical new year? It is indeed the Jewish New Year but it is not the Biblical New Year and you need to understand that, unless you get on a Jewish path and leave the Biblical path.

And let me tell you something, there are a lot of people out there on a Jewish path and they associate Jewish things with Biblical things, and you need to be able to distinguish between Jewish things and Biblical things because you're going to find

yourself, if you're not doing Jewish things, thinking you're doing it with the Bible. There is no difference in doing Christian things thinking you're doing it with the Bible! No difference! So you can leave the Christian church and go to the Jewish church. What He wants us to do is find out what He says and get onto His page and go into His assembly and to gather with those who are on that page, on that path and let me tell you something-- it's not broad! We may not have a mega show, we may not have a mega assembly but it is not about the number of people. It is about the people who recognize who they are because, let me tell you something, if Yeshua can take 12 men minus 1, 11 and turn the world upside down, you know you don't need a whole lot of people to turn the world upside down!

By every right intent and measure out there we shouldn't be on TV but we are! And we shouldn't be on many channels in as many stations as we are but we are and we're out there with all the big names of people that are known, that you've read about and heard about! It's amazing when someone who has a congregation of 15,000, 20,000 people on TV and then right after or right before their broadcast, there I am on the same channel! You understand what I'm saying? That's the work of the Almighty! You don't need a lot of people to do the will of the Father. All you need is a commitment, a heart and willingness to submit to Him and allow Him to do what He wants to do through you.

So Rosh Hashanah is a Jewish New Year, but it's not a Biblical new year and so a person who wants to celebrate Rosh Hashanah that's wonderful! You just know what you celebrated! This is what it is all about! It's not opposed to this or that-- it's just you need to know, if you're going to celebrate this Jewish thing, just know your celebrating Jewish things. If you're going to celebrate Christian things just know your celebrating Christian things. If you're going to celebrate paganism just know you are celebrating paganism. Just know what you're doing! That's all I'm saying. But don't do it thinking you're celebrating Him because He says, "*Don't celebrate me like that.*" If you want to celebrate Him, then you need to find out how He wants to be celebrated.

Speaking to the congregation , verse 3, unto all the congregation of Israel, saying:

"In the tenth day of this month..."

Now in order to get to the 10th day you need to identify when the 1st day is. You understand what I'm saying? And the question is how do you identify and there is no verse, there is no passage, that says that you have to look for the Barley, and the New moon, and they have to coincide with each other? It doesn't say there. You have to really search to find the correlation but let me end your search today! When you look at the Biblical term, the Biblical term is *Aviv*! *Aviv* is the condition of a harvest. It is not a name of a month! It is a condition of a harvest.

The month begins with the new moon. Every month begins with the new moon! *Aviv* is a condition of a harvest and then the harvest has to be in a certain condition when the new moon is sighted in order for them to be there in *Aviv*. If it's not a condition of a harvest then there is no *Aviv*, and when the first month begins with the citing of the new moon and the harvest is *Aviv*, then now you have the first day. If the harvest is not *Aviv*, and you'll sight the new moon and then you now go to a new month which is not *Aviv*, which could be a 13th month or an Adar-bet which is a second Adar.

So what are you saying? But see what you're going to find Ladies and Gentlemen, Ladies and Gentlemen please. If we learn to pursue the Almighty like we pursue some stuff, oh we will be a whole lot better. We just have to learn to pursue Him and He says you want to find Me? You go and look for Me. I will not just show myself to anybody unless of course I'm coming to knock some folks down. You see? But He says seek where He may be found. Seek Him and you shall find. If you don't seek you're not going to find. What path do you seek for me? Tell me what does He say because it's so confusing?

In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of their fathers, a lamb for the house: And if the household be too little for the lamb, let him and his neighbor next unto his house take it according to the number of the souls; every man according to his eating shall make your count for the lamb.

What He is simply saying here is that it says, "Listen if it takes 5 people to consume his lamb and there are only two people in your house then you need to find a neighbor who has 3 people so all of you together now can consumed the lamb. That's basically what He's saying.

Now get this, verse 5, *your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take it out from the sheep, or from the goats...*

The average person though always associates Passover with what--a sheep, or a lamb? And you can see how we can be led because you know we have people who say that we have to have lamb. Or you can have goat. Okay, I'm having fun too much! Let's keep on moving.

And ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month...

So what does He saying on the 10th day of the month? You take the goat or lamb, you keep it to the fourteenth day of the same month, and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening. Now that doesn't mean all of Israel will come to your house to kill your lamb or goat, that means the 5 people that's going to eat it is going to kill it, and whoever is designated among those to do it let them do it.

Now what you are going to find is that tradition begins to get into play here and now all of a sudden it is the first born, or typically the first born, that is responsible for the slaying of the animals. It is like, "*Where is that coming from?*"

Now I want to show as we go in to these teachings how much Judaism and tradition has affected what we called Passover. Let me give you a spoiler! There is no such word in the Bible called the *Seder*! You won't find it. Let me give another spoiler alert. There's no place in the Bible you will find the word *haggadah*!

Now that I have given you the spoiler alert, let's keep on moving.

And they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it.

And now we're going to find the menu because some folks need to know what the menu is. What are we supposed to eat?

And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roast with fire, and unleavened bread; and with bitter herbs they shall eat it.

So what we see here is we see unleavened bread, we see a roasted lamb, and we see bitter herbs. Those are the 3 things that we see, but understand this is the first

Passover! Now let me give you another spoiler alert. The first Passover was done in Egypt. Now I say this because based on what I'm about read, there are people saying that if you're going to celebrate the Passover you've got to do it according to this chapter. And I say, "Well, if you're going to do it according to this chapter, you need to go to Egypt to celebrate the Passover because that was only place it was done like this. Are you following me?"

Folks, don't turn your head off when you read the Bible. If you're messing around and turning your brain off-- you're at the mercy of someone else's interpretation. And that's how we made so many mistakes in our past--following people who didn't know what they were talking about but they were good at selling their products. See, when you find a salesman who knows how to sell, they sell you stuff you don't only need but don't even want, and when they're gone it's like, what happened? I don't want this? It's because they're good at what they do and 'no' is not an option. It's always a deal you can't refuse!

Exodus 12:9: *Eat not of it raw, nor sodden at all with water, but roast with fire; his head with his legs, and with the purtenance thereof. (That's the inward parts.) And ye shall let nothing of it remain until the morning; and that which remaineth of it until the morning ye shall burn with fire. And thus shall ye eat it; with your loins girded;*

Now let me tell you something here, because either all the lamb or goat was eaten, and there was no need to burn anything or we don't certainly see in this passage where they burnt anything the morning after. We have to read what's there, and not read into it. You understand what I'm saying? *And thus shall ye eat it*, is the other part.

And thus shall ye eat it; with your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand...

And you've got to gobble this up! You've got to eat it in haste! You've got to eat in a hurry! It's not going to be a 2 hour ordeal wherein folks knock themselves out! Is it time to eat yet? The food's getting cold, vegetables are getting overcooked! Folks are looking at their watches! What we know today as *Passover Seders* you won't find in here no matter how hard you look! I'm going to show you! Do you mind?

Now I'm not trying to burst the Passover Seders! All I'm trying to help you see is what's in here and what's not in here. So that whenever you do what you do, you understand and know what it is that you are doing! You're doing something thinking you're doing what the Bibles says. Is that alright? Yeah!

So you've got to eat it how? In haste!

It is YeHoVaH's Passover. For I will pass through the land of Egypt, [just in case you forgot where they were], this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt.

Now I need to go back because when we look at Exodus chapter 12, we see the first month but we don't see a name for it. So I want you to turn real quickly with me to Exodus chapter number 13, just one chapter over, and we will find in verse number 4.

This day came ye out in the month Abib.

Now unfortunately, Strong's Concordance doesn't do a good job on this word. And so you've got to look at some additional resources in order to understand *Abib* because it doesn't give a good definition. Another place, Exodus chapter 23 verse numbers 14 and 15:

Three times thou shalt keep a feast unto me in the year. Thou shalt keep the feast of unleavened bread: (thou shalt eat unleavened bread seven days, as I commanded thee, in the time appointed of the month Abib; for in it thou camest out from Egypt: and none shall appear before me empty:)

So there are a couple of references that they came out in the month of *Abib*.

Now you've got to see the importance of these as we find and hear from Exodus chapter 12. He's about to bring them out in the first month, and it's actually the night of the 14th, which is actually the day of the 15th. The first day of Unleavened Bread which by the way, here's another spoiler alert! They didn't keep a Holy Convocation! They were travelling in a hurry with all kinds of stuff trying to get out of Egypt on the first day of Unleavened Bread. Now the reason why I'm pointing this out to you is because the Father gave additional instructions on how we are to keep these feasts once we entered into land which was different than how

they were kept them the first time He introduced it! He gave them the instruction, but, understand something, He said, “*In the first day of Unleavened Bread you must have a Holy Convocation!*” These are the Almighty’s words; whereas the Almighty on the original first day of Unleavened Bread had them travelling! Now is the Almighty contradicting himself? No, He’s not, because if He’s giving the instructions, He is giving the instruction! You see? He’s not going to hold it against us for violating the instruction that He’s given us, when He says, “*This is what you shall do.*”

Some folks told me, “*You know, Brother, you work on the Sabbath. The Sabbath is supposed to be a day of rest,*” and it is. But the instructions say the priests, on the Sabbath day, have some work to do, and they by doing their work on the Sabbath day are not violating the Sabbath day. As a matter of fact the offerings on the Sabbath day that the priest had to offer for the people were twice as much as the rest of the week! Not only did the priests work hard on the Sabbath, they worked twice as hard! But this is His instruction, so am I violating His instruction by working on the Sabbath? No. But if you work on the Sabbath outside of the priestly function then you would be violating the Sabbath and when we get to Numbers 15 we’re going to find that there is one who did, and guess what? He got the first death penalty!

Okay, back to Exodus chapter 12, and we’re going to bring this to a close now and I’ll give some further instructions.

The word *month* here is the word *chodesh*. *Chodesh*, when you look at the first month, in the 10th day of the first month, the word *month* means *chodesh*, and the *chodesh* is the *new moon*-- by implication, a *month* or *new moon*. Again, the word *Abib*, and let me give you the Hebrew on this, because let me tell you something. *Haggadah* is a Hebrew word. *Seder* is a Hebrew word. There are Hebrew words that are not in the Bible! That doesn’t mean that they are not Hebrew words! They’re just not in the Bible and so if there are Hebrew words that are associated to things that are associated with the Bible, does that make the Hebrew association Biblical?

What does it say? *Abib*, an ear of corn, is what it says. The pre-exilic name for the first month is typically around or between March and April of the year according

to the Gregorian calendar which is the calendar that we're on, which is a modified Julian calendar. So what? And we find this term in Exodus 13:4, Exodus 23:15, Exodus 34:18 and we can also find these in some other places, but it was called *Nisan* after the exile and *Abib*, the month of the Exodus deliverance from Egypt and thus of the Passover festival.

The other place there is Deuteronomy 16:1, a harvest month covering parts of March and April, *Abib* means "ears of grain". Later the month was called *Nisan*, and you can find that term in Esther and there are a couple of other places.

The two words associated with the Passover are *Haggadah* and *Seder*, and these, as I said, are both Hebrew words but I've not been able to find them in the Bible. The *Haggadah*, and we can find where the word came from, is written by Jews for Jews. And every reference that you look up is going to point you to Judaism. *Haggadah* was written by Jews for Jews at a time when most Jews observed (or at least were familiar with) Jewish law and custom. Traditionally, families and friends gather in the evening to read the text of Haggadah, an ancient work derived from the Mishnah.

Now we're going to see where it came from. The Haggadah contains the narrative of the Israelite exodus from Egypt, special blessings and rituals, commentaries from Talmud. So were getting a little deeper. The term *Talmud* can be used to mean either the *Gemara* alone, or the *Mishnah* and Gemara as printed together.

The Talmud has two components. The first part is the Mishnah (Hebrew), the written compendium of Judaism's oral Torah (Torah meaning instruction), so it is the oral instruction. In Judaism, it is believed that when Moses went up the Mount Sinai, he received two forms of instructions, written instruction and the oral instruction. The oral instructions were passed down from generation to generation by the elders, and when you look at how it was passed down, it wasn't given to the elders in Moses's day. These were later elders. Now it's important Ladies and Gentlemen because by association and practice, when we practice something over a period of time, the assumption, just like Sunday church, is that this is how it's supposed to be done. It's an assumption because we've done it over and over. And it's part of the Mishnah, it's part of the Talmud, it's repetition. We learn by

repetition, and so now we have people who argue over how the Passover Seders are supposed to be conducted, and the components of the Passover Seders.

Now I'm going to tell you something Ladies and Gentlemen, you will find that there are many Passovers in the Bible, but in none of those Passovers do you find an order on how a Passover was conducted.

The second part is the Gemara, 500 Common Era, an elucidation of the Mishnah and related Tannaitic writings that often ventures onto other subjects and expounds broadly on the Hebrew Bible. It's an elucidation of the Mishnah and related Tannaitic writings that often ventures onto other subjects and expounds broadly on the Hebrew writing.

Now notice when I put bold and underlining [in my slides] that means that I'm going to give you a definition of sort. The word Tannaitic came from the word Tanna, which means repeaters, teachers, rabbinic sages whose views are recorded in the Mishnah from approximately 10 of the Common Era to 220 of the Common Era. So now you can date it. You can begin to identify when these things begin to emerge, and, Ladies and Gentlemen, they emerge long, long after the Torah and the Prophets!

The word *Seder* literally means *order* in Hebrew. That's the definition of it, *order*! Every person who does the word study will tell you it's *order*. It's the *order of the service*. Everything is done decently and in order, right? So there's an order.

The name comes from the fact there are 15 parts of the ritual service. 15 parts! Now in Judaism, in the families, all 15 of these parts are done and in many Seders in Messianic Judaism, they're done.

Now let me give you another spoiler! If I create an event, and I take parts of the Bible and insert parts of the Bible into this event and in the order, and then I tell you this means this, and here's the scripture reference. This means that, and here's the scripture reference. This means that, and here's the scripture reference. What I've just done is given you a typical Christian sermon. I have cut and pasted and preached. That's what I've done. And it's a *whole scripture*! It gets deep, man that's heavy. Yeah, it is!

The name again comes from the fact that there are 15 parts of the ritual service, all revolving around the upcoming Passover dinner. Seder customs include telling the story, discussing the story, drinking four cups of wine, (you've got to have 4 cups of wine, and the cup of Elijah.) Elijah wasn't even *born* when the Passover was given. How did Elijah get on to the Passover? Ask yourself?

I'm just trying to help us understand what we're doing because once we understand what we're doing we can do it with more meaning. You can do it and experience a more full experience! Just don't start saying that's Biblical! The moment you start saying that's Biblical, then you're taking that which was given to the Jewish people by the sages, which is part of the oral tradition, which now brings you under rabbinic authority.

And they're saying, "*Look at those fools! We told them the Passover Seders are for Jewish people and you all ain't Jews.*" Ouch! Yeah, the *Passover Seders* are for the Jews! *Passover* is for YeHoVaH's people!

We're supposed to celebrate the Passover, now the question is, how? Do we do a Jewish Passover? Do we do a Biblical Passover? And the issue becomes, how do you know the Passover? Well let's look at how the Jewish did it. They must have known what was supposed to be done because after all, those were God's chosen people! Listen, the Jewish people are not the chosen people of God! The Hebrew people are the chosen people of God!

The Jews are of one tribe and that's Judah. Judah does not encompass Israel. Israel consisted of 12 tribes, Judah is only one tribe. Judah is a *part* of the House of Israel; actually they're the *House of Judah*. YeHoVah gave His covenant to Israel not to Judah. He gave it to Israel, but there again is religion because religion has told us we don't have to do what this Bible says! Religion says that if you love God you will do what *we* will teach you to do. And in order to be identified as one who loves God, you're doing what the *church name* says people who love God should do.

The church also told us that if you are not Jew you're gentile. And what is YeHoVaH saying about you? That should be your concern, but I'm not Jewish, so what? That does not exclude you from the commands!

Now if a people put a claim to the Bible, and say, “*That’s ours,*” and you buy into it, now what you feel you have to do in order to embrace that, is you have to become one of them. Isn’t that what Bible teaches? That if you want to take part in the Passover that now your males have to be circumcised, and only the Jewish males are circumcised? Listen Abraham wasn’t a Jew! Abraham wasn’t the first Jew! Do you know what I’m saying?

Abraham was the father, and is, according to the scripture, the father of many nations. He had 2 sons, Isaac and who else? Ismael? Isaac had how many sons?

Now let’s go back. Abraham had how many sons? He did? Where is that in the Bible? Genesis 25, chapter 25:1:

Then again Abraham took another wife and her name was Keturah. And she bore him Zimran, Jokshan, Medan, Midian, Ishbak, and Shuah.

So he had 6 more! So we see that Abraham had a total of eight sons, eight of them! And do you think Abraham taught them the Torah? See Abraham was chosen according to the Almighty because he was going to teach his children to keep the commands.

Back to Exodus and we’ll bring this portion to a close. The Seder customs again include telling the story, discussing the story, drinking four cups of wine, eating matza, partaking of symbolic foods placed on the Passover Seder, and I still can’t figure out how the egg got there, and reclining in celebration of freedom.

The Seder is performed in much the same way by Jews all over the world. There is no identifiable order or service for the Passover found in the Old or New Testament. *I said there is no identifiable order found in the Old or New Testament!* Yeshua celebrated several Passovers in his lifetime but not once do we find an order even of those celebrations! In his lifetime for the first Passover He went to Jerusalem. We don’t see an order. We see that He’s following instructions but we don’t see an order of a Passover. We see that the night He was betrayed, He took bread and many would love for that to be a Passover but it was His last supper. It wasn’t a Passover. Yeshua was the Passover! He couldn’t eat the Passover because *He was* the Passover. What He celebrated with His disciples was a last meal, that’s it!

Proof? Some suggest that the Last Supper was a Passover Seder but that seems highly unlikely and improbable for according to John's gospel, 18:28, we read:

8 Then led they Yeshua from Caiaphas unto the hall of judgment: and it was early; and they themselves...

Now you've got to understand Yeshua was captured that night, and the events of that night took place after He had had His last meal.

And it was early; and they themselves went not into the judgment hall, lest they should be defiled; but that they might eat the passover.

Now I know there are some scriptures in Matthew and Mark, and when we get into the passage teaching we've got to lay that out for you and we're going to show you that the last supper has nothing to do with the Passover Seder. The Passover Seder is a Jewish concoction plain and simple!

And so Passover is a Holy Day that was been given to us by the Almighty with no clear identifiable means of how we are to conduct a Passover meal.

So going into that, we now have some freedom, we have some liberty, we don't have to do things a certain way because it was been done a certain way by certain people over the centuries! And we don't have to put a Messianic twist to a Jewish thing. Because that's what people are trying to do. They try to take it and put a Messianic twist at Yeshua or Jesus and make it Christian or Messianic. It's not what we are trying to do! What I want us to do is be a people of truth so that when we communicate, we communicate truth and if we practice something we don't associate it as *truth*, we associate it as *practice*. But I'll tell you something, when you practice something over a period of time, you see what happens is, the practice becomes something fun. Over time a practice becomes a tradition and over time the traditions become scripture! You have to do it this way! And that is what has happened! A practice became a tradition, and a tradition became the way it should be done, and Yeshua made it very clear, "Beware! Beware of the practices, beware of the teachings, beware of the traditions, of the Pharisees or Sadducees, and of Herod. Beware of their teachings!"

Now as we continue on in this message next week, we're going to continue to lay out because as we move into this season because there are some things that *are required* of us and that's what we want to focus on. We want to focus on that which is required, and we *are commanded* to celebrate. We are commanded to celebrate the Passover. That's a command! You can't get away from it and I'm going to show you why. We're *not* commanded to do a Jewish Passover Seder. Do you understand what I'm saying Ladies and Gentlemen?

Now if people want to do a Jewish Passover Seder or you want to participate in it, by all means! You just need know what you're doing or participating in!

Preparing For the Spring Feasts of YeHoVaH! Part 2

Preparing For the Spring Feasts of YeHoVaH part 2 is what we are going to be looking at today. Now I asked that you bring your scriptures with you, your word, your Bible, whatever you want to call it, your weapon of war, your sword, and we're going to be looking at some scriptures from the Tanakh. We are going to be looking at passages from the Brit Chadeshah, the New Covenant, the New Testament and I wanted to encourage, if you missed last week, that you go and check it out because, as I went back to review, you know I've been in the Messianic community for some time now and some of the things that were revealed to me and brought forth in the teaching, I had never seen nor ever heard.

Often times as I'm standing here with you, some of the things I'm hearing for the very first time and I believe that that certainly may be the case here today because there are, my desire is, to give whole heartedly to my Father in Heaven so that He can, not just speak to me but speak through me, and then speak to you because this is not just about preaching a sermon.

As I've shared with you, what I shared with you this morning, you know it was just developed this morning and so that's not to say anything great about me, it's just really desiring to hear from Heaven so that when you come and when you leave you have something solid that you can take with you and put into application. So that's what's important. It's not just about hearing, it's about doing, and if you don't understand it, you can't do it. So I try to make things as simple as I possibly can.

As I was meditating and thinking about this, you know even in the way I deliver, sometimes I speak slowly. As we were talking on Thursday and someone asked the question about coming out of Babylon, we really have to be careful about the terminology we choose to use because we begin to use terminology that the people around us that we work with, the people in the world that we don't know have no clue. It's like we are speaking a different language to them and I understand the Philosophy as people come in you want to train them, and teach them the proper name and the proper way of pronouncing certain terms, I understand all of that.

Looking at the ministry, we are going to the world with the true gospel of the Kingdom and according to some reports out there, the average person

within the congregation and churches, unfortunately comprehend at a 4th grade level. Now that doesn't say a lot about us but the fact of the matter is that if that's the majority of the audience, and there a lot of intelligent looking people, but how many times have you dealt with people who read a particular passage and they don't even understand what they're reading even though it was simple.

So now you have to explain, just like the Ethiopian who--this is a powerful man who is the treasurer, if you would, of the queen, and he's reading the Prophets and Phillip comes up to him and asks him if he understands what he's reading, and he's reading but he doesn't understand. This is a very learned, a very powerful, very important person! So if I'm taking too slowly for you, also I have to recognize that I got an email from a brother, actually I can't say if it's a brother or a sister because the name was in Russian but the email was in English and asking me if we had our teaching in Russian.

I've have individuals asking me if we have our teaching in Spanish, and so I'm talking to people who, you know even their English on some level is not as fast and as quick as many of us and though they speak fast in their own language, trying to understand what I'm saying is difficult for them. And then there are those who have hardness of hearing who have to read lips and they are why some of the TV stations we're on are forcing us to put all of our programs in closed caption. These are real issues of the people we're trying to reach!

So if I talk a little slow, I'm not trying to speak to down to anyone, I'm just trying to make sure that those who hear what I'm saying, understand what I'm saying because it doesn't matter if I teach articulate messages, if folks don't understand what I'm saying they can't walk in it. You understand what I'm saying?

Okay, bring your Bibles! Matthew chapter number 16 because we're going to be looking at something here as we delve into the second part of this teaching that I think is critical and I want you to look at Matthew 16:1:

The Pharisees also with the Sadducees came, and tempting desired him that he would shew them a sign from heaven. He answered and said unto them, when it is evening, ye say, it will be fair weather: for the sky is red. And in the morning, it will be foul weather today: for the sky is red and lowring. O ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the

signs of the times? A wicked and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given unto it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas. And he left them, and departed. And when his disciples were come to the other side, they had forgotten to take bread. Then Yeshua said unto them, Take heed and beware, take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.

Now here Yeshua is talking to His own disciples. Now we already know according to the book of Acts that you know these individuals were considered by the learned to be ignorant and unlearned yet we know that they understood the language, they certainly understood the culture, and most importantly they understood the Feast, unlike many of us in our culture who have been introduced and are slowly evolving and coming in even though some of us have been in it for some time. Every year there is a whole group of new people who for the very first time are hearing about the Feasts of YeHoVaH! Every year!

I get emails, phone calls from people telling me, *“I’m celebrating my first Passover. Hallelujah!”*

And so, even though there are veterans sitting in this room, who have celebrated many Passovers, there are people sitting in this room who haven’t. If this is your first Passover let me see your hand. Look around you, so even though you may fully understand the scriptures around it, there are people who don’t. And sometimes because new people are in an environment with old people or seasoned people, we have to create an environment that they don’t feel intimidated asking a question that people would think they should know. The bottom line is they don’t know. So we have to bring them up to speed even as we move forward and I’m so thankful for the new people who never celebrated because they ask questions! You know they don’t assume. They ask questions and those questions cause me sometimes to dig a little deeper than I normally dig because some of us, as we get older, how many of you know, when we get older start forgetting stuff?

I remember some people who said, *“Boy I forgot more than you know!”* So we start forgetting things, and some things just become normal and natural for us. We don’t need an explanation. We don’t need to explain why we do it, but when somebody asks us why we do it, the scripture references are not at the tip of our tongue. Sometimes we need to go back into the Tanakh,

back into the Torah, so that we can explain why we're doing what we're doing even though we're doing it and can't point directly to the scripture as to why we are doing it. Are you with me? So be patient with me.

And they reasoned among themselves...

The disciples are reasoning among themselves because Yeshua makes a statement. Now you have to understand that Yeshua spoke and Yeshua's the prophet that we're supposed to shema! [Listen!] He's the one who has an accurate understanding of the Torah. He said that all who came before Him were thieves and robbers. What you have often times, Ladies and Gentlemen, are people that perpetuate what they know and you don't look for answers to questions you assume you already have answers to. The only time you search the scriptures for answers is to questions you don't have answers to. And if you already have an answer to a question you're not going to search the scripture, but here's the issue, what if the answer you have to the question is wrong? And here comes a new person who asks you a question and you give him a bad answer, and they do a Bailey saying, "*Where is that in the scripture?*" Now that means you have to hunt, and then your reading this, sometimes all over again, and it's like, you know--it really doesn't say that! Amen.

When Yeshua perceived, he said unto them, "O ye of little faith, why reason ye among yourselves, because ye have brought no bread?"

Now these are the great disciples/apostles to be, He says,

"Why are you reasoning among yourselves? Do ye not yet understand, neither remember the five loaves of the five thousand, and how many baskets ye took up? Neither the seven loaves of the four thousand, and how many baskets ye took up?"

So He reminds them of two major feedings that He had done with minimal resources. And yet here they are now reasoning among themselves! He says, you know, basically what He's saying is, "*I don't need you to have bread to feed people,*" but He's speaking to them about something else as He is going to explain.

“Now, how is it that ye do not understand that I spake it not to you concerning bread, that ye should beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees?”

Now the Pharisees were the religious leaders who maintained and ran the synagogue system during Yeshua’s day. The Sadducees were the religious individuals who ran the Temple and, as we’ve learned, the Sadducees did not believe in a resurrection. The Sadducees basically held to the first five of books of the Bible versus the Pharisees who believed in a resurrection and who held to the entire Tanakh. So you’ve got some challenges here but He’s saying beware of both of them. Beware of both of them! But what is He saying to beware of? He said:

I spake it not to you concerning bread, that ye should beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees then understood they how that He bade them not beware of the leaven or the yeast.

He wasn’t talking about bread but of doctrine. Now the doctrines of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees are the things they taught.

Now you’re going to see how it all connects—they are the things that we’re taught. Today I can say beware of the leaven of different denominations, and every one of us who has been in denominations, when you come out of denominations, you will bring denominations with you! You can’t go into a smoky room and not come out smelling like smoke! So bring something with you when you come out and often times you didn’t even know what you’re bringing with you because it has been deposited in you and it only becomes alive when somebody challenges something you say you believe. Now all of a sudden you’re feeling it on the inside like when you challenge people about Christmas and they get highly upset, when you challenge people about Easter and you challenge people about Sunday and then they are ready to fight. Where is this coming from--because they’ve been practicing something? They’ve been believing something and it lies dormant. They don’t even think about it, and then here you come along and then they are fighting words! Mark chapter 8, verse number 14, because Mark brings it to light and he says in chapter number 8 verse number 14 these words:

Now the disciples had forgotten to take bread, neither had they in the ship with them more than one loaf. And he charged them, saying, take heed, beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, and of the leaven of Herod.

Now here's another group except this is not so much a religious group as it is a political group. Herod had the Herodian's; these are individuals who were loyal to the house of Herod--today you would say the political party that is in power. In our system of government we have several political parties but the two main ones are Republicans and Democrats, and the one who maintains residence in the White House is the ruling party, currently under the control of the Democratic Party and these individuals are going to stand almost lockstep with whatever decree comes from Washington DC via the White House.

And so the political party has an effect on every congregation because in every congregation there are Democrats, there are Republicans, there are Independents, there are Green Parties, there are people who are of different political persuasion and that doesn't even show up until you start talking politics. You see some of the arguments people have had in the House of YeHovAh has nothing to do with the Bible. It's about politics and folks who want to rail on whoever is in there, Democrats always rail against the Republicans, Republicans always rail against Democrats and the Independents rail against everybody! But he says verse number 15:

... of the leaven of the Pharisees, and of the leaven of Herod. And they reasoned among themselves, saying, it is because we have no bread? And when Jesus knew it, he said unto them, Why reason ye, because ye have no bread? Perceive ye not yet, neither understand? Have ye your heart yet hardened?

Now who is he talking to? He's talking to His disciples. He's saying to them, "*Are your hearts hardened?*" Let me tell you something Ladies and Gentlemen, you as a Disciple, you as a Believer can become hardened in a certain area and it would be even hard to reach *you!*

You see I've learned, what I know, I know, what I believe I believe, and if what I believe is true I shouldn't be threatened by someone who wants to challenge the truth that I say I believe because, if I believe and what I believe is true, it should withstand any challenge! I don't have to get upset when you challenge my beliefs. So why do people get upset when you

challenge their beliefs? Because most people don't believe what the Bible says. They believe what their denomination says. And when you challenge them, they can't argue or debate or defend themselves from Scripture because they have been cut and pasted all over the place. So they reach for this, and you corner them. They reach for that and you corner them. They reach for this and you corner them and now they're upset because they have nothing else to reach for. Because they are arguing doctrine not scripture and Yeshua says beware of the doctrine but He goes on to say:

...and when Yeshua knew it, he saith unto them why reason ye. Verse 18, having eyes, see ye not? And having ears, hear ye not? and do ye not remember? When I brake the five loaves among five thousand, how many baskets full of fragments took ye up? They say unto him, Twelve. And when the seven among four thousand, how many baskets full of fragments took ye up? And they said, Seven. And he said unto them, how is it that ye do not understand?

Luke chapter 12, we're going somewhere, you'll see why here in a minute--why we are doing it. Luke chapter 12 verse 1:

In the meantime, when there were gathered together an innumerable multitude of people, insomuch that they trode one upon another, he began to say unto his disciples first of all...

Now what He is saying here is first of all He's talking to His Disciples but He's eventually going to start talking to the multitude. He says:

Beware ye of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy.

Hypocrisy is someone who says one thing and does something else. Someone who teaches, and let me tell you something, Ladies and Gentlemen, in all of the different denominations that I've been in, I've been confronted with hypocrisy in every one of these denominations--every one last of them! Because most of these ministers don't believe what they preach! They're just trying to get you excited with what they're preaching. And so the goal's now to get you emotionally connected, to tap into your emotions which is why some people don't let emotions come into play when it comes down to worship.

Let me tell something, it's okay to be emotional when it comes down to the things of YeHoVaH. What's not okay is to be ignorant, to be emotionally ignorant. *"What the preacher says, I don't know but he sure can preach!"* Yeah! Folks running around the building and they don't even know why their running.

I was an emotional person. I was so excited about being saved. A Preacher was preaching once and he had that preacher's thick accentuated voice. "And Ah.." And then he got a note that he read out loud in that same preaches voice saying, *"And Someone, your lights are on the parking lot,"* and I jumped up and said, *"Amen brother!"* Oh, I was an emotional person at that point. I really was! You get caught up in your emotions and everything's an *"Amen!"*

Anyways it's not all about being emotionally ignorant. And so, beware of what is hypocrisy! Now get this, because as I read this, I cannot help but think about these individuals who want you to reverence them because they're on the 3rd level or the 4th level of Torah when everybody else is in the 1st level. These are individuals who are allowed to go deep into the things of God, and they want to teach you Jewish stuff, and they want to teach, you know, all of this Talmudic stuff which you have no knowledge of because you haven't studied and now, Wow! And Yeshua is saying beware of this stuff, which is what He is getting at because today, modern day Judaism is ancient Phariseesism. Sadduceesism died because the Temple is no longer there but Phariseesism lives on through the synagogue systems and those who assemble at synagogues around the globe. That system is very much alive. He says:

For there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; neither hid, that shall not be known. Therefore whatsoever ye have spoken in darkness shall be heard in the light; and that which ye have spoken in the ear in closets shall be proclaimed upon the housetops. And I say unto you my friends, Be not afraid of them that kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into Gehenna; yea, I say unto you, Fear him.

Now why is he concerned about people who fear the Pharisees? Because if you remember the man who was healed, who was born blind, a decree had been given that anyone who believes in Yeshua would be excommunicated

from the synagogue. So they went to the man's parents and said, "*Was your son born blind?*"

And they say, "*Hey, ask him! He's of age!*" and in parenthesis (*they said these for fear that they would be kicked out of the synagogue*).

There are people who have such a great fear of being kicked out of the church, being kicked of the denomination because they've associated their salvation with this organization. And if they get kicked out of the organization, they cry, "*Oh, what am I gonna do? You're the only ones,*" so they don't feel they can ever have a relationship with God as they know Him, if the denomination put them out. Yeshua's saying to His Disciples, "*Don't be afraid of these people! Don't be afraid of them whatsoever! Don't allow their teachings, their doctrine, or their belief systems to entangle you to where now you are afraid because, of course, they have the ability to hear from God and you don't.*"

The word '*beware*' here, and I'm saying this because we are going into some things that I have to forewarn you of, the word is, pros-ekh'-o from '*to hold the mind.*' But the issue here is to *pay attention to* and *be cautious about*.

He's saying *beware!* That does not mean *forbid!* Now I need to make that point clear. *Beware* does not mean *forbid!* *Beware* means to be cautious. *Beware* means, as the old saying goes, "*Babies don't know how to eat the meat and spit out the bone. They eat the meat and the bone!*"

Next thing you know they're choking and having to go to the Emergency Room and have to be resuscitated. And, don't make the mistake that just because somebody's old that they know the Word because there are a lot of old fools! Ain't no fool like an old fool! There are a lot of old, ignorant people--a lot of old people who don't want to know!

They say "*I was born this way,*" you see.

So what He is saying here is *be cautious*, and the only way you can be cautious is to be knowledgeable of truth. You have to be able to distinguish truth from non-truth. You have to be able to distinguish what the scripture says versus what somebody says the scripture says. You have to be able to distinguish truth from tradition. You have to be able to ask the questions, "*Is*

that in scripture and if so where is it in the scripture? And if it's not in scripture do I have to do it?"

And then He says the word beware is be cautious and then di-da-che, from instruction or teachings. He says beware of what they are teaching, be cautious of the things that they're teaching. Are you with me? Now this is important for us.

The Seven Annual Feasts were divided into what we know today as The Spring Feasts of YeHoVaH and The Fall Feast of YeHoVaH, as we mentioned last week, Pesach/Passover/Aviv/Abib/Nisan. You'll find that *Nisan* is the word that is used outside the Torah, and *Abib* is the word used in the Torah. Matza, Unleavened Bread--that is on the 15th day, Passover is in the 14th day of evening. Ha-Bikkurim, First Fruits, begin to count up to the Feast of Weeks, Shavout, known today as Pentecost. The Fall Feasts, Yom Teruah/ Feast of Trumpets, Tishri 1; Yom Kippur/Day of Atonement, Tishri 10; Sukkot/Feast of Booths/Tabernacles/Ingatherings, all of these terms are associated with Sukkot, Tishri 15.

Now what you'll notice is that the Gregorian Calendar dates change year after year. The Hebrew dates don't change. Trishi 1 is Trishi 1 every year but it may fall on a different Gregorian Calendar date. The first month of the Year, the first Passover, as we looked at Exodus chapter 12 verse number 1, we identified, and in some point I want to get into understanding Hebrew because what you're going to find, Ladies and Gentlemen, is that there are different forms of Hebrews. Classical Hebrew, there is Modern Hebrew and there's a term--when I began to look at this, that I didn't know existed, called *Rabbinic Hebrew*.

The Rabbinic Hebrew is a Hebrew in which the Talmud is communicated. Now what's interesting about Rabbinic Hebrew is that there are terminologies that we use today as if they're in the Bible like Seder. People talk about Passover Seder, where is the Passover Seder? Haggadah? Where is it? So now we are getting into the Hebrew words that are not in the Bible, but Hebrew words that are in the Talmud, and when people begin to use these terms, they assume they're associated with the Bible when in actuality they are associated with the Talmud.

Talmudic writings are Rabbinic and Rabbinic writings are a form of Hebrew but they're Rabbinic Hebrew, and Rabbinic Hebrew has Hebrew words that

are not found in the Hebrew Scriptures. But because it's a Hebrew word the assumption is that it's a Hebrew word found in the Hebrew scripture when it is found in the Rabbinic writings. Now this is important, because when we begin to talk about *beware of the leaven, be cautious* that's where all of these come in to play, Ladies and Gentlemen.

The first month of the year, the first Passover Exodus chapter 12, now notice this verse, verse 1 and 2:

And YeHoVaH spake unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, This month shall be unto you...

This month shall be unto you, who is he speaking to? He's speaking to Israel.

This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year...

To who? To you! Now why is this important? And why do I dare bold it and underline it? This is the New Year to *you*.

The Hebrew Calendar differs from the Gregorian calendar. America is on a Gregorian calendar system which is a modified version of the Julian Calendar, and every time I get into that conversation, I notice people eyes are like, "What? Where's that in the Bible?" It's not.

"Well brother, we are on the American calendar, that's all that matters."

Well if you are on the American Calendar, the American calendar is going to pull you away from the Hebrew Scriptures, and you're going to be on a wrong timetable. So whether you will like it or not, you are forced, if you want to understand Biblical things, to understand Biblical reckoning of time. Otherwise you will be lost like the majority of the religious world out there.

So the Gregorian calendar is the most popular and the most used calendar by people worldwide. At the giving of this command the people were following the Egyptian Calendar. Now this is important, because the Egyptian calendar was a different calendar and we're going to see this. So now we'll see the significance of why YeHoVaH is saying,

“Listen, now you all have been in this place for all this time, and you have been adjusted to a particular reckoning of time, but I’m not only about to remove you from that system, I’m about to create a new thing, to do a new things, and therefore in the process of doing this new thing we’re going to start this whole thing over. So now this month is going to be the first month to you, not talking about the Egyptians, not talking about anybody else. We’re talking about you--My people who are called by My name are going to follow My timetable.

And you’re going to see why this is critical, it’s absolutely critical.

They we’re following, up to this point, the Egyptian calendar. Now every year, September 11th or 12th in leap years only – Egypt witnesses the beginning of its Egyptian year, and by all reckoning Egypt had the very first calendar. Now I know people would like to think, that you know, the first calendar was a Hebrew calendar. Abraham came out of Ur. He was following a different system when he came in. Father didn’t speak to him about a calendar. Hadn’t heard about a calendar up until you know in Genesis chapter 1 and chapter 2, but actually putting some form of graph dealing with days of the week, days of the month, how many days are in a calendar month cycle, all of that. Egypt is believed to have come up with the first calendar.

The Coptic Orthodox Church today in Egypt still uses this calendar. September 11th, or 12th if it’s a leap year, is the beginning of the year You see, the Jewish people always seemingly adapted to the environment, and when they came out of Egypt, and when they came out of Babylon and when they came out of all these places where they had been taken, they brought with them stuff that the Christian Church simply adapted and the Messianics just bought into.

Let me show you. Not every people celebrate the Hebrew New Year, even some Jews. For example, the Chinese New Year will always fall between January 21 and February 21. You can check this stuff out yourself! I was led this morning to look this stuff up while I’m preparing--just to help us understand this whole level situation.

Hindus begin there calendar on March 22nd or 21st. Jewish, for the most part, begin and celebrate the New Year, Rosh Hashanah, end of the Year in the seventh month Trishi 1 which correlates with September or October.

Now, whether there is a connection there I don't know. But it is coincidental.

There are two areas of confusion that we have to conquer. The Passover eaten at the beginning of Passover on the evening of the thirteenth is one. Now there are people today that believe that, based on the book of Genesis chapters 1 and 2, that because evening and morning is the first day then the 14th begins at sundown on the 13th and that is the Biblical evening for the 14th and therefore the Passover becomes a Sabbath day. Now there are people out there who believe that the Passover is a Sabbath day, now maybe you never experienced these folks. Anybody here experience one of these folks? And now Passover is at the evening going into the 14th and Passover is a day of Sabbath and then the evening of the 14th into 15th becomes the beginning of the Unleavened Bread.

And so, the second thing that we have to deal with is that Yeshua ate the Passover and celebrated with His disciples. People today and one of the primary arguments among many Messianics, is the whole idea of the cup and the bread that Yeshua ate with His Disciples being the actual Passover celebration. I think mainly the confusion exists because there is no scriptural example of what to do, or how to celebrate a Passover and people were looking for something to justify a Passover Seder.

Whereas we noted last week that the Haggadah was written by Jews for Jews, and so the way the Passover is celebrated makes it a Jewish feast. That doesn't mean that Passover was a Jewish festival the way it is celebrated using a Haggadah because I challenge any of you in this room, those of you who are joining us online, and anybody who will watch this video in the future to find one Passover Seder in the Bible! And if it goes like the Seders that you are accustomed to, you won't find it. So how do we get this Passover Seder? Where did that come from?

Now the reason why I started off with beware of the leaven is to be cautious, be aware. Is it wrong to celebrate the Passover with the Haggadah, to have a Seder and to do the traditional things that are done at a Passover? Absolutely not! But the moment you begin to demand and prescribe that this is the way it is supposed to be done you are out! You're not even in the park! You're not in left field, right field, center field, you're somewhere over the rainbow! Yeah, I said it! Let's look at the evidence.

Exodus Chapter 12:

Seven days shall ye eat unleavened bread; even the first day, (even the first day, even the first day) ye shall put away leaven out of your houses: for whosoever eateth leavened bread from the first day, (from the first day, from the first day) until the seventh day, that soul shall be cut off.

When you count these days beginning in the evening of the 14th, because in the evening of the 14th you transition into the 15th which now if you count the 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th 21 you get 7 days. See, I only needed two hands to do that! If you count it any other way you get 8 days. If you count it from the eve of the 13th going onto the 14th, you count the 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, now you've got 8 days! You see how simple that math is? You say, "*Why you counting like that?*" Because some people can't count! I mean it was tough getting some folks to count to three! Now that we've gone pass three, we've got to be able to count to seven, not eight. I don't want to stretch you by trying to get you to count to 8! Not here because all we have to do is count to 7. If you count to 8 you've gone too far!

The second area of confusion is that Yeshua ate the Passover and celebrated it with His Disciples. Now this is a simple one, just like the first, it's a little easy but we going to get into some more in the first, but let's look at Matthew 26:17:

Now the first day of the feast of unleavened bread the disciples came to Yeshua, saying unto him, Where wilt thou that we prepare for thee to eat the Passover?

Now anybody who has any common sense knows that the Passover comes *before* Unleavened Bread--that Unleavened Bread comes *after* the Passover. So if this is the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, why were they preparing for the Passover which should already be done? Now there is an explanation for this. When we read the account of the Passover, what was supposed to happen on the 10th day? They were supposed to bring a lamb and they were to kill it on the 14th. So in essence, you can say that the beginning of the Feast starts 4 days prior to Passover. You can make that argument maybe but that's not what I'm saying here, but it is a possible argument that could made in this particular verse. But I'm not trying to make that argument.

It is evident that the Passover comes before the feast of Unleavened Bread, and Passover is to be celebrated before the feast of the Unleavened Bread. So in essence, it should, if it was to read accurately, be the beginning of Passover, or the beginning of preparation for Passover, which began 4 days earlier in the separating of a lamb. Passover is before Unleavened Bread.

I understand how people who are not aware of the Torah and who have been taught they don't have to be aware of Torah, can make legitimate mistakes in trying to understand what is written. They are not understanding it because the only way someone can truly understand it is to read it from a Torah perspective not from a New Testament perspective. The New Testament here will confuse you if you don't know the Torah. And so for all those people who are only relying on the New Testament you know what, I understand why they're confused. And we're trying to help people get unconfused so that they can do things from a Biblical perspective not from a religious or denominational perspective.

Many of the Messianic Rabbis who are teaching in the Messianic congregations came from the Baptist Church. I mean most of these guys that I've talked to are former Baptists. Every now and then I've run across a Pentecostal. I'm talking about the messianic synagogue out there! Every now and then you will run across a person who is Jewish, but for the most part many of these guys have come from the Baptist church.

And so then they can teach that Yeshua ate at the Passover. I'm trying to unconvince people of that idea so this is why we're doing what we are doing here and hopefully this will settle it, once and for all.

Mark 14:1:

And the first day of unleavened bread, when they killed the Passover...

Now Mark says the first day of the Unleavened Bread was when they killed the Passover. The lamb is going to be slaughtered in the transition from the 14th to the 15th because when the Passover is eaten it goes it into the 15th, so the Passover being slaughtered and roasted and eaten by the time it is concluded would be late into the evening at night which is why YeHoVaH said when you finish eating it make sure none of it remains until morning. So they're eating it, and they're eating it after sunset which is now the first day of Unleavened Bread. Luke gives some clarity in Chapter 22 verses 1 through 19. Now I want to look at Luke.

Now the feast of unleavened bread drew nigh, which is called the Passover...

Now, I know I said Luke gives us clarity, and he does but Luke by the way is not Jewish. Luke is not even Hebrew!

And the chief priests and scribes sought how they might kill him;

Not Luke, kill Yeshua for they feared the people. What are they afraid of the people for? The people fear them! So what is he saying? They feared that the people *would leave* them and start following Him. And let me tell you something--in the Christian environment that Pharisee spirit is alive and well. They put *brands* on their people, "*Come on get your brand.*"

What are you? "I'm a, I'm a..."

You're branded! And they don't want their sheep mixing with other sheep of a different brand. That's why we go on the Internet! They can't stop us! Their people don't have to sneak around to church buildings because they can go in the comfort of their own homes and the preacher won't know any difference until their conversation changes when they show up for church.

So Danny asks a question and its,

"Where does that question come from boy? Who taught you that? Where did you learn that?"

"The Internet!"

"Oh, God! Jesus help us. Beware of the Internet," and that's the good thing to beware of, be cautious. Are you with me?

But, he says:

Then entered Satan into Judas surnamed Iscariot, [means that he is from the land of Cariot or Iscariot], Judas of Iscariot from Cariot and being of the number of the twelve. And he went his way, and communed with the chief priests and captains, how he might betray him unto them. And they were glad, and covenanted to give him money. And he promised, and sought

opportunity to betray him unto them in the absence of the multitude. Then came the day of unleavened bread, when the Passover must be killed.

See that? Now here's where a good Concordance comes in because when you get down to, well let's keep reading:

And he sent Peter and John, saying, Go and prepare us the Passover, that we may eat. And they said unto him, where wilt thou that we prepare? And he said unto them, Behold, when ye are entered into the city, there shall a man meet you, bearing a pitcher of water; follow him into the house where he entereth in. And ye shall say unto the good man of the house, The Master saith unto thee, where is the guest chamber, [the guest chamber, the upper room.] Where is the guest chamber, where I shall eat the Passover with my disciples? And he shall shew you a large upper room furnished: there make ready. And they went, and found as he had said unto them: and they made ready the Passover. And when the hour come, he sat down, and the twelve apostles with him. And he said unto them, with desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer.

Now all the language here suggests that He's about to eat the Passover.

For I say unto you, I will not any more eat thereof, until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of Elohim.

Now He said here, "*I will not any more eat thereof,*" so in one sentence He says He *desired to the Passover* but then He says, "*I will not anymore eat thereof.*" So either He ate it or He didn't. Well let's keep reading.

And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, take this, and divide it among yourselves: For I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of Elohim shall come. So he didn't drink. And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, this is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me.

So there it is! There's a Passover Seder! Now we not only have one cup we have four!

"No Matza? What do you mean by 'no Matza'?"

Well, look at the word. This is the feast of Unleavened Bread but the bread that He takes is not Matza! Now according to the command, you cannot eat leavened bread for Passover. That's the command. And Luke 22:7:

Then came the day of unleavened bread,

And the word there in Strongs number 106, when the Passover must be killed... That word is ad'-zoo-mos, and its *unleavened*.

So the word in Luke chapter 22 verse 7, and Luke chapter 22 verse 1 is the word ad'-zoo-mos which is unleavened, uncorrupted; (in the neuter plural) specifically by implication the Passover – unleavened bread.

So here, it is when they mentioned unleavened bread there is a Greek word that is ad'-zoo-mos. And Luke 22:19 is a different word for bread, it is the word *artos*, or *atone*.

And gave thanks and he took bread...

...which is 740, (in Luke 22:7 is 106.) Luke 22:19 the number 740,

...and he gave unto them saying, this is my body which is given for you this do in remembrance of me.

That word is *ar'-tos*; it is a raised loaf. So if Yeshua is violating the Torah, it's impossible for Him to be the Messiah! He's not eating Matza! This is not a Passover Seder! This is the last meal He ate with His disciples. Now I know the Catholics want to turn it into communion. Now you've got people sitting around eating grape juice and cracker, in a little tiny cup like Smurfs!

"Like man that's a little ole' cup you have there. How are we all going to drink from that?"

Yeshua ate leavened bread not unleavened bread and this is the evening before Passover. Paul confirms *Artos* or leavened bread being eaten that night at the last supper in 1st Corinthians chapter 11 verse 23:

...for I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, that the Lord Yeshua the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: 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. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.

And it's the word *ar'-tos, leavened, raised!* Two witnesses! So anyone who wants to continually insist that Yeshua ate the Passover would have to also agree that He did not have Matza at the Passover meal which would have been a violation of the Torah command. Although it has been dubbed the time for spring cleaning taking place well in advance of Passover, the command to remove leaven indicates leaven can be in one's possession or dwelling up to Passover.

Seven days shall ye eat unleavened bread; even the first day ye shall put away leaven out of your house,

So what He's saying is that before Unleavened Bread began and since Passover starts in the evening before sundown the leaven has to be removed *before* Passover because you have no time to remove it *after* Passover.

Beware of the leaven Folks, because often times we got caught up in our traditions and next thing we know we're perpetuating a tradition and putting people into bondage and we don't want to do that. We have to stay within the confines of scripture and if you want to start cleaning your house a month before Passover by all means go ahead. Two months before Passover—you all should be clean anyway.

Exodus chapter 34 verse number 18, look at this:

The feast of unleavened bread shalt thou keep. Seven days thou shalt eat unleavened bread, as I commanded you in the time of the month Abib: for in the month Abib thou camest out from Egypt. All that openeth in the womb is mine; and every firstling among thy cattle, whether ox or sheep, that is male. But the firstling of an ass thou shalt redeem with a lamb: and if thou redeem him not, then shalt thou break his neck. All the firstborn of thy sons thou shalt redeem. And none shall appear before me empty. Six days thou shalt work, but on the seventh day thou shalt rest: in earing time and in harvest thou shalt rest. And thou shalt observe the feast of weeks, of the first fruits of wheat harvest, and the feast of ingathering at the year's end. Thrice in the year shall all your men children appear before the sovereign YeHoVaH, the Elohim of Israel. For I will cast out the nations before you, and enlarge your

borders: neither shall any man desire thy land, when thou shalt go up to appear before YeHoVaH the Elohim thrice in the year.

Now it's amazing how you can read the Bible and see something that's not even there! You read the Bible with your own lenses on and even in your own vernacular like I just did!

Thou shalt not offer the blood of my sacrifice with leaven; neither shall the sacrifice of the feast of the Passover be left unto the morning. The first of the first fruits of thy land thou shalt bring unto the house of the YeHoVaH thy Elohim. Thou shalt not seethe a kid in his mother's milk. And YeHoVaH said unto Moses, Write thou these words: for an accordance with these words I have made a covenant with thee and with Israel. And he was there with YeHoVaH forty days and forty nights; he did neither eat bread, nor drink water. And he wrote upon the tables the words of the covenant, the Ten Commandments.

So let's jump over to Leviticus 23, but before we go there, we talked about last week in Exodus was the first Passover, and I want to jump over to Numbers chapter 9 verse number 14 because it is important for us, and what it also shows, Ladies and Gentlemen, is that YeHoVaH is not as strict as some of us are! He is an Elohim of liberty, grace, mercy, love, all of these things. And He's not trying to make life difficult for you, but once you get into a difficult cycle and you established a standard for yourself, you have to be careful that you're not pushing your standard on someone else. Our role is not to go beyond what is written. Okay? But also we shouldn't be looking for a way around, or a way out of what the Almighty is calling us to. Because what He gives to us to do is for our own protection, for our own safety, because His ways are not our ways. He knows better than we do. And He wants what's best for us.

When you think about how much evil, what is the most evil--let me put it to you this way. Let me ask you, *“What day of the week do you think the most evil occurs?”*

Friday night going into the Sabbath all the way into Sabbath evening is when almost all the reverie, the *“Oh I can't wait til the weekend”* attitude all came to the weekend. And so you see that what you'll find is that it's almost as if the Father looks ahead a few hundred, a few thousand years, and He says,

“Now listen, let me tell you something, you all don’t have, I’ve given you all these Sabbath commandments right now and you all are living in the desert. You have no idea what’s coming 4,000 years from now. You have no ideas the cities, the babbles, that are going to be built, the Mecca’s, all of the urban centers and you’re going to have urban dwellers, stacked on top of each other in things called high-rises. I know you all are in a tent, and you don’t have a concept of what a high-rise is, but let me tell you something, there will be men who will be competing to build a highest high-rise, and there will be people who want to live on the top floor! Now I know you have no concept of a high-rise! You have no concept of an apartment! You don’t have a concept of condominiums! You’ve got a tent mind set but I’m telling what’s coming, and so I’m starting you now! You, your children, your children’s children. Your children’s children’s children, your children down to a thousand generations, if you establish and allow my command to be established in your heart it’s going to preserve your posterity for years to come! You’ll be long dead! They’re going to have automobiles, I know you have oxen and asses right now. They’re going to have automobiles! They’re going to have trains and planes, ships! They’re going to have people who are going to be on cruises--thousands of folks floating on the water! I know you don’t have a concept of this right now, but let me tell you something, I know the end from the beginning, and let me tell you this, if you train your children, and they train their children my Word which goes out of my mouth, it’s going to protect you. It’s going to keep you! It’s not going to return to me void! It’s going to keep you from the enemy, from the arrow at noon day, from the terror at night. My Word will preserve you! You have to stay under this shadow, under this wing, under my covering because if you get outside my coverings and you begin to do like the world around you are doing, guess what? “Hey, hey, hey. Where’s the party?”

You’re going to have people who want to hang out in places they shouldn’t be, doing things with people that they shouldn’t even be with. I know you don’t know about Aids, and Hepatitis, and all of these other venereal diseases—the stuff that will make your teeth fall out of your heads. You know what I’m saying? You know you’re scratching and you don’t even know you’ve got it! I’m not trying to make fun, but let me tell you something Folks My Word will protect you from that! My Word will protect you from every plague that the world is going to subject itself to and even in this, stay in My Word! My Word will have you eating right, My Word will have you living right, My Word will have you loving Me and honoring your neighbor, My Word will make you prosperous, My word will make you successful. Don’t

buy the lies of E. F. Hutton! Now, basically don't get caught up in that world system to the point where you lose sight of where your prosperity and protection come from. Don't start chasing money. Don't start chasing success. Success and prosperity is wrapped up in My command, if you observe to do these things that I'm telling you to do today, then you will make your way prosperous, and you will have great success!"

Joshua 1:8, this is the word of YeHoVaH! You don't have to search for it.

Seek me. You seek me, and--all of that stuff--I'll bring it to you.

Numbers, chapter number 9, are you there?

And YeHoVaH spake unto Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the first month of the second year,

So now this is the second Passover and they're celebrating it in the wilderness and it's the last Passover they celebrate until they enter into the land. So for the next 38 so years:

This first month of the second year after they were come out of the land of Egypt, saying, Let the children of Israel also keep the Passover at his appointed season. In the fourteenth day of this month, between the evenings,[I wish I had time to get into that] ye shall keep it in his appointed season: according to all the rites of it, and according to all the ceremonies thereof, shall ye keep it. And Moses spake unto the children of Israel, that they should keep the Passover. And they kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the first month at even in the wilderness of Sinai: according to all that YeHoVaH commanded Moses, so did the children of Israel. And there were certain men, who were defiled by the dead body of a man, that they could not keep the Passover on that day: and they came before Moses and before Aaron on that day: And those men said unto him, We are defiled by the dead body of a man: wherefore are we kept back, that we may not offer an offering of YeHoVaH in his appointed season among the children of Israel?

These individuals wanted to keep the Passover. And Moses said unto them, "Hold on! I'll be right back. Let me go talk to father."

And I will hear what YeHoVaH will command concerning you. And YeHoVaH spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, If any man of you of your posterity shall be unclean by reason of a

dead body, or be in a journey afar off, yet ye shall keep the Passover unto YeHoVaH. The fourteenth day of the second month between the evening they shall keep it, and eat it with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. And they shall leave none of it unto the morning, nor break any bone of it: according to all the ordinances of the Passover they shall keep it. But the man that is clean, and is not in a journey, and forbeareth to keep the Passover, even the same soul shall be cut off from among his people: because he brought not the offering of YeHoVaH in his appointed season, that man shall bear his sin. And if a stranger shall sojourn among you, and will keep the Passover unto YeHoVaH; according to the ordinance of the Passover and according to the manner thereof, so shall he do: ye shall have one ordinance, both for the stranger, and for him that was born in the land.

So there's not a Passover for the Goyim, and a Passover for the Jew. There's not a law for the Jews and what do you call them--Noachide Laws--two different sets of laws. "You all keep that law over there, this is our law."

That's not how the Almighty intended it. And so we're going to be talking more about the Passover as we enter into it, next week actually, as we look at celebrating. Amen.

Now for those of you, what I want to point out today is that you need to get the leaven out of your house but you've got up until the 14th. Now I say to you don't wait. Just start getting it out now to make sure that when the Passover arrives you can sit, recline in comfort, enjoy without worrying, and enjoy and celebrate in the presence of YeHoVaH.

This is not a time to get all worked up, not a time to get all tense and, you know, bound up. This is the time of freedom!

YeHoVaH is saying, "Listen, I'm bringing you all out of the bondage! Don't bring the bondage with you. Walk in the freedom. Walk in the liberty. Walk in your deliverance. In that you will see My hand moving more and more and more because the more free you are, the more in tune you are and can be to Me that I might lead, guide, and direct you according to the path that I've ordained for you."

Amen.