

The Significance of Passover

The Fall of the First Church

As the life of the early church eked out of them all, fewer and fewer people who would actually receive the Holy Spirit were baptized into the Body. This went on until only a *few* had not stained their garments (Rev 3:4) in their preparation to be Messiah's spotless bride and wife-to-be (Rev 19:7-8). Since *most* of them had stained their garments, lawlessness increased among them.

Eph 2:10; 2 Cor 5:10 — The zeal for the good deeds prepared for them waned among the chosen ones. Col 1:10 — Since no one was walking in their deeds, they were not worthy of Messiah any longer. Soon the overcomers were all dead. Then the church was left without the Holy Spirit. They were like a dead corpse that received another spirit.

The transfer was made and the first church abdicated to Satan, who came in disguise (2 Cor 11:4,13-15). This masquerade was the story from that point, and will be until she is to be burned by fire (Rev 18:8,10,17). But before she is burned alive in one hour all those who are chosen will come out of her (Rev 18:4) and into a Body prepared for them. It is prepared for them to do those good works in faith by the strength God supplies (1 Pet 4:11). Not one who lives by faith will be counted among the wicked in Dan 12:10. They will be the wise who understand.

For 1,900 years the church has been abdicated to Satan. The true church died and has been in abeyance until the time of the restoration of all things. All who are in "her" today are without Messiah and are aliens to the Commonwealth of Israel (Eph 2:12). They are strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope of restoration to God's image. They are without God and in the world. They are lost.

2 Tim 2:26 is the story of the *many*. It started with one and spread through the whole batch (1 Cor 5:6). Do you not know? The unwise, the lawless, do not know this (Dan 12:10). They do not know that just a little leaven leavens the whole lump.

The Significance of the First Passover

1 Cor 5:6-8 explains the significance of the first Passover, even until the present day. The people of God who kept the Passover removed all leaven from their houses (Ex 12:15). Leaven has a fermenting action that illustrates the corrupting power of evil. It just takes a little leaven.

We are all unleavened, for the Church is an unleavened house. Otherwise the yeast of sin (doing Satan's will), which is yielding to temptation, can spread (Heb 12:15) if unchecked. Passover is a ridiculous ritual of cleansing all the leaven from our houses (physically) if we do not show the same diligence to eradicate all corrupting influences from our houses. Extreme measures are used by the Jews to cleanse their houses, but how strange if it does not apply in the spiritual significance of maintaining the purity of the Body of Messiah.

PASSOVER TEACHES US THE GREATEST THING — how not to die as His house through corruption. So the Feast cannot be kept if there are any corrupting influences in our midst. A thorough cleansing must take place in the Body, which is His house as Heb 3:6 says.

Col 2:16-17 – Passover is one of the feasts God's holy people keep, which is a shadow of things to come. What is to come is the holiness of the Bride who made herself ready by doing the works she was saved to do to build up the Body (Eph 4:15-16). This is also how she purified herself — by doing these acts of faith. No corrupting influences destroyed her holiness and chastity.

2 Cor 11:3-4 — These men were tolerated just like the sexually perverse man of 1 Cor 5:1. He should have been eradicated (stoned in the Old Covenant, excommunicated

in the New) from among them, for he was a destroyer (Isa 49:17). He was not *with* Messiah (Mt 12:30), and it was obvious (Gal 5:19). But to the fleshly Corinthians it was not obvious. They could not judge their own selves rightly, and so most of them died (1 Cor 11:29-32).

1 Cor 5:1-8 – In verse 8 the word *sincerity* is #1505 in Strong's Greek Concordance, meaning *clearness* and by implication *purity*. Figuratively then, it means *sincerity*. However it is derived from the Greek word #1506, which means *judged by sunlight* (and as the Concordance adds, *tested as genuine*). The Feast of Passover can only be kept in sincerity and truth: transparent honesty, genuine purity, manifested clarity, and unsullied innocence. These characteristics describe the people of 1 Pet 4:17 and 2:25 who will endure the judgment. They will not shrink back (Heb 10:38) but rather long for Him (Heb 9:28). 2 Tim 4:8 — They loved His appearing.

Such people are those who don't dread or fear a thorough examination of their motives and intents (1 Cor 4:5) because they have nothing to hide. After Passover, after purifying all leaven in our houses by thorough examination and searching to eliminate it, we can keep the Feast, if this is applied to His house, which is His people. The house will be destroyed (that is, the Body of Messiah) if a little leaven — just a speck — is allowed to remain.

This is the job of every single person and of every married person. It is your responsibility first to judge yourself. Then and only then can you help your brother judge himself (Mt 7:1-6). Don't overlook your own sin. It is the leaven, the yeast that will destroy the Body. Those who destroy the Body will be destroyed (1 Cor 3:16-17). Don't find fault with others before you find fault with yourself, and cleanse your fault and sin, which will leaven the whole loaf of the Body, like cancer or gangrene.