

## Session #22: “THE SPRING CELEBRATIONS - FEASTS” — Leviticus 23:1-22

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Note: Reference has been made in the following notes and outline to commentaries on Leviticus by David Hocking, also to comments/notes from Pastor Chuck Smith, J. Vernon McGee and Jon Courson.

### Questions:

- Can you do anything about your own holiness?
- Can you do anything about your position in holiness?
- v. 3 Can you cut yourself off from the presence of the LORD? If so, what would cut you off?
- Do you think that verse 25 might mean that monetary gifts should not be taken from unbelievers?
- If only sacrifices without defects are acceptable, how can you and I come to God?

### *Message No. 22* “SPRING CELEBRATIONS” *Leviticus 23:1-22*

Four celebrations in the spring speak of our Messiah and His work in bringing salvation and hope to both Jew and Gentile. These celebrations are called feasts of “*the LORD*” in verse 2, and are proclaimed as “*holy convocations*” and the LORD says “*even these are my feasts.*” They are to be regarded as the *Shabat* - “no work” is to be done - v. 3

#### ❖ 1A. PASSOVER - REDEMPTION THROUGH MESSIAH’S BLOOD - 5

Hebrew name - *Chag Hapesach* Time of celebration - Nisan 14

Seder – means “order” *Haggada* - refers to instructions. One of three celebrations which required the participation of all Jewish males, 20 years and older - *Deut. 16:16-17* and *Exodus 23:14-19* - cf. *Exodus 12:1-14, 21-28, 42-51*.

#### ➤ 1B. The SELECTION of the lamb - *Exodus 12:3, 5*

- 1C. On the 10th day of Nisan

Palm Sunday *John 12:1* - Jesus had supper with Mary & Martha & Lazarus - “*six days before the Passover*” - *John 12:12* says “*on the next day much people that were come to the feast ... took branches of palm trees*” - read. - *Matt. 2 1:1-11* - cf. *Psalm 118:22-26* - *Hallel*

- 2C. A lamb “without blemish” - *Ex. 12:5* - cf. *I Peter 1:18-19*

#### ➤ 2B. The SACRIFICE of the lamb - *Exodus 12:6-7, 13-14*

cf. *I Cor. 5:7* - “For even Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.”

cf. *Exodus 12:22-24, 27*

#### ➤ 3B. The SUPPER of the lamb - *Exodus 12:8-11*

cf. *Rev. 19:9* - cf. *Matthew 26:17-30*

*Luke 22:17* - mentions the first cup - the cup of thanksgiving; then in v. 20 he mentions “the cup after supper” - the cup of blessing (*I Cor. 10:16*) or the cup of redemption.

#### ➤ 4B. The SYMBOLS used in the Passover

- 1C. The Matza - three pieces on Passover table in a linen cloth

cf. *Luke 22:19; I Cor. 11:23-26* - Some say it refers to the three religious groups: Priests, Levites, and Israelites.

Others (talmudic scholars) say it refers to the three angels who came to the door of Abraham's tent - they say it was Passover at the time.

Others say that his request to Sarah to make “three measures of fine meal” she made Matzot

- 2C. On the Passover tray - six symbolic items:

✓ 1D. Maror - bitter herbs (horseradish) - bondage

✓ 2D. Karpas - parsley or vegetable dish (salt water)

✓ 3D. Chazeret - second, more bitter vegetable dish

✓ 4D. Charoset - nut & apple mixture – mortar, bricks made in Egypt

✓ 5D. Zerog - roasted shankbone of a lamb

✓ 6D. Baytza - hard-boiled egg

- 3C. Four cups of wine (unfermented grape juice)

cf. *Exodus 6:6-7* - fourfold promise of God

*I will bring you out of Egypt*

*I will deliver you from bondage*

*I will redeem you with an outstretched arm*

*I will take you to Me for a people*

- ✓ 1D. Cup of sanctification or thanksgiving
- ✓ 2D. Cup of praise or plagues (wash hands)
- ✓ 3D. Cup of redemption or blessing
- ✓ (after the meal and after finding the *afikomen*)
- ✓ 4D. Cup of acceptance - accepting the Messiah-*Next year in Jerusalem!*
- ✓ 5D. Cup of Elijah - filled during whole meal - *Malachi 4:5*
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❖ 2A. UNLEAVENED BREAD - REMOVAL OF ALL SIN - 6-8

*Hamatzot* Time of celebration - Nisan 15-21

cf. *Exodus 12:15-20; Numbers 28:17-25; Deut. 16:3-4*

- 1B. The SEARCHING of the house - *Ex. 12:15; 13:7*  
*chametz* = “sour” - bread that had fermented or was made with yeast. This includes five grains: wheat, barley, spelt (species of wheat), rye, and oats – some add rice, beans, and peas.
- 2B. The SIGNIFICANCE of the first day  
“holy convocation” - treated as a “*Shabat*” - *Num. 28:18*, “ye shall do no manner of servile work therein” *John 19:31* - “that sabbath day was an high day”

3B. The SYMBOLISM of the bread - *I Cor. 5:7-8*

- 3A. FIRSTFRUITS - RESURRECTION OF THE MESSIAH - 9-14

Hebrew name - *Chag Habikurim*

Cf. *I Cor. 15:20-23*

cf. *Numbers 28:26*

- 4A. PENTECOST - RECONCILIATION OF JEW& GENTILE - 23:15-22

cf. *Numbers 28:26-31*

Jewish Book of WHY states on page 213

“*The Bible does not connect Shavuot with the giving of the Tora on Mt. Sinai*”

Hebrew name - *Shavuot* of *Chag Hashavuot*, the “Feast of Weeks” - the Book of Ruth is read -

cf. *Acts 2:1* and *Eph. 2:11-18*