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Yeshua, Our Pesach Lamb

It is during the week of Passover or Unleavened Bread that Yeshua was crucified for us. G-d chose the Festival of Passover to be the time when Yeshua would become our sacrifice because this festival, more than any other, tells us the story of how our sins are forgiven.

In the ancient times, a family would select a lamb on the 10th of the month, bring it into the home, and care for it, making sure it did not hurt itself. The lamb for the Passover meal had to be perfect—no bruises, not bumps. Do you suppose the family became familiar with the lamb during the 4 days prior to Passover? This reminds us of Yeshua, who lived among His people and who therefore was well known by them. They were able to see His life, that it was spotless. They were able to see that He was the perfect “Lamb of G-d.”

Even the story of the festival of Passover fits the picture of G-d’s salvation perfectly. Israel was enslaved to Egypt, meaning she could not help herself. Israel was not strong enough to overcome the powerful Egyptians, and they had no choice but to be their slaves. The freedom they needed to worship G-d was beyond their reach. That is why G-d Himself had to redeem them. And He did so by protecting them from the Angel Who came on Pesach to destroy the Egyptians. Taking the lamb and killing it, some of the blood was put on the doorpost as a symbol that a death had already taken place in the home—a death that substituted for the death of the firstborn son. G-d had made a way for the Israelites: an innocent lamb would die in their place so that they could live.

Yeshua is our Lamb. He died so that we can live. He died so that our sins can be forgiven, so that we can stand before G-d and not be punished for our wrong doings. When we consider that the Lamb was punished instead of us, we are amazed at how much G-d loves us. And His love changes us. We want to do His will, and live His way, and honor His name. This is the real story of Passover: being given freedom to live as G-d intends us, and forever to be trophies of His victory over sin and death.

