

The Promise of Passover

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When God makes a promise He usually keeps it in ways we could not have imagined. The difficult part of the agreement is how we commit to His promise and plan. The story of Passover is the beginning of the formation of the Hebrew identity. This concept is interwoven between earth and Heaven. The promise to be God's chosen people and the responsibilities that are attached to this idea.

God has been fairly silent for the past four hundred years. So it would seem. Then God hears the cry of the Hebrew slaves in Egypt. Then God speaks to Moses and reminds him of their history with God. Ex 3:6, "I am the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." God has a history and a connection with these people who are now slaves and in need of liberation. Their God has not forgotten them and their plight.

I noticed the parallel speech patterns that arise as God is speaking to Moses. God uses the I AM pattern as does Jesus. Who will be our Passover? When talking to Moses, God uses the great I AM and basically reclaims these people as His own. Moses needed to be reminded and inspired that they have always been God's people since Abraham. God did not forget them, nor the covenant he made with their father Abraham. God keeps His end of the promise. Yet in the trials of the desert they will forget Him. They will have difficulties committing to the plan and the promise.

The claim and identity of being God's chosen people is very exclusive. It is restricted to only twelve tribes. The problem will be keeping this

identity exclusive and pure. The promise of sending a Messiah would greatly expand the concept of the chosen people of God in ways the Hebrews never expected.

Jesus Christ would be the fulfillment of the promise of the Messiah. Jesus's gift to the world was the expansion of God's claim from the Hebrews to the entire planet. All people can now fall under God's claim. It is no longer exclusive to bloodlines, but based on faith. That Jesus Christ is the incarnate Son of God sent to free all of us from sin and to offer salvation to all who believe. God does not want just the first born or Hebrews. God wants everyone. This is an incredible expansion of the promise and covenant made with Abraham and his descendants.

God wants everyone at the Marriage Feast of the Bridegroom. He will actually send out His servants to seek us out and bring us in. So that His wedding hall is full. Our God seeks us out. That is how valuable and precious we are to Him.

God's plan was greatly revealed and expanded in Our Lord Jesus. John 12:32, "And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." Jesus uses the reference of His lifting up to refer to His crucifixion on the cross. His death and resurrection will lead to the salvation of the human race. He is our Passover. This is an amazing expansion of the promise of the Passover. From twelve tribes linked by blood lines to the entire world rooted in faith. God certainly far exceeds our expectations. Remember that He has promised to return again. I am sure that His return will far exceed our expectations. Keep an open mind for when it starts to unfold.

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