

Messiah's Healing
the Mystery Revealed

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The contents in this booklet could dramatically change your life forever.

Before you begin reading, say a quick prayer, asking God to open your eyes and unveil the mystery of Messiah.

Chapter One
A REDEEMED PEOPLE

In one event, the Passover is the most poignant prophetic foreshadowing of the whole story God is telling in the Scriptures. In this booklet, we will review the original Passover, which is the story of how God redeemed His chosen people, Israel, and how it foreshadows the eternal Passover, which is the larger story God is telling about how His plan of redemption through faith in Messiah.

How is all of this related to healing? Well, when God redeemed Israel, miraculously leading them through the Red Sea, not one of them was weak, sick, infirm, or feeble in any way. (see Psalm 105:37) Therefore, when you understand God's greater work of redemption through Messiah, health and healing can be yours now as you trust in Him.

Let's uncover the mystery of healing in Messiah that the Scriptures reveal.

Chapter Two
THE FIRST PASSOVER
(the Foreshadow)

Several hundred years before the first Passover, God selected a man named Abram (whose name means *exalted father*) to be the father of a nation of people who were chosen to be special to Him. (see Genesis 12:1-3) God promised Abram a land, a people, and a blessing. At first, when Abram set out to follow God's instructions, God's promises seemed terribly unlikely because Abram lived in tents as a nomad, had a barren wife, and from the world's perspective probably appeared to be a not-so-blessed wanderer.

Many years later, Abram still lived in tents in a land owned by someone else and had no children. At this point, God entered into a covenant with Abram, sealed with blood sacrifices as God's way of unconditionally guaranteeing that His promises would come to pass. God also revealed at this time that Abram's descendants would be

sold into slavery for four hundred years but promised that He would redeem Abram's people from slavery and give them the Promised Land. (see Genesis 15:13-16)

Quite a few more years later, Abram still believed God even though he had no land and no heir from his wife who was still barren and had aged beyond her years of child bearing. This time, God assured Abram that he would have a son through his wife and this son would be his heir and changed Abram's name to Abraham, which means *father of a multitude*. This is also when God required circumcision as the visible outward sign of inclusion in His covenant with Abraham. From this point forward, anyone who wanted to participate in God's covenant promises and blessings to Abraham had to be circumcised. (see Genesis 17:1-14)

Within a year after this, Abraham's wife miraculously gave birth to their son, Isaac, and Isaac was the only heir to the covenant promises God had made to Abraham. When Isaac was a man, he had a son named Jacob, who was also the only heir

to the covenant promises. During the course of his life, Jacob had twelve sons, and God changed Jacob's name to Israel. As Israel's sons' families grew and multiplied in number, they became known as the twelve tribes of Israel.

When there was famine in the land, Jacob/Israel, his twelve sons and their families all moved down to Egypt. Egypt became an furnace of affliction for the Israelites as the Egyptians set harsh taskmasters over them, forced them into slavery, afflicted them with heavy burdens and hard service, treated them ruthlessly, and made their lives very bitter. (see Exodus 1:1-14; Deuteronomy 4:20)

About four hundred years later, just as God had promised, God called upon Moses (whose name means *to draw out*) to draw His people out of slavery so that they could freely worship Him. God promised to confirm Moses as His servant with miracles, signs, and wonders that only the Creator of the Universe could orchestrate and that would bring judgment against all the gods of Egypt.

God sent Moses to tell the Hebrews that the time had come for Him to fulfill His promise to their ancestor Abraham. God also sent Moses to confront the most powerful man in the world, Pharaoh, to demand the release of His people, Israel, calling Israel His firstborn son. Plus, if Pharaoh would not agree to this, then God would kill Pharaoh's firstborn son. (see Exodus 4)

Unfortunately for him, Pharaoh was completely noncompliant with God's demand through Moses. Instead, Pharaoh hardened his heart and subjected the Israelites to even harsher slavery. Therefore, God worked mighty miracles and stretched out His hand to bring great plagues against the land and people of Egypt. Each plague unquestionably proved that the God of the Hebrews was more powerful than all the gods of Egypt. But Pharaoh exalted himself against God and still would not release the Hebrews from slavery. Therefore, the time for God's redemption of His people had come. God would fulfill His word by unleashing the

destroyer to kill Pharaoh's firstborn son and all the firstborn sons in the entire land of Egypt.

During the course of these plagues, God made a distinction between His people and the Egyptians. The plagues did not affect the Hebrews or the land where they lived but only the Egyptians and their lands. God also made a way to protect and deliver His people from the destroyer.

These were the instructions God gave the Israelites through Moses for the first Passover. Anyone participating in the Passover must be circumcised into God's covenant with Abraham. On the tenth day of the month of Abib, each household was to take a one-year-old unblemished male lamb into their home. Then, at twilight on the fourteenth day of the month, they were to slaughter the lamb, drain its blood, and roast it over fire. Next, they were to paint the blood of the lamb over the doorposts of their homes and go inside, dressed and ready to leave Egypt at a moment's notice. God promised that wherever He saw the blood of the lamb, He would *pass over* the

household so that the destroyer could not enter in or harm them. (see Exodus 12)

The Israelites believed God and did what Moses instructed them to do.

That night at midnight, God sent the destroyer to kill all the firstborn sons of Egypt. This plague struck every single household in Egypt that did not have the blood of the Passover lamb on its doorposts. Awakened by this horror and the cries of the people, Pharaoh finally commanded the Israelites to leave Egypt for fear that everyone in Egypt would wind up dead.

Then, God led His people out of Egypt by His presence in a pillar of cloud during the day and a pillar of fire at night. On the first day of their exodus, God led them to camp in the Egyptian wilderness. On the second day, God led them to camp at Pi-hahiroth, which means *mouth of the cavern*. Pi-hahiroth was located between Migdol and the Red Sea, and God told the Israelites to set up their camp facing Baal-zephon, which was the dwelling place of the

Egyptian god Tsphon the Destroyer, an evil demon ruler. As spooky as this must have been, it also seemed to be a completely backwards route for the Hebrews to take since they were supposed to be headed for the Midianite wilderness to worship God and ultimately, to the Promised Land.

Because of this, Pharaoh thought he could pursue the Israelites with horses and chariots, capture them, and enslave them again forever. So, Pharaoh and his armies charged in pursuit of the Israelites who appeared to be lost, hemmed in, and vulnerably stuck between the wilderness and the banks of the Red Sea. Even the Israelites started to think they had failed and would have been better off staying in Egypt. (see Exodus 14)

But through the night, God rolled away the waters of the Red Sea. All of the Israelites walked through the rolled away waters of the Red Sea on dry ground until they reached the other side. Pharaoh and the Egyptian army chased after them. But on the third day at daybreak, the waters

returned to their place, engulfing the Egyptians, their horses, and chariots until none of them remained alive.

On that day, God saved Israel from their enemies and the oppression of slavery. From that day forward, they were no longer twelve tribes with a common ancestor. Now, they were a holy nation, birthed as God's very own people by God's mighty power through miracles, signs, and wonders. What started as one man who believed God had become a nation of that man's descendants who had been chosen before they were born to be special to Him.

The people of Israel had seen with their own eyes the mighty work of God on their behalf, so they sang songs of praise and worshiped God. And none of them were sick or feeble in any way.

Chapter Three
THE ETERNAL PASSOVER
(through Messiah)

The Passover we just described is a prophetic foreshadowing of God's plan of redemption for mankind through Messiah. This plan began before the creation of the world when God selected Messiah to be the eternal Passover Lamb and King of a people from all nations who would worship in God's presence forever, even in the age to come.

Revelation 13:8b - the Lamb who was slain from the creation of the world.

After God created mankind, the first man, Adam, and his wife, Eve, were tricked by the serpent into disobeying God. God had told them they would die if they ate from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. But the serpent deceived them, and they ate it, thinking it would make them like God. As a consequence of their disobedience, they were banished from

God's presence and from the tree of life, which would be guarded by mighty cherubim and a flaming sword from this point forward. (see Genesis 3) At this rate, the prospect of Messiah having a holy people who worshipped in God's presence seemed improbable at best.

To make matters worse, as soon as Adam and Eve ate from the forbidden tree, they sold themselves to the devil and were now his slaves with no hope of paying their way out. Moreover, the poison from the knowledge of good and evil caused their bodies to be subject to death and decay. On top of all of this, their lives became subjected to a curse of sweat and toil, strife, and the vanity and delusion of self-empowerment as they desperately longed to regain the paradise they had lost.

However, God made a promise that He would send a Savior to redeem all of the descendants of Adam from the evil one's oppression and from sin and death by crushing the head of the serpent and even restoring Eden.

A couple thousand years later, mankind was still in a sinful state, and the Savior God had promised to Adam and Eve had not yet been sent. This is when God called Abram/Abraham, who we talked about in the last chapter, who had a son named Isaac, who had a son named Jacob, who is the one whose name God changed to Israel. One of Jacob/Israel's son's names was Judah, and Judah's descendants led to David, the great King of Israel. God promised David that one of his descendants would be the Messiah of Israel, and the Savior and Redeemer He had promised for mankind from the beginning. (see 2 Samuel 7)

When David was King, the people of Israel were the only nation on the face of the earth with a relationship with the one true God, Creator of the Universe. They were also the only people on earth with God's Law, which outlined His requirements of purity and righteousness, and God's Temple, which was situated at the one and only place on earth where God had chosen for acceptable sacrifices to be made to

Him.

God's Law required obedience to certain rules of conduct in order to maintain right standing with Him. Any offense or sin against God's Law was counted as a spot or blemish on a person's record, and would cause the curse of the Law to go into effect. The curse of the Law detailed the schedule of punishments for offenses and includes every form of sickness and disease, mental illness, miscarriages, stillbirths, lack, oppression, torment, war, and suppression by every kind of enemy. (see Deuteronomy 28; Leviticus 26)

Spots and blemishes on anyone's record of conduct could only be washed away by the blood of a sacrifice offered to God in accordance with His Law. Through these blood sacrifices, the offender's sins were transferred onto a sacrificial animal and then the animal was slaughtered and died the death penalty as an atonement for sin. The life-blood of the sacrifice satisfied God's requirements of justice so that the offender's record was cleansed and the effects of the curse of the Law in their life

were ceased.

About a thousand years after God's promise to David, it was time for God to send the promised Messiah. An angel of the Lord informed a virgin named Miriam who was a direct descendant of King David that the Spirit of the Lord would come upon her and she would conceive a Son. (see Isaiah 7:14) Because Miriam's Son was born by the power of God, He was the Son of the Most High God and the Savior who would crush the head of the serpent just like God had promised to Adam and Eve back in the beginning. He was the promised descendant of David who would rule and reign over an everlasting Kingdom. (see Isaiah 9:6-7) Miriam's Son, Israel's Messiah and King of the Universe, was born in a feeding trough in Bethlehem, which certainly did not make Him appear to the eye to be the King of anything. (see Micah 5:2)

This said, because Messiah was born by the power of the Holy Spirit, He had the nature of God inside of Him even though He was born in a flesh like you and me and

every other descendant of Adam and Eve. Accordingly, He lived His life in obedience to the nature of God within Him and not according the rebellious sinful nature of Adam or, in other words, His flesh, making Him the only person in history who has ever been able to perfectly fulfill God's Law. From the day He was born, through childhood, and into manhood, He never sinned. Therefore, He was completely spotless and without defect in God's sight.

Then, the time came for Messiah to present Himself as God's Son, the Messiah of Israel, and the Savior of the world. Like God sending Moses, God sent Messiah to tell His people, Israel, that the time had come to fulfill His promise and establish His everlasting Kingdom. Also, like God sending Moses to confront Pharaoh, God sent Messiah to confront the god of this world, satan, and demand the release of His people from his evil oppression.

As God had done for Moses, God confirmed Messiah as His chosen One through miracles, signs, and wonders. (see

Isaiah 35:5-6) Everywhere Messiah went, He healed the sick, cast out demons, raised the dead, multiplied food, and commanded the wind and the waves. Each miracle revealed that God had given Him power and authority over sin, sickness, the curse of the Law, demonic powers, and all of creation. These miracles unquestionably proved that God, the Father of Messiah, was far greater than satan, who had ruthlessly enslaved and oppressed the descendants of Adam with every kind of torment and disease.

Unfortunately for them, the world rulers and the religious leaders did not consider or want Messiah to be their King. Like Pharaoh, with each miracle Messiah performed, they hardened their hearts all the more and sought a way to kill Him.

Finally, the time came for God to bring about His masterpiece of redemption. From this point forward, God would make a distinction between those who believe Messiah and those who do not. God made a way to be delivered from satan and all of his schemes.

On the tenth day of the month of Abib, the night when the Passover lamb was being selected, Messiah entered into Jerusalem. He rode humbly on a donkey while the crowds shouted, “Hoshiana to the Son of David! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!” (see Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:25-26)

Then, on the fourteenth day of the month, the night of Passover, at the one and only place in the world where sacrifices to God would be accepted, Messiah willingly offered His own life as the unblemished eternal Passover Lamb of God.

*John 1:29 - The next day John saw Yeshua coming toward him and said, "Look, **the Lamb of God**, who takes away the sin of the world!"*

Messiah knew in advance what must take place in order to fulfill God's plan of redemption. God was working a spiritual transaction, cutting the New Covenant and sealing the New Covenant with Messiah's blood which was shed for the forgiveness

of all sins dating back to Adam's original sin.

On the night of Passover, God released the destroyer against His own Firstborn Son. Messiah was mocked, rejected, whipped, beaten, slaughtered by men, and His blood was poured out while He was nailed to a cross to be crucified. Like the Passover lamb was roasted over fire, Messiah suffered the fiery wrath of God, which was unleashed upon Him in its fullness until He was destroyed by death.

Isaiah 53:4-12 - Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed and

afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By oppression and judgment he was taken away. Yet who of his generation protested? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was punished. He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth. Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the LORD makes his life an offering for sin, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand. After he has suffered, he will see the light of life and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their

iniquities. Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

As an unblemished sacrifice and Lamb of God, all of the sins of mankind were transferred onto Messiah on the cross. This means that He took the punishment for all of your disobedience against God, and died the death penalty in your place to atone for your sins. In fact, the soul of every human being in the history of mankind was drawn upon the cross with Messiah. This means that when Messiah was crucified, you were crucified with Him and when He died and was buried, you died and were buried with Him.

When Messiah died, He cried out, "It is finished!" because His work of redemption was complete. He committed His Spirit, the Holy Spirit, into the hands of God. (see

Psalm 31:5) His Spirit ascended to heaven, His soul descended down to the pit of Hell—the eternal fiery inferno and domain of the devil, and His body was placed in the grave.

On the second day, Messiah's body laid in a cavernous tomb while the powers of darkness sought to extinguish Him forever. Like the Israelites at Pi-hahiroth during the first Passover, from a natural standpoint, this seemed completely backwards to the way we would expect the King of the Universe to take. Even Messiah's disciples scattered for fear that they had erroneously placed their trust in Him. (see Zechariah 13:7)

But on the third day, God sent His Spirit from heaven to the pit of Hell to rescue and deliver His Son from death and the power of satan. Messiah's body was quickened to life by the power of God, and was transformed from a perishable body into an immortal body. Like the parted waters of the Red Sea, God rolled away the stone that covered Messiah's grave, and at daybreak, He walked out of the tomb.

Messiah was begotten (or born) again by God as the Firstborn from the dead to everlasting life.

On that day, God saved and delivered His eternal people from sin, the curse of the Law, and every oppression of the evil one, including sickness and disease. God's requirements of justice have been satisfied by Messiah's sacrifice. There-fore, when you believe in the blood of Messiah as your eternal Passover Lamb, you have perfect righteousness with God as if you have never sinned. Your record is cleansed!

1 Corinthians 5:7b - For Messiah, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.

Through your faith in Messiah, when He was raised from the dead, you were raised with Him to new life as a new creation. Like Israel's redemption as a nation began with one man but grew to include everyone who passed through the waters of the Red Sea, Messiah's re-birth out of death appeared to be just one man but was

actually millions of souls from every nation and every age of history who were chosen before the creation of the world to be redeemed by God as His children. (see Isaiah 49:5-7)

Like Israel was born as a holy nation out of slavery and the furnace of affliction, when you believe Messiah, you are born again as part of the assembly of the Firstborn who have been redeemed from slavery to the Law of sin and death, and from the curse of satan's oppression.

Moreover, like the Egyptian armies that pursued the Israelites, all of your sins and everything about the sinful nature you inherited from your ancestors all the way back to Adam have been put to death and cast into the bottom of the sea. (see Micah 7:19)

Messiah came and conquered the enemies of mankind! He was bruised for your sake, but He crushed the head of the ancient serpent forever! Hallelujah!

Chapter Four
THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB

In the original Passover, the Law of God had not yet been given to the Israelites. Therefore, the Israelites were not yet responsible for upholding God's standard of righteousness and purity in order to receive God's promises and blessings. Their deliverance was based entirely on their faith in the blood of the lamb.

Now, because Messiah set you free from the Law through your faith in Him, you are not required to meet the demands of the Law in order to have right standing with God. Messiah did not negate the Law of God for you through His blood but rather, He fulfilled it through His perfect obedience and death in your place so that you can receive the benefits of God's forgiveness and the blessings merited only by those who have a clean record before God.

This means that health and healing are yours to receive freely as you trust

exclusively in the blood of Messiah, your
Passover Lamb, and not in your own
merits.

*1 Peter 1:18-19 - For you know
that it was not with perishable
things such as silver or gold that
you were redeemed from the empty
way of life handed down to you
from your ancestors, **but with the
precious blood of Messiah, a lamb
without blemish or defect.***

Under the Law, at the Temple of God,
when people brought their prescribed
blood sacrifices of bulls, sheep, goats, or
birds, they brought the greatest sacrifice
they could afford to bring. (see Leviticus
5:7, 14:21) A blood sacrifice of equal or
greater value than the offense incurred
must be offered. For example, in God's
regulations of offenses between people, the
standard of payment was an eye for an eye,
tooth for tooth, hand for hand, and foot for
foot. (see Exodus 21:24) When an offering
was brought to God, all the sins of the
person bringing the offering were
transferred onto their sacrificial animal.

Then, the animal was presented to God to shed its blood and give its life in the place of the person who had sinned so that the person could be forgiven and be blessed as if they had never sinned at all.

*Leviticus 17:11 - For **the life of a creature is in the blood**, and I have given it to you to make atonement for yourselves on the altar; **it is the blood that makes atonement for one's life.***

*Hebrews 9:22 - In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and **without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.***

Accordingly, in order for God's terms of payment for the forgiveness of every sin of every person since Adam to be satisfied, a sacrifice of infinite worth was required. Therefore, because of God's great love for mankind, He who is the owner of all creation gave the best offering He could afford to give by giving His only begotten Son.

John 3:16 - For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

One drop of the blood of God's perfect Son is more valuable in God's sight than millions of bulls, sheep, goats, and birds. Because of this, you can be fully assured that Messiah's sacrifice is completely sufficient to pay for all of your sins and errors.

Hebrews 10:8-10, 14 - First he said, "Sacrifices and offerings, burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not desire, nor were you pleased with them"--though they were offered in accordance with the law. Then he said, "Here I am, I have come to do your will." He sets aside the first [covenant] to establish the second [new covenant]. And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Yeshua the Messiah once for all. ... For

by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.

Isaiah 1:18 - "Come now, let us settle the matter," says the LORD. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.

Because all of your sins were laid upon Messiah, you are righteous in God's sight and you can continue to live and be blessed as if you had never sinned at all.

*Jeremiah 23:6 ESV - In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: **'THE LORD IS OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.'***

Additionally, through your faith in Messiah, you have been set free from the Law. This means that you are no longer subject to rules and regulations for meriting right standing with God or earning any of His blessings. Trusting in

the blood of Messiah is entirely an act of faith in God's ability to fulfill what He has promised. As an act of faith, it is only effective for those who put it to use. For example, any Hebrew who did not paint the blood of the lamb over their doorpost would have awoken to discover that the destroyer had been allowed to have his way in their home. It had nothing to do with what good or bad things they may have been doing behind their door. The only thing that was relevant in God's sight was whether or not they had painted the blood of the lamb on their door.

Similarly, when you place your faith entirely in the blood of Messiah and not your own merits, you can receive every blessing from God, including your healing, as a free gift through faith. It has nothing to do with what you deserve because the only thing that is relevant in God's sight is your faith in the sufficiency of the shed blood of His Son, the Messiah of Israel, as your Passover Lamb.

Chapter Five
SAVED FROM SICKNESS

After the Israelites walked through the waters of the Red Sea, they turned around to see with their own eyes the destruction of their enemies. God had delivered His people from slavery, oppression, and subjugation to evil authority and had transferred them to safety in the wilderness where they could worship Him freely.

As you believe God for healing through faith in Messiah, you must perceive accurately that your enemies have been just as conquered as Pharaoh and the Egyptian army were for the Israelites of the first Passover.

Even though the world comes up with all sorts of reasons for sickness and disease, the Word of God is the only authoritative source of truth about everything. According to the Scriptures, there are only three reasons for sickness: sin, the curse of the Law, and the devil. These are the enemies of mankind which were defeated

through the death and resurrection of Messiah so that by faith, you can be free from their effects in your life, including sickness.

*Colossians 2:13-15 - When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Messiah. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; He has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. And having **disarmed the powers and authorities**, He made a public spectacle of them, **triumphing over them by the cross.***

All of your sins and all of the punishment you deserve was laid upon Messiah until the curse of the Law, which includes every form of sickness, was satisfied. In addition to this, Messiah was beaten, whipped, pricked, and stabbed until finally His hands and feet were nailed to the cross where He hung until He was dead.

Through this, your illnesses, infirmities, and all forms of brokenness were laid upon Him until He was destroyed. In order for you to receive healing from all maladies and disorders, Messiah had to pay the price for them by taking them upon Himself as part of His suffering on your behalf.

*Isaiah 53:4-5 - Surely He **took up our pain and bore our suffering**, yet we considered Him punished by God, stricken by Him, and afflicted. But He was **pierced** for our transgressions, He was **crushed** for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on Him, and **by His wounds we are healed**.*

Most English translations of the Hebrew in this passage do not adequately express what Messiah did when He took your sicknesses upon Himself. For example, the word translated from Hebrew as *pain* includes pain but in most other passages where this word is used, it is translated as *sickness*. This word in Hebrew means *sickness, malady, pain, infirmity, disease*

and includes *anxiety, grief, sadness, evil, and calamities*. Plus, it stems from a Hebrew root word that means *to be or become sick, weak, ill, diseased, afflicted, sore, wounded, or grieved*. Additionally, the word for *suffering* in this passage means *physical pain, disease, mental pain, anguish, pain of soul, and sorrow* and is from a root word for *feeling pain, making sore, and destruction unto death*. With an all-inclusive list like this, you can be assured that every malady, infirmity, and disease that may be plaguing you was put upon Messiah at the cross.

This prophetic Scripture from Isaiah goes on to say that believers are healed by the wounds of the Suffering Servant and even articulates what some of those wounds would be. God's Chosen One would be pierced, crushed, and wounded so that God's people can be cured, made whole, and healed. Digging into these words can give us insight into the ways that God's Servant would suffer.

Suffering	Meaning/Definition
Pierced	to break, pierce through, perforate, lay open; to be slain; to have one's honor violated; to be wounded fatally
Crushed	to be broken or beaten into pieces; to be bruised or destroyed; to be humiliated or oppressed; to be smited or trampled
Wounds	bruises, stripes, blows, hurts, marks of strokes on the skin

When the time came for Messiah to suffer, He grieved in anguish until He sweat drops like blood. Then, He was betrayed by a close friend, arrested like a criminal, condemned to death by the religious leaders, and was handed over to the governing authorities to be crucified. The guards spit on Him, struck Him, and slapped Him in the face. They flogged Him with rods and with Roman whips that had metal spikes at the ends which ripped into His flesh—a punishment so cruel and

severe that Roman citizens were exempt from this type of torture. They cut into His skull with a crown of thorns, stripped Him of His clothes, mocked Him, and struck Him on the head with rods again and again. After all of this, they made Him carry His own cross to the place of His execution and crucifixion. There, they hammered nails into His hands and feet and slammed His cross into the upright position in order to hang Him until He was destroyed. After He died, a soldier sliced through His side with a spear to confirm that He was dead. Through these things, and in fulfillment of the Scriptures, Messiah was pierced, crushed, and wounded until He no longer resembled a human being.

Isaiah 52:14 - Just as there were many who were appalled at Him-- His appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any human being and His form marred beyond human likeness.

But on the third day, God raised Messiah from the dead before His body had seen

any decay. (see Psalm 16:10) Messiah triumphed over every disease, infirmity, infection, oppression, and even death by the power of God! His resurrection is proof that His sacrifice was accepted by God as His perishable body was regenerated into an imperishable body full of life, strength, and vigor.

However, even on Messiah's regenerated immortal body, there were some wounds that remained. He even allowed His followers to see and touch the nail piercings in His hands and the spear cut in His side as a demonstration that He truly had been raised from the dead. But these wounds confirm more than just His resurrection from death. These piercings confirm His covenant of healing for you.

As we have noted in prior chapters, covenants are sealed with blood as a guarantee of the covenantal terms. For example, when two people enter into a covenant with each other, it is called *cutting a covenant*. Typically, each person would cut themselves on the palms of their hands or their wrists until they bled and

then shake hands or make contact on their wrists with one another in order to mix their blood. This was to symbolize that they had become one with one another, taking on one another's assets, responsibilities, privileges, weaknesses, allies, and enemies as if they were their own, even unto death. Then they would each allow the covenant wound to heal in such a way as to leave a visible scar on their palms or wrists. These scars served as a reminder to them of their covenant relationship and obligation to the other person even if they did not see their covenant partner for long periods of time. Biblically speaking, Jonathan and David cut covenant with one another in this way. (see 1 Samuel 18:3)

In line with this, the wounds on Messiah's hands remain permanently as visible evidence of His covenant with you through your faith in Him. The scar in His side reveals that He took on your weaknesses, adversaries, and your greatest enemy of death at the cost of His own life. In exchange, you receive His assets,

privileges, strength, wholeness, and health, because you trust that you are in covenant with Him through faith.

1 Peter 2:23-24 - When they hurled their insults at Him, He did not retaliate; when He suffered, He made no threats. Instead, He entrusted Himself to Him who judges justly. "He himself bore our sins" in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by His wounds you have been healed."

Messiah overcame every cause every cause of sickness and infirmity so that health and healing are yours to receive as a free gift through faith in His sacrifice of atonement for you as your eternal Passover Lamb.

Chapter Six

INCLUSION IN THE COVENANT

In the first Passover, Israel was created as a new nation and taken by God out of the nation of Egypt.

*Deuteronomy 4:34 - Has any god ever tried to **take for himself one nation out of another nation**, by testings, by signs and wonders, by war, by a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, or by great and awesome deeds, like all the things the LORD your God did for you in Egypt before your very eyes?.*

Starting in the days of Abraham, Hebrews were the only people on earth with a covenant relationship with the Most High God. Circumcision was the visible, outward sign of inclusion in God's covenant promises to Abraham. No uncircumcised foreigners were allowed to participate in the Passover and any Jew who was not circumcised was to be cut off from God's people. (see Exodus 12:43-49)

Then, when the Israelites literally walked through the rolled-away waters of the Red Sea, they were figuratively immersed (like a mikveh) into the nation of Israel while their enemies were buried in the sea. Accordingly, since Israel's birth as a nation, there have been two kinds of nations on the earth in God's sight: Israel and all the other nations or, you could say, Jews and non-Jews.

In the eternal Passover, a new generation of humanity was created out of an existing generation of humanity. God created a new type of man that had not yet been born until Messiah was birthed out of death when God raised Him from the dead. (see Isaiah 53:10; Psalm 22:30-31, 102:19) The first generation of man, including all descendants of Adam (Jew and Gentile alike) are part of an evil, adulterous, and faithless generation that is doomed to eternal condemnation. The second generation of man includes everyone from every age who believes in their heart that God raised Messiah from the dead and calls upon His name. Therefore, when you

believe Messiah, you become part of the people who will worship God for all eternity that God promised to Messiah as His inheritance. You become part of the chosen generation and the new form of humanity.

*Ephesians 2:14-16 - For He Himself is our peace, who has made the two groups [Jew and Gentile] one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, by setting aside in His flesh the law with its commands and regulations. **His purpose was to create in Himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which He put to death their hostility.***

This means that since Messiah was raised from the dead, there are only two kinds of people on the earth because there are two generations of man: Those who believe God raised Messiah from the dead and those who do not.

Moreover, after Messiah proved that God had raised Him from the dead, He ascended to heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. Then, He poured out the Holy Spirit into the hearts of everyone who believes in Him.

Therefore, when you first place your faith in Messiah, you are marked and sealed by the Holy Spirit and set apart from the rest of the world as part of this new generation of mankind. This is a spiritual circumcision of your heart as God rolls away your Adamic heart of stone, sin, and disobedience and gives you a new heart of flesh with His laws written upon it. This is the mark of the New Covenant in accordance with God's promises.

Jeremiah 31:33-34 - "This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time," declares the LORD. "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another,

'Know the LORD,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest," declares the LORD. "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."

Ezekiel 36:26-27 - I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.

When you believe Messiah, the Holy Spirit dwells within you to guide you in all of God's ways just like the pillar of fire at night and the pillar of cloud by day led the Israelites in the first Passover.

Isaiah 30:21 - Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it."

Additionally, like circumcision of the

foreskin was the outward display of inclusion in God's covenant with Abraham, you outwardly display the inward change that has taken place in your heart by being immersed or baptized in water into God's covenant with Messiah. Through immersion, like a mikveh, you wash away your sinful nature and figuratively include yourself in Messiah's death. As you are raised up out of the waters of immersion, you signify your participation in the resurrection of Messiah and your inclusion in the New Covenant. Your old life is rolled away and you emerge as a new creation.

*Colossians 2:11-12 - In Him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not performed by human hands. **Your whole self ruled by the flesh was put off when you were circumcised by Messiah**, having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised with Him through your faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.*

*2 Corinthians 5:17 - Therefore, if anyone is in Messiah, **the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!***

This means that you can stand before God as one who is righteous in His sight as if you had never sinned and live as one who has a clean record before God because your former way of life has been washed away and buried forever in the grave.

*Colossians 1:21-22 - Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now He has reconciled you by Messiah's physical body through death to **present you holy in His sight, without blemish and free from accusation.***

It is only through faith in Messiah, as evidenced by immersion in water, that you are included in the New Covenant.

Messiah came the first time as the Lamb of God to offer salvation to those who trust in Him through faith in His sacrifice. He is

coming again as the Lion of Judah to avenge all evil and to judge the living and the dead on the great and terrible day of the Lord. (see Daniel 12:1-2; Joel 2:31-32) Just like God's deliverance in the first Passover was only for those who were circumcised into the covenant and who painted the blood of the lamb on their doorposts, when Messiah returns, only those who have been included in the New Covenant through faith in Messiah will be saved.

For now, until Messiah returns, through your inclusion in the New Covenant, you are positioned to receive all of God's blessings allotted to the righteous, including healing for all your diseases. (see Exodus 15:26; Psalm 91:3-8, 103:3) In fact, Messiah taught His followers to pray, believe, and receive God's will being done in their lives on earth as it is in heaven. There is no sickness in heaven.

Chapter Seven

YESHUA

After the Israelites walked through the rolled-away waters of the Red Sea and saw God stretch out His hand to destroy their enemies, they worshipped by singing the Song of Moses. This is how the song begins:

*Exodus 15:2 ESV - The LORD is my strength and my song, and He **has become my salvation**; this is my God, and I will praise Him, my father's God, and I will exalt Him.*

In this song, the Hebrew word the Israelites used to describe God as their *salvation* is *yeshua*, which in its simplest form means *God saves*. However, if we dig a little deeper into the meaning of *yeshua* and how it is used in the Scriptures, it includes *God's salvation, deliverance, healing, sustenance, and victory over enemies*. Through the course of the Passover, God did all of these things for the Israelites in one event. They stood on

the banks of the Red Sea, saved from harsh slavery because God helped them and delivered them from their oppressors. At the same time, God healed them of all of their diseases and prospered them by causing the Egyptians to give them great treasures. (see Psalm 105:37; Exodus 12:36) Ultimately, God gave them total victory over their enemies by burying the world's most powerful man and his army in the sea. They saw all of this with their own eyes, experienced it in their own bodies, and walked to freedom on their own feet.

Imagine how they sang this song and worshiped God with all of their hearts! And yet, as great and marvelous as this deliverance was, we know that this is merely a prophetic shadow of the greater work of salvation God provided by sending His Messiah.

In the Scriptures, a person's name is highly significant in describing their character and/or God's purpose for their life. Accordingly, when the angel of the Lord spoke to Miriam (or Mary) to instruct her

to name her Son Jesus, the angel spoke to her in her native language of Hebrew and told her to name her Son *Yeshua*.

Matthew 1:21 - She will give birth to a son, and you are to give Him the name Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins."

In view of this, it is through *Jesus* your *Yeshua* that you receive salvation, deliverance, healing, and sustenance that far surpasses the original Passover experience of the Israelites. For example, when Jesus/Yeshua grew to manhood, He clearly identified Himself as God's Messiah and expressed God's purpose of salvation through His life. He did not come the first time to condemn or to judge but to forgive, show mercy, and set free.

Luke 4:18-19 - "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because He has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed

free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." (quoting Isaiah 61:1-2)

This means that the salvation/yeshua Messiah offers is not limited to His death on a cross to pay for your sin so that you can go to heaven when you die. In fact, after making the above declaration of His identity and mission, Jesus/Yeshua healed the sick, cleansed lepers, opened the eyes of the blind and the ears of the deaf, cast demons out of people, and raised the dead by the power of God. Messiah did not just speak about salvation, eternal life, and the Kingdom of God—He manifested it by demonstrating instantaneous salvation, deliverance, healing, sustenance, and the life-giving power of God.

This is what Yeshua looks like! This is the salvation of God come to life!

The healings and miracles Jesus/Yeshua worked served as a sign to confirm Him as God's Son and the Messiah promised to Israel who is the Savior promised for all mankind. (see Isaiah 42:1-7, 35:5-6)

Additionally, because Messiah came in the flesh with the nature of God dwelling within Him, He was the exact image and likeness of God, His Father. This means that He carried out God's will perfectly, doing exactly what God wanted done in every situation. Therefore, the miracles Jesus/Yeshua worked clearly reveal that it is God's will for the sick to be healed. As a matter of fact, it was never God's will for anybody to be sick in the first place.

But if it is so clearly God's will for the sick to be healed, then why isn't everyone healed? Why doesn't God supernaturally intervene with divine authority to heal everyone one earth? Well, remember, all of mankind still has a dreadful sin problem. When Adam disobeyed back in the Garden of Eden, death began to reign over mankind instead of life and sickness in your body is an indication of the reign of death. Without the God-appointed Savior God promised to Adam back in the beginning, you are hopelessly doomed to die and remain vulnerable to every kind of sickness and disease. The only way for you

to be reconnected to God, who is the source of life, is through the Savior who would crush the head of the serpent and terminate the evil one's rule over you. And the only way for you to receive the benefits this Savior offers you is through faith. Even Jesus/Yeshua did not heal everyone just because they were ill. He healed everyone who came to Him in faith.

In the same way, you can receive your healing from Messiah through your faith in what He has done for you through His sacrificial death and resurrection as your eternal Passover Lamb. The good news of Jesus/Yeshua, the Messiah of Israel, *is* the power of God for salvation, deliverance, healing, and sustenance.

Romans 1:16-17 - For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed-- a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is

written: "The righteous will live by faith." (quoting Habakkuk 2:4)

Therefore, instead of striving to be good for God in order to merit His healing and blessings, the only work left for you to do is to paint the blood of Messiah over the doorpost of your heart and receive God's promises and blessings by believing in Him.

Take some time to read the New Covenant writings about what Yeshua said and did. The hidden wisdom and mystery of God has been revealed in His Son, the crucified Messiah and eternal Passover Lamb of God.

*John 6:29 - Yeshua answered,
"The work of God is this: to
believe in the One He has sent."*

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