EASTER--THE JEWS PASSOVER.

In acts 12,4The King James version uses the word Easter.The only time the word is used in the bible.All later translations of the scriptures,use the word PASSOVER.Referring to the yearly feast of the Passover, and feadt of weeks which God ordained as recorded in the book of Exodus 12th chapter,in preparation of their deliverance from Egyptian bondage. God instructed Moses to have a lamb taken up(each Family) on the tenth day of the first month,and to be slain on the eve of the fourteenth of the the month,The blood sprinkled on each side,and over the door posts,Cook the lamb and eat it with unleavened bread and bitter herbs.The blood on the door posts,was to be a sign to the death angel,who ~~was to~~ was to pass through the land that night and slay the first born of every family,and the first born of their cattle,~~lambs~~ sheep and asses.When the death angel passed through and saw the blood on the door posts,he was to pass over that house without destroying the first born.--Therefore called the Passe over. This was the tenth plague God visited on the Egyptians,to induce them to liberate the Israelites who had been under bondage four hundred years.--After each of the other plagues they had promised to release them but each time after the plague was lifted they refused to let them go,.

The Israelites were to cook this lamb,eat it,dressed and ready to go. The death angel passed through the land,and smote the first born of every family,even the first born of the king.But passing over the houses where t the blood was on the doorposts.

Pharoah and the egyptians were more than glad to let the Israelites t leave,and gave them gifts and presents,And the Lord gave the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians,so that they lent them such things as they required.Verse 35-36 of Ex.12 And they borrowed of the Egyptians,Jewels o silver and jewels of gold,and raiment.

God gave Israel commands to keep this ordinance each year at this time in remembrance of their deliverance. Also they were to keep the Sabbath day in remembrance of this also,as we read from Deut.5,15 And remember that thou wast a ~~stranger~~ servant in the land of Egypt,and that the Lord thy God brought thee out thence through a mighty hand and a stretched out arm;Therefore the Lord thy God commandeth thee to keep the Sabbath day.

We come to the New Testament,Mt.26,17-30--Mk.14,12-25 Lu.22,7-16 Jesus instructing His disciples to make ready the Passover,and then keeping it as Moses had given instructions to the Israelites.After the supper,or as Matthew records itMt.26,26 And asthey were eating,Jesus took bread,and blessed it ,and brake it,and gave it to the disciples,saying,take eat, this is my body,27And He took the cup,and gave thanks,and gave it to them saying,Drink ye all of it.28 Foe this is my blood of the New Testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.--Lu.22,19He said,This do in remembrahce of me.L Cor.11,24 Paul speaking,the same referring to t the bread,Verse 25 He gave them the cup,This do ye ~~in~~ as oft as ye drink it in remembrance of me.Verse 26 For as oft as ye eat this bread,and drin this cup,Ye do shew the Lord's death till He come.

We find in Acts 2,42 That the first converts made by the apostles after the ascension of Christ,Who were directed by the Holy Spirit in the things they taught,convinced the Jews that they had crucified the Son of God,in fulfilling the purpose of God,That God had raised Him from the dea. They were convinced,and cried Men and brethren what shall we do? Peter answered them,Verse 38 Repent and be baptized every one of you,in the name of Jesus Christ,for the remission of your sins,and ye shall receive t the gift of the Holy Ghost .-Verse ~~41~~ 41 And they that gladly received ~~his~~ his word were baptized,And there was added to them about three thousand souls,42 And they continued in the apostles doctrine,in fellowship,and in breaking of bread,and in prayers.Verse 47 And the Lord added to the churc daily such as should be saved.Acts 20,7 We read That the Disciples came together on the first day of the week to break bread,and Paul was present and preached unto them.

The feast of the passover and all other memorials and feasts passed out with the Law of Moses.

Now we come to the only memorial authorized by the apostles of Christ as executors of Christ's will,the new testament. 1 Cor.~~10~~ 5,7 Purge out the old leaven,that ye may be a new lump,as ye are unleavened,For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:Therefore let us keep the feast, not with the old leaven,neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.--LET US KEEP THE FEAST.What feast?The one called The breaking of bread,Ac.2,42.Also,Upon Ac.20,7 And upon the first day of the week,when the disciples came together to break bread,Paul preached unto them.

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 Easter,and the breaking of bread.

They met to keep the death of Christ in remembrance,that He died fo for our sins,as He said When He blessed the cup and told the disciples to drink of it,for this is my blood of the new testament which is shed for maby for the remission of sins.This do ye in remembrance of me.Under the New covenant,Christ is our passover 1 Cor.5,7.- We read Col.1,12-14 Giving thanks unto the Father,which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness,and hath translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son.14 In whom we have redemption through His blood,even the forgiveness of sins: The Israelites were delivered from Egyptian bondage,and were required to keep that in remembrance,by keeping the Sabbathday and,yearly,the feast of the Passover.We are delivered from the power of darkness,and translated in to the kingdom of God's Son.And we are commanded to "Do this in rem membrance of Me"--Acts 2 ;42 The first converts Continued steadfastly in the apostles doctrine,and in fellowship,and in breaking of bread,and in prayers.Acts 20,7 They met on the first day of the week to break bread, Each week has a first day,as also it had a sabbath day each week under the old testament.

Now let us turn to Heb.10,25 Not forsaking the assembling of yourselves together as the manner of some is:But exhorting oneanother ;and so much the more as ye see the day approaching.26 For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth,there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins,27 But a certain looking for of judgment and fiery indignation,which shall devour the adversaries,28 He that despised Moses law died without mercy under two or three witnesses:29 Of how much sorer punishment,suppose ye,shall he be thought worthy,who hath trodden under foot the Son of God,and hath counted the blood of the covenant,wherewith he was sanctified,an unholy thing,and hath done despite to the Spirit of Grace.?

The Israelites were stoned to death for failure to keep the Sabbath d Day holy or to keep the feast of the passover.--The Law of Christ is a far greater law,than the law of Moses.And according to Heb.10,29 Refusing to keep Christ's death in remembrance,was a greater offence,trodden under foot the Son of God,Counted the blood of the covenant an unholy thing and done despite to the Spirit of Grace.

i Cor.10,16 The cup of blessing which we bless,is it not the communof the blood of Christ?The bread we break,is it not the communion of the body of Christ?17 For we being many,are one bread and one body:for we are all partakers of that one bread. Jn.6,48I Jesus says I am that bread of life.49 Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness and are dead.50 This is the bread which came down from heaven,that a man might eat thereof and not die.51 I am the living bread which came down from heaven;if any man eat of this bread,he shall live forever:and the bread that I will gige,is my flesh,which I give for the life of the world.52 The Jews therefore strove among themselves,saying,how can this man give us His flesh to eat? 53 Then Jesus said unto them,verily,verily,I say unto you except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man,and drink His blood,ye have no life in you. 54 Whoso eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood,hath eternal life;and I w will raise him up at the last day.55 For my flesh is meat indeed,and my blood is drink indeed,56 He that eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me and I in him57 As the living Father hath sent me,and I live by the Father :So He that eateth me shall live by me .

These verses speaking of eating His flesh,and drinking His blood is evidently Spiritual eating and drinking.As we eat of the bread and drink of the cup,with our minds centered ,and meditating on the sacrifice Christ made for our sins,and for the sins of the whole world.Our minds and thoughts on the suffering,agony and death,bleeding and dieing for our sins.

1 Cor.10,16 The cup of blessing which we bless,is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread we break,is it not the communion of body of Christ?-17 For we being many, are one bread and one body:for we are all partakers of that one bread.

1 Cor.10,16 Diaglot Version--The cup of blessing for which we bless God.Is it not a Participation of the blood of the anointed one?--The Loaf which we break-Is it not a Participation of the Body of the anointed one?.

Phil.4,8 Finally brethren,whatsoever things are true,whatsoever things are honest,whatsoever things are just,whatsoever things are pure,whatsoever ever things are lovely,whatsoever things are of good report;if there be i any virtue,and if there be any praise,think on these things.

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