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season, and walk anew in true freedom!

The Season of Freedom

Every year the Passover season brings with it a sense of renewal and hope. It is our annual reminder of the power and sovereignty of God, His unending zeal for His people, and His uncompromising willingness and ability to save. Passover-time is known as the Season of Freedom because it commemorates an event in Israel's ancient history which God continues to repeat *spiritually* for all followers of His Son.

But even with the freedom that we now have through our Savior Yeshua, many believers in Messiah still struggle to walk daily in that freedom. It is, in fact, Mosheh (Moses)—Passover's first hero—who shows us how to be truly free.

By faith, מֹשֶׁה, Mosheh, having become great, refused to be called a son of the daughter of פַּרְעֹה, Par'oh [Pharaoh], having chosen rather to be afflicted *along* with the people of God, than to have sin's pleasure for a season, *and* having counted the disgrace of the Messiah greater wealth than the treasures of מִצְרַיִם, Mitz'rayim [Egypt]; for he looked to the payment of *the* reward. By faith he left מִצְרַיִם, Mitz'rayim behind, not having been afraid of the rage of the king. For, as seeing the Invisible One—he endured. By faith he kept the פֶּסַח, Pesach [Passover] and the sprinkling of the blood, so that He who was destroying the first-born might not touch them. (עֲבָרִים *Iv'riym* [Hebrews] 11:23-28, MJMT)



A New Identity

Mosheh, the deliverer of Israel, underwent an unprecedented transformation over the course of his story. Beginning at the height of his fame in Egypt, Mosheh did what few of us will ever have the courage to do, yet all of us *must* do in order to truly follow the Messiah: he left his old self behind. He threw off the identity and lifestyle he had had since birth, and he instead chose not only his new identity with his own Israelite people, but he chose their *affliction*. Rather than reveling in “sin's pleasure for a season,” Mosheh embarked on an exodus into his true sonship, taking the more difficult and painful path... on purpose.

Upon that altar, Mosheh laid down all the comforts and extravagances of Egypt, and picked up in their place “the disgrace of the Messiah.” Though the harsh reality of Mosheh's new circumstances was palpable, he nevertheless was able to peer into the distant future to see *by faith* the One like him (see De. 18:15) who would one day come again to Israel. And yet, seeing the suffering and slaughter

of the Messiah—the transcendent Passover Lamb—Mosheh nevertheless chose to share in Yeshua's disgrace, considering it “greater wealth than the treasures of מִצְרַיִם, Mitz'rayim; for he looked to the payment of *the* reward.”

Seeing the Invisible One

Though it would have been natural for Mosheh to be somewhat apprehensive about leaving behind the only home he had ever known, he nevertheless pressed on, “not having been afraid of the rage of the king.” A former way of life is a jealous pursuer, chasing after its loss with mad fury. But despite making himself the target of Pharaoh, Mosheh did not fear what was stalking him. Instead, *by faith*, he set his sights on the unveiled promises of a hidden future, “For, as seeing the Invisible One—he endured.”

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Update from Israel

I recently heard from our ministry friend Aviel, who shared about a man he met while sharing the Good News in Jerusalem. He wrote: “A man named Ariel [top photo] called to order a New Testament, and since he works in my area, I brought it to him in person. At our first meeting, he shared his story with me.

“Ariel was very talented in music and science ever since he was little. His parents decided to teach him to play the violin and make him a ‘star.’ Eventually it became hard work, and he began hating his parents. He told me that he felt as if he was spiritually in prison, although physically he was free. At the age of nine, he went abroad for the first time, and in his hotel room, he found a Bible. When he read the stories about Yeshua, he loved his character. He was touched by the fact that Yeshua died to set the slaves free. But when he came back to Israel, he forgot about the Bible.

“After growing up and moving away from his

parents, he fell into sin and drugs. Though he scored very well on his college placement test, he attempted to apply to college nine times, and continually failed the entrance exams. His frustration and the drugs led him into crimes, and he went to jail. There he remembered Yeshua. Ariel told me that when he prayed to Yeshua for help, he began seeing incredible changes in his life. After a miraculous blessing from the authorities, he was released from prison. Then, he asked Yeshua to help him find a college; he applied again, passed the exam, and received a very good job. These events moved him towards the faith, so he called us to order a New Testament. When I met him, I saw a man with eyes full of joy, and a heart that understands who Yeshua is. During our conversation, Ariel proclaimed that Yeshua is his Lord. Hallelujah!

“He still has many problems to deal with—many challenges and temptations are still in his life—but God strengthens him every day. After our meeting, we became good friends, and I am teaching him the basics of the faith. He began attending the same congregation as my family [pictured below], and my desire is to get Ariel ready to be immersed. Please pray for him!”



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Finally, having successfully escaped from Egypt and encountered God in the desert, Mosheh then did the unthinkable: he returned to the lair of his former self in order to free his people. And this is how it came to be that “by faith he kept the פסח, Pesach [Passover] and the sprinkling of the blood, so that He who was destroying the first-born might not touch them.”

Having never once seen God, yet witnessing the effects of His terrifying power, Israel finally obtained their freedom. By marking themselves with the blood of the lamb, God’s people were passed over by His death plague... delivered and redeemed.

My friend, the season of Passover is a special time of year when Jewish people all over the world will gather together with family and friends to remember the power and provision of the Invisible One—whether they actually believe in that power, or not. The purpose of MJMI is to help Jewish people believe fully in the One whom they cannot see, especially His Son, Yeshua, the Jewish people’s eternal and true Passover lamb. Your donation of **\$10, \$25, \$100 or more** will help us accomplish our mission and vision to see all Israel come to know their Messiah. You can use the en-

closed card and envelope, or visit www.mjmi.org to send your much-needed donation today. And if you aren’t already, please consider becoming a ministry partner, so that I will know we can count on your support each month.

As disciples of Messiah, our struggle to live in the truth of our freedom stems from our choices and perspectives. Like Mosheh, we must refuse to live in our old identity, and instead choose the hard yet righteous path. Like Mosheh, we can face even the most terrifying of circumstances when we look forward with faith to the reward we have been promised. It is time to open our eyes to the reality that only when we believe in things we cannot see will we ever truly find freedom in Messiah... for, as seeing the Invisible One—we will endure.

For the sake of the Messiah,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kevin".

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