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Parashat Metzora – מְצֹרָה

"leper"

**Torah portion:**

Leviticus 14:1 - 15:33

**Haftarah portion:**

2 Kings 7:3-20

**Brit Chadashah/New Testament portion:**

Matthew 8:1-17

We often read surrounding N.T. scripture because it is such a blessing to do so.

In 2015, 2017, 2018 and 2020, this is read along with Parashat Tazria - a double portion.

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**The Leper Messiah**

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**The concept of an "evil tongue" in the body of Messiah surfaces again this week.**

As Christians we need to be very careful that corrupt communication does not "come out" from us (Eph.4:29). It is not what goes into the belly that defiles us, but rather that which comes out of the heart via the mouth (Matt. 15:11). If necessary, our communication should include rebuking those not tolerating the healthy teaching (1 Tim.4:2-4).

**For balance**, what God says to do in order to avoid "handling" the unclean:

**2 Corinthians 6:14** YOU-be not becoming being-differently-yoked **to-unbelieving-(ones)**; for what sharing by-justice and by-lawlessness, or what participation by-light toward darkness?

Note this may also speak of **the lawlessness of those that do not trust in YHVH Jesus Messiah; i.e. those that are without the law of Messiah:**

**Romans 8:2** "For **the law of-the spirit of-the life in Messiah Jesus** made me free from **the law of the sin and of-the death.**"

Could likewise, the "evil tongue" ~ Lashon Hara ~ perhaps not be what it is often said to be?

v15 But what agreement of-Messiah toward Beliar, or what portion by-(one)-trusting with (an) unbelieving-(one)?

v16 But what placing-down-together by-(a)-sanctuary of-God with idols? For YOU yourselves-are (a) sanctuary of-(a)-living God; according-as the God said that I-shall-in dwell in them and I-shall-walk-around-among (them), and I-shall-be their God, and they themselves-shall-be my people.

v17 **On-this-account YOU-come-out out-of (the) midst of-them and YOU-be-severed**, Jehovah is-saying, and YOU-handle not of-(an)-unclean-thing;

Even in this isolation, note Jehovah's enduring lovingkindness - he will not leave you as an orphan:

cont. **2 Corinthians 6:18** And-**I myself-shall-receive YOU** in, and I-shall-be to-YOU with-reference-to (a) father, and YOU yourselves-shall-be to-me with-reference-to sons and daughters, **Jehovah Almighty is-saying.**

This "coming out from" and "severance from" would seemingly include those that do not distinguish the body of Messiah in the Passover meal's unleavened bread, but rather keep "communion" with leavened bread.

Communion/Eucharist is Satan's lie. See [Apologetics 1](#), by Ralph Mount.

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Christians must come out of the lawlessness of the world. **There is also a lawlessness in Rabbinical Judaism (they are without law of Messiah) that Christians must stay out of.** In both cases this requires **righteous judgment** on the part of the Christian.

See: [http://www.cotopaxi-colorado.com/Torah-Torah.htm#Dont\\_Judge](http://www.cotopaxi-colorado.com/Torah-Torah.htm#Dont_Judge)

See also : Is It Right To Judge? <http://www.the-highway.com/judgment.html>

There is no "evil tongue" involved regarding any witnessing or rebuking that comes out of the truthful discernment of the Holy and the profane. Truthful speaking is key here. You must know the truth to speak it.

The scriptures repeatedly tell Christians to be kind – primarily to other Christians (Eph.4:32; Rom. 14:19; Col. 3:9). **There is an unkindness involved in NOT speaking the truth,** and perhaps this is the real "lashon hara".

.. this life in Messiah is often a lonely business.

Solace is found: "study to show yourself approved unto God" (2 Tim. 2:15). For trust comes by hearing, and hearing through the Word of God (Rom.10:17). Note the "quiet life" Jesus prescribes for the healed leper:

**Matthew 8:4** And the Jesus is-saying to-him, **You-be-seeing you-might-say to-no-one; BUT you-be-withdrawing,** you-point-out yourself to-the priest, and you-offer the gift which Moses prescribed with-reference-to (a) witness to-them.

Jesus sent the man to the priest because this was before the death of the testator of the New Testament/Will. This is Jesus fulfilling the law, but also as witness to the priest that Jesus had healed the man's leprosy.

But now, Jesus is our High Priest...

More for balancing the false "lashon hara" with the truth:

**2 Thessalonians 1:5** (A) demonstrator of-the just judgement of-the God, with-reference-to YOU to-be-deemed-worthy of-the kingdom of-the God, in-behalf-of which YOU-are also suffering, v6 If-altogether (it-is) (a) just-thing beside God to-repay tribulation to-the (ones) oppressing YOU

v7 And **relaxation** with us to-YOU the (ones) being oppressed, **in the uncovering of-the Lord Jesus** from heaven with messengers of-his power

v8 In fire of-flame, giving an-avenging **to-the (ones) not knowing God absolutely** and **to-the (ones) not obeying the good-news of-our Lord Jesus,**

v9 They-who will-pay that-which-is-just, eternal ruination from face-of-the Lord and from the glory namely-of-his strength,  
v10 At-the-time-that he-might-come to-be-glorified in his holy-ones and to-be-marvelled in all the (ones) having-trusted, because our testimony over YOU was-trusted, in that day.

Those that do not obey the Gospel of Jesus do not know God absolutely. Note "eternal ruination" is not a "refinement" but a punishment that ends in being exiled from the face of the Lord. Again, even in that, consider YHVH's lovingkindness: Now, at this time, those under the altar (Rev.6:9) are not "in sight of the throne" (Rev.7:14). But note these also are banished "from the glory"...but only until "all Israel is saved" (Rom. 11:26).

See also: [http://www.cotopaxi-colorado.com/Torah-Torah.htm#Redemption\\_back\\_NT\\_cuts\\_both\\_ways](http://www.cotopaxi-colorado.com/Torah-Torah.htm#Redemption_back_NT_cuts_both_ways)

Jesus mentions banishment to an outer darkness just after finding trust in a gentile (of all places):

**Matthew 8:11** But I-am-saying to-YOU, that many will-be-present from risings and settings, and they-will-be-reclined-again with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom-of-the heavens;

v12 But the sons-of-the-kingdom will-be-cast-out into the darkness namely-the outer: the weeping and the gnashing-of-the-teeth will-be there.

Even in this severity, there is hope:

Psa 18:11 (ASV) He made darkness (חֹשֶׁךְ choshek) his hiding-place, his pavilion round about him, Darkness (חַשְׁכָּה chashekah) of waters, thick clouds of the skies.

"outer darkness" is not the same as "hell"

As believers are changed "imperishable" at the last trump (1Cor.15:52), that rod of iron that Yeshua rules with is not for us...we won't sin....but provides hope yet still to others during His millennial reign.

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**Some are saying that Jesus could not have kept the Passover on one day and been the Passover sacrifice on the next day.**

Some say this is impossible.

Jesus said he kept the Passover, Luke 22.

Yet he was crucified on and as Passover. 1 Corinthians 5:7

That's a miracle.

**Jesus touched and cured this leper. That's the Greater Miracle here.**

**Matthew 8:17** In-which-case the-(thing) having-been-said through Isaiah the prophet might-be-fulfilled, saying, He himself-took the weaknesses-of-us, and he-bore the diseases.

### **Brit Chadashah/New Testament portion:**

**Matthew 8:1** But (as) he (was) having-descended from the mountain, many crowds followed with-him.

v2 And behold, a leper having-come was worshipping to-him, saying, Lord, if you-might-be-willing, you-are-being-able to-cleanse me.

v3 And having-stretched-out the hand the Jesus handled of-him, saying, I-am-willing, you-be-cleansed. And immediately his leprosy was-cleansed.

v4 And the Jesus is-saying to-him, You-be-seeing you-might-say to-no-one; BUT you-be-withdrawing, you-point-out yourself to-the priest, and you-offer the gift which Moses prescribed with-reference-to (a) witness to-them.

v5 But (as) the Jesus (was) having-come-in into Capernaum, (a) hundred-ruler (a Gentile) came-near to-him, entreating him

v6 And saying, Lord, my male-servant has-been-and-is-still-cast in the house paralytic, being terribly tormented.

v7 And the Jesus is-saying to-him, I myself having-come shall-heal him.

v8 And the hundred-ruler having-answered was-stating, Lord, I-am not adequate in-order-that you-might-come-in under my roof, BUT you only say (a) word and my male-servant will-be-cured.

v9 For I myself-am also (a) MAN under authority, having soldiers under myself: and I-am-saying to-this-(one), You-proceed, and he-is-proceeding; and to-another, You-be-coming, and he-is-coming; and to my slave, You-do this, and he-is-doing.

v10 But the Jesus having-heard **he-marvelled, and he-said** to-the (ones) following, Amen I-am-saying to-YOU, neither among the Israeli I-found this-much trust.

**Matthew 8:11** But I-am-saying to-YOU, that many will-be-present from risings and settings, and they-will-be-reclined-again with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of-the heavens;

**v12** But the sons of-the kingdom will-be-cast-out into the darkness namely-the outer: the weeping and the gnashing of-the teeth will-be there.

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## **Pesach Sheni**

If Jesus didn't keep the first Passover, why didn't he keep Pesach **Sheni?**

**Shema:** There are some 2000 Haggadahs. The order\* varies.

**Luke 22:1** But the feast of-the unleavened-breads was-drawing-near, namely-the-(one) being-called pass-over.

**Note:** Passover was already equated with the feast of unleavened Bread.

Luke 22:2 And the chief-priests and the scribes were-seeking the how they-might-carry him off, for they-themselves-were-fearing the people.

v3 But the Satan went-in into Judas the-(one) being-nicknamed Iscariot, being out-of the number of-the twelve.

**This is the 1st time Satan enters Judas.** Note this is -possibly? - not at Passover or the "Early Supper" but two days before Passover (Matt.26:2; Jn.13:1-2). This is in regards to agreeing on the amount of silver coin to give over Yeshua for (Matt.26:14,15) and note the future sense of vs16, of looking for a time to give over Yeshua...then a foot washing, *which was not typically a part of Passover*. Note also that **Jesus cleansed Judas** (Jn.13:12). **Later, Satan enters Judas again @Jn.13:27** which *may* have been at the Passover Seder.)

It seems to me that John ch13 may command/dictate (that we see) both a supper two days before Passover **and** also the supper of the "Last Passover". It seems to mostly speak to the latter...

v4 And having-gone-away he-spoke-together with-the chief-priests and the commanders the how he-might-give **him over** to-them.

v5 And they-rejoiced, and they-put-themselves-together to-give to-him **silver-coin**.

v6 And he-acknowledged, and he-was-seeking (a) good-season to-give **him over** to-them minus (a) crowd.

v7 But **the day of the unleavened-breads came in** which it-was-essential the passover to-be-being-sacrificed.

Note the first Passover was never kept again in the same manner. Also, note that the first Passover was "outside" the law, as the law had not yet (at that time) been given at Sinai. There was no Levitical priesthood at the first Passover *in Egypt*. By the time of Christ, Passover and the Feast of Unleavened breads had been combined - see vs1 above. Note **Mk.14:12**: "And on the first day of the unleavened breads, when they are sacrificing the passover..."

**Also note that Yeshua had already stopped the Levitical priesthood service:**

**Mark 11:16** "And he-was not letting-be in-order-that any-one might-bring-through (an) article through the temple."

**Yeshua could do this because He is YHVH.**

v8 And he-dispatched Peter and John, saying, Having-proceeded **YOU-prepare for-us the passover, in-order-that we-might-eat**. (i.e. the Passover meal)

**Hebrews 6:17** In which the God purposing to-show more-exceedingly to-the heirs of-the promise **the unchangeableness of his purpose** he-mediated by (an) oath.

Note: **the unchangeableness of his purpose** - The Law (Sinai) was ADDED because of transgression. His purpose (perhaps seen as his "steadfastness" - "by him all things consist" Col.1:17) remains unchanged.

**Galatians 3:19** Therefore what (is) the law? **It-was added for-sake-of the transgressions, until the seed might-come** to-whom it-has-been-and-still-is-promised, having-been-ordered through messengers, in hand of-a-mediator.

**Hebrews 10:6** You-thought not well (of) total-burnt-offerings **even concerning sin**.

v7 Then I-said: **Behold I-am-present**, (the seed came!) in (the) heading of-(a)-little-book it-has-been-written-and-is-still-written concerning me, to-do, the God, **your will**.

v8 More-above saying that **sacrifice and offering and total-burnt-offerings even concerning sin you-willed not**, nor you-thought-well (of), they-which are-being-offered according-to the law,

v9 Then he-has-said-and-is-still-saying: Behold I-am-present to-do, the God, **your will**. He-is-carrying-off the first in-order-that the **second** might-stand;  
v10 In which **will** we-are having-been-made-holy-and-are-still-holy through the offering all-at-once of-**the body** of-the Messiah Jesus.

cont. **Heb. 6:18** In-order-that through two **unchangeable things** (the oath and the promise), in which (it-is) impossible (for) God to-lie, we-might-be-having strong **comfort**, the (ones) having-fled-for-refuge to-retain of-the hope lying-before (us);  
v19 Which (hope) we-are-having as (an) anchor of-the soul both sure and firm and **going-in into the inner (side) of-the veil, (Wow!)**  
v20 Where-in-which (a) forerunner went-in in-behalf-of us, Jesus, having-become (a) chief-priest according-to the arrangement of-Melchisedec with-reference-to the age.

**John 10:30** I and the Father are one.

IN OTHER WORDS: **YHVH Yeshua said he was going to eat this Passover. YHVH cannot lie.**

**“SHEMA!”**

**Mark 9:7** And (there)-came-to-be (a) cloud overshadowing them; and (a) voice came out-of the cloud, saying,

**This is my son the (one) cherished: YOU-BE-HEARING HIM.**

Cont. **Luke 22:9** But the-(ones) said to-him, Where are-you-willing we-might-prepare?

v10 But the-(one) said to-them, Behold, (as) YOU (are) having-gone-in into the city (a) MAN will-meet-together with-YOU bearing (a) vessel-of-pottery of-water; YOU-follow with-him into the house of-which he-is-proceeding-in;

v11 And YOU-will-say to-the despot-of-the-household of-the house, the teacher is-saying to-you, Where is the guest-chamber **where-in-which I-might-eat the passover** with my disciples?

v12 And-that-(one) will-point to-YOU (a) great upper-floor having-been-and-still-spread: there YOU-prepare.

**\*SHULCHAN ORECH - THE TABLE PREPARED**

v13 But having-gone-away they-found according-as he-had-said to-them; and **they-prepared the passover.**

**\*NEROT Matt.26:26 "evening was having come to pass"**

v14 And when the hour came-to-pass he-fell-back, and the twelve apostles together-with him.

Note Matt.26:26 "As they were eating" – i.e. the passover meal.

v15 And he-said to-them, I-desired with-desire to-eat **this passover** with YOU before (I am) to-suffer.

v16 For I-am-saying to-YOU, **that by-no-means might-I-eat any-more out-of it till of-one-which it-might-be-fulfilled in the kingdom of-the God.**

**\*KADESH**

**\*YAHCHATZ - "DIVIDE" -and/or divide ONE DROP PER 10 PLAGUES**

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v17 And having-received (a) cup, having-given-thanks he-said, YOU-take this, and YOU-divide for-yourselves.

v18 For I-am-saying to-YOU, that by-no-means might-I-drink from the product-of-the vine till of-one-which the kingdom-of-the God might-come.

A couple of things are often overlooked here:

**BRIEFLY:** 1. **Jesus, on the cross on Passover, drinks wine** (John 19:30) - note that he just said he wouldn't drink until future kingdom, therefore we know that at the Passover seder when instituting the New Covenant remembrance meal he wasn't referencing just any time you tasted wine (e.g. a modern derivative of the Roman Catholic communion service), but rather the Passover cup (which came after a full meal).

2. Jesus on the cross on Passover, took on OUR sin. We, being dead to sin defiled him, because he "touched us lepers", so - by law - he could not "observe" Passover. BUT according to **Mosaic law** he would have been able to 30 days later, at **Pesach Sheni** (Num. 9:6-14). Jesus could have partook of this second Passover as he was resurrected and seen for some 40 days, yet he did not, because he had no need as his standing-again/resurrection by the Father evidenced that Jesus had already fulfilled/completed/ended the law, the veil was rent, there was no more sacrifice. Of course, as Jesus was sinless, the wonderful reason that he first died was that he first loved us out of OUR need.

**That he did not keep the second (30 day late) Passover Sheni proves that the law had ended...**

**Yeshua is not under the Sinai/Mosaic law. As members of his body (Eph.5:30; 1Cor.6:15), neither are believers.**

Praise Yah!

**Num 9:6-14 ASV** - 6 And there were certain men, who were unclean by reason of the dead body of a man, so that they could not keep the passover on that day: and they came before Moses and before Aaron on that day: 7 and those men said unto him, We are unclean by reason of the dead body of a man: wherefore are we kept back, that we may not offer the oblation of Jehovah in its appointed season among the children of Israel? 8 And Moses said unto them, Stay ye, that I may hear what Jehovah will command concerning you. 9 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 10 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, If any man of you or of your generations shall be unclean by reason of a dead body, or be on a journey afar off, yet he shall keep the passover unto Jehovah. 11 In **the second** [יָשָׁנָה] month on the fourteenth day at even they shall keep it; they shall eat it with unleavened bread and bitter herbs: 12 they shall leave none of it unto the morning, nor break a bone thereof: according to all the statute of the passover they shall keep it. 13 But the man that is clean, and is not on a journey, and forbearth to keep the passover, that soul shall be cut off from his people; because he offered not the oblation of Jehovah in its appointed season, that man shall bear his sin. 14 And if a stranger shall sojourn among you, and will keep the passover unto Jehovah; according to the statute of the passover, and according to the ordinance thereof, so shall he do: ye shall have one statute, both for the sojourner, and for him that is born in the land.

**\*TZAFUN - THE HIDDEN ECHAD "I AND THE FATHER ARE ONE" -JN.10:30**

**\*AFIKOMEN - KORBAN PESACH- HIS BODY**



Cont. **Luke 22:19** And having-taken bread, having-given-thanks he-broke-in-pieces, and he-gave to-them, saying, This is my body, the-(one) being-given in-behalf-of YOU: YOU-be-doing this with-reference-to my remembrance.

### **\*3rd Cup after the meal**

v20 And in-the-same-way the cup after to-partake-supper, saying, **This** cup (is) the new-quality covenant in my blood, the-(one) being-poured-out in-behalf-of YOU.

### **MAROR - BITTER HERBS**

v21 Further, behold, the hand of-the-(one) giving me over (is) with me on the table;

It appears that Judas is still there, after the third cup, and that he **drank of this cup. Jesus said: "He's with me."**

**Luke 22:28** But \*YOU yourselves-are the-(ones) having-remained-and-still-remaining-continuously with me in my trials. (\*the twelve apostles)

v29 And I myself-am-covenanting to-YOU (a) kingdom, according-as my Father himself-covenanted to-me,

v30 In-order-that YOU-might-be-eating and YOU-might-be-drinking on my table in my kingdom, and YOU-might-yourself-be-seated on thrones judging the twelve tribes of the Israeli.

**YHVH YESHUA said this to Judas and YHVH YESHUA cannot lie.**

Judas shall judge.

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Endnotes: The Kingdom is to be restored to the Israeli. This may be a restoration of the initial Sinai Covenant between God and Israel.

The New Testament scriptures speak of a restoration of the echad of God and Man (Eph.ch 5).

The Mosaic Covenant's Tabernacle and Levitical priesthood was shadow PATTERNED from real substance in Heaven.

Thus, all during the Mosaic Tabernacle/Levitical priesthood, there existed the substantial Heavenly Tabernacle and Priesthood.

So then we see two kingdoms...

It seems the "Kingdom of God" will be on earth, and the "Kingdom of Heaven" is in heaven, at least up to this day, and possibly until New Jerusalem descends to earth.

more on [Pesach Sheni](#)

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