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Dear Canadian Partner in Ministry,

Shalom in Jesus our Messiah! This month, Judaism and Christianity will each celebrate one of the most important events of our respective faiths.

For Jewish people, *Passover* commemorates the story of God's miraculous salvation and redemption from over 400 hundred years of slavery in Egypt. Led by Moses, the people of Israel left the land where they had lived for centuries, to go to the land God had promised them, a place of freedom and abundance, and of milk and honey.

The Lord sent ten terrible plagues to convince Pharaoh that He was serious about His plan. The last of the plagues was the death of the firstborn among the children and livestock of every Egyptian household.

But He established a way for every Hebrew to be delivered from this terrible plague. They had to sacrifice a perfect and defect-free lamb and put some of its blood on the lintel and doorposts of their houses. When the angel of death passed over Egypt at midnight, the firstborn in the homes with the sign of the blood were saved from death.

God kept His promise of salvation. Pharaoh let the Israelites go free and Moses led them through the

wilderness into the Promised Land. Now that's reason to celebrate!

Christians, on the other hand, focus at this time on Jesus' suffering, death, burial and resurrection. It is important to remember that this is the original meaning of *Easter*, not

> bunnies, egg hunts and chocolates - as much as you might enjoy them!

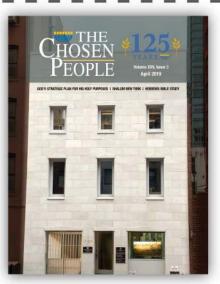
Through His pain and suffering, our Messiah fulfilled God's Old Testament promises and prophecies which foretold that His Servant would die to pay for the sins of all people, Jews and Gentiles alike. The blood Jesus willingly shed on the cross of Calvary, when applied to our lives through faith, forgives our sins and cleanses us from all unrighteousness. Even more, those who trust in His sacrifice and embrace Him as Saviour and Lord also receive the gift of eternal life with Him. This is definitely a reason to celebrate!

Are you seeing the connection between Passover and Easter? Do you think this is a coincidence? Of course not! This was God's plan all along, even from eternity.

In Passover, the Lord was not just establishing a yearly celebration in order that Israel would remember God's great deliverance and salvation from their slavery in Egypt. He was also giving them a preview of what His Son, Jesus the Messiah, would experience many centuries later to deliver and save the whole world from our slavery to sin!

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Just as a perfect lamb had to be sacrificed to save the Israelites from death, the Perfect Lamb of God – Jesus – was sacrificed to save us all from eternal punishment and separation from God. **Just as** the blood of the Passover lamb on the doorposts and lintels of the houses saved the Israelites on that first Passover night, so the blood that Yeshua – Jesus – shed on the cross, when applied to our hearts, cleanses us from our sins. And just as the Israelites left slavery behind and began a life of freedom, all believers in Jesus experience a new birth, leaving the old life of sin behind to start a new life of freedom in Christ!

This is God's great love story! This is His eternal plan of salvation as revealed throughout Scripture, in the Old as well as in the New Testaments. And salvation is available to people from all nations, cultures, languages and races.

Messiah in the Passover

These and other truths are explained in what we call Messiah in the Passover celebrations, banquets and demonstrations. Our missionary staff will be leading many presentations in churches across Canada. If you want to be blessed by this experience and/or help a Jewish friend be blessed as well, check the Event Calendar on our website at chosenpeople.ca for a Messiah in the Passover near you. Or call our office to discover one you can attend.

This is a great time of the year to share the Gospel with your Jewish friends. We have several resources to help you in your efforts. One designed especially for this season is called <u>The Gospel in the Passover</u>; it explains exactly what its title says, including practical ways to celebrate Passover at home and some delicious recipes. Our most popular book Isaiah 53 Explained shows the connection

between this Old Testament chapter and the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. You can order these resources online. by phone or mail.

Toronto Messianic Centre

Have you been praying, giving and waiting to see the second floor of the Toronto Messianic Centre completed? We have great news. The project should be completed in the first few weeks of May!

By God's grace, power and faithfulness this dream is almost a reality. We thank you, our Partner, for your faithfulness through the years and your continued support of this project. This new floor will provide a unique place for Jewish ministry and evangelism in the Greater Toronto Area as has never before been available.

We are planning a **Dedication Service** at the Centre for the afternoon of Sunday, August 11. We will be sharing more in the coming months, but for now please reserve this date. We'd love you to come and celebrate this momentous occasion with us.

Have a wonderful season celebrating Passover and Resurrection Day as you remember God's great love story!

Until all Israel is saved,



Jorge Sedaca **Executive Director**



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