

Passover: God's love letter to slaves of sin

Passover: I will make a distinction

Exodus 11:4-7

Ezekiel 16:1-5

Romans 3:21-26

- There is no distinction between sinners until God makes a distinction, and He has done so on behalf of those who put faith in Christ.

Romans 5:8-11

Ephesians 2:11-19

- There is no longer a distinction between Jew and Gentile, but between faith and unbelief.

Passover: I will begin a new relationship with you

Exodus 12:1-2

Hebrews 8:8-13, 9:11-14

- New covenant, with Christ's work as its basis, to cleanse us and make us fit for righteousness

Hebrews 2:9-15

- Christ's humanity is the basis for His taking of our sins upon Himself, and for His life of righteousness to be imputed to (and ignited in) us.

Passover: I will free you from slavery to sin so that you can live a new life in righteousness

Exodus 3:7-10, 12:14-17

- Rescue from slavery, Feast of Unleavened Bread

Romans 6:1-12

- Christians are 'baptized' into Christ's death, so they become 'dead' to sin's commands

1 Corinthians 5:6-8

- Leaven is a symbolic representation of sin; Christ our Passover has been slain, therefore, we are to put off the sin of our former life.

Passover: I will be enough for you

Exodus 12:3-10

- Thanksgiving leftovers
 - Turkey sandwiches
 - Turkey soup
 - Turkey pot pie
- There is no such thing as Passover leftovers
 - Enough food was provided for each person, but by morning, it was too late to eat.

2 Corinthians 6:1-2 – Now is the time to be saved, not later

Hebrews 3:12-4:2, 7-11

- David (quoted from Psalms) and Hebrews:
 - There is a new Passover going on
 - Like the old Passover:
 - You must eat it for yourself
 - You must eat it while the opportunity remains

Hebrews 2:15-18 – The sufficiency of Christ

1 Timothy 1:12-16 – Even the worst sinner can be saved

Romans 3:21-23 – All have sinned; all need a savior

Passover: I will protect you from judgement by covering you with myself

Exodus 12:11-13, 21-27

- Passover vs. ‘pass over’ – Hebrew words
- Isaiah 31:4-6 – Two examples of animal protective behavior
 - Ferocity: a lion defending his prey
 - Pictures and descriptions of feline aggressive posture
 - Picture of a coyote defending his kill
 - Tender shielding: an eagle defending its nest with its wings
 - Picture of a Golden Eagle defending its nest
 - Example from Jesus’ words: a hen gathering her chicks beneath her wings

Philippians 3:9

- Righteousness comes from God on the basis of faith

Isaiah 61:10

- Clothed with righteousness and salvation

Passover: I will make you mine

Exodus 13:1-2

Ezekiel 16:6-8

- ...because I love you
 - Love is a choice
 - It is what we need
 - Revelation 5:1-10

Malachi 3:16-18

- “They will be mine”

Passover is God’s expression of love to us: it is His declaration of His plan to rescue slaves to sin, and give them a new life of righteousness. It is the gospel of Jesus Christ.

- **‘I will make a distinction.’**
- **‘I will begin a new relationship with you.’**
- **‘I will free you from slavery to sin so that you can live a new life in righteousness.’**
- **‘I will be sufficient for your needs.’**
- **‘I will protect you from judgement by covering you with myself.’**
- **‘I will make you mine.’**

There does seem to be the idea of "skipping", "hopping", or "oscillating" conveyed by H6452, but there is also the idea of a protective "covering", as in Isaiah 31:5:

Look at a comparison of the different translations of this verse:

Young's Literal Translation:

As birds flying, so doth Jehovah of Hosts Cover over Jerusalem, covering and delivering, Passing over, and causing to escape.'

Darby:

As birds with outstretched wings, so will Jehovah of hosts cover Jerusalem; covering, he will also deliver, passing over, he will rescue [it].

NIV:

Like birds hovering overhead,
the LORD Almighty will shield Jerusalem;
he will shield it and deliver it,
he will 'pass over' it and will rescue it."

NASB:

Like flying birds so the LORD of hosts will protect Jerusalem
He will protect and deliver it;
He will pass over and rescue it.

ESV:

Like birds hovering, so the LORD of hosts
will protect Jerusalem;
he will protect and deliver it;
he will spare and rescue it.

Also along the same lines (concept-wise):

Deut 32:10-11:

Like an eagle that stirs up its nest,
That hovers over its young,
He spread His wings and caught them,
He carried them on His pinions.

Psalm 57:1

Be gracious to me, O God, be gracious to me,
For my soul takes refuge in You;
And in the shadow of Your wings I will take refuge
Until destruction passes by.

Isaiah 51:16:

I have put My words in your mouth and have covered you with the shadow of My hand,
to establish the heavens, to found the earth, and to say to Zion, 'You are My people.'

Exodus 33:22

and it will come about, while My glory is passing by, that I will put you in the cleft of the
rock and cover you with My hand until I have passed by

Exodus 19:4

You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles'
wings, and brought you to Myself.

Luke 13:34 (Matthew 23:37)

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those sent to her! How
often I wanted to gather your children together, just as a hen gathers her brood under her
wings, and you would not have it!"

(NASB)