

Pesach Procedures at Our Table

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Qorintyah Alef- First Corinthians chapter 11

18 For first of all, when you come together in the Yisraelite congregation, I hear that there are divisions among you; and I partly believe it.

19 For there must be controversies and also heresies among you, that those who are approved may be made manifest among you. ¹

20 When you come together therefore into one place as Yisrael, do not eat and drink inappropriately on the day of Shabbat, the day of our Master. ²

21 For in eating every one takes his own meal first: and one is hungry, and another is drunk.

22 What's going on? Don't you have houses to eat and to drink in? Or, do you despise the Yisraelite congregation of יהוה, and shame those that have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I give tehilla to you for this? I will not give you tehilla.

23 For I have received from יהוה that which also I delivered to you, that the Master יהושע the same night in which He was betrayed took whole wheat unleavened lechem:

24 And when He had said the bracha, He broke it, and said, Take, eat: this is My body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of Me.

25 After the same manner also He took the kiddush cup, after He had eaten, saying, This cup of geulah is the Brit Chadasha in My dahm: this do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

26 For as often as you eat this whole wheat unleavened lechem, and drink this cup, you do show יהושע's death until He returns. ³

27 Therefore whosoever shall eat this whole wheat unleavened lechem, and drink this cup of the Master יהוה, unworthily, ⁴ shall be guilty of the body and dahm of the Master יהוה.

28 But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that whole wheat unleavened lechem, and drink of that cup.

29 For he that eats and drinks unworthily, eats and drinks damnation to himself, not discerning the body of the Master יהוה. ⁵

30 For this reason many are weak and sickly among you, and many are dead. ⁶

31 For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged.

32 But when we are judged, we are disciplined by יהוה, that we should not be condemned with the olam hazeh.

33 Therefore, my Yisraelite brothers, when you come together to eat, wait one for the other.

34 And if any man is hungry, let him eat at home; so that when you come together it is not for condemnation. And the rest of the Pesach procedures I will set in order when I come.

¹ Therefore believers are responsible for making sure that heresy is not being taught and thereby true teachers will be recognized as those approved by the word.

² The Aramaic states "the day of our Lord," rather than the Greek "Lord's Supper," which does not fit the context, since gorging in food and drink is impossible with the tiny sacraments used in the so-called "Lord's Supper" practiced by the Christian movement. Yahshua told His followers that the "day of our Master" was Shabbat, according to Matthew 12:8. So Paul goes on to remind Yisrael that Shabbat conduct, should match the orderly conduct of a Passover meal, as he outlines just a few verses later in verse 23, which is a Passover seder, or an orderly service of gathering.

³ "As often as you do this" means that when the proper time rolls around annually on the 14th of Aviv between the evenings, that is to say 3-6 PM, then do it in remembrance of Me. This does not mean that a believing congregation is to do this as often as they feel like it. Rather they are to do it by submitting to the times and frequencies that Yahshua did, since after all, we are remembering what He did, not what the church council, or the elder board commands us to do. Communion is taken once a year during Passover, not as an event divorced from Passover.

⁴ Is later defined in verse 29 as not discerning His broken body for our sins, and the great eternal consequences associated with that, as well as not discerning the unity and love required in the body of Yisrael before this meal can ever be shared.

⁵ See the note on 1st Corinthians 11:27.

⁶ There cannot be unforgiveness and divisions in the camp during this solemn time. Many had already found that out the hard way.