

~ **Prayer for Israel** ~

Nebraska House of Prayer

April 4, 2009

9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

~ **Prayer Focus: Passover** ~

The Miraculous Transition from Slavery to Freedom, From Despair to Hope; From Darkness to Light

(Exodus 12:1-42; Matthew 26:2-19; Mark 15:1-16; Luke 22:1-15; John 2:13-23, 18:28-39)

In 2009, the Jewish Pesach (Passover) begins at sundown on Wednesday April 8th, with a Seder (order of service and meal in the home) commemorating God sparing the Israelites from death and is followed by the seven day Feast of the Unleavened Bread commemorating the Exodus from Egypt and the liberation of the Israelites from slavery. It ends at nightfall on Thursday April 16th in the Diaspora (outside Israel) and Wednesday April 15th in Israel. Every Passover, Jews are commanded to tell the Passover story. The most stringent obligation of Pesach is the prohibition of leavened foods from any food source, i.e., cereal, baked goods, etc. Unleavened bread (matza or matzo) is eaten for 7 days in remembrance of the slavery and hurried exodus. *Exodus 12:15*

(Note: April 5th, Palm Sunday; April 9th, Maundy Thursday; April 10th, Good Friday; April 12th, Resurrection Sunday)

1. Pray for the Jewish People to remember their God, from where they come, and what He has done for them.

Genesis 17:7-8 *“I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you. The whole land of Canaan where you are now an alien, I will give as an everlasting possession to you and your descendants after you; and I will be their God.”* **2 Sam 22:32** *For who is God besides the LORD? And who is the Rock except our God?*

Deuteronomy 26:8 *So the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great terror and with miraculous signs and wonders.*

1 Kings 18:24; 36-39 *And it came to pass, at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near and said, “LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that You are God in Israel and I am Your servant, and that I have done all these things at Your word. Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that You are the LORD God, and that You have turned their hearts back to You again.” Then the fire of the LORD fell and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood and the stones and the dust, and it licked up the water that was in the trench. Now when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces; and they said, “The LORD, He is God! The LORD, He is God!”*

Psalms 86:15 *But You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abundant in loving kindness and truth.* **Psalms 100:3** *Know that the LORD Himself is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.* **Ezekiel 34:11-15** *For this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will search for my sheep and look after them. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness. I will bring them out from the nations and gather them from the countries, and I will bring them into their own land. I will pasture them on the mountains of Israel, in the ravines and in all the settlements in the land. I myself will tend my sheep and have them lie down, declares the Sovereign LORD.*

Psalms 105:1 *Give thanks to the Lord, call on His name; make known among the nations what He has done.* **4-8** *Look to the Lord and His strength; seek His face always. Remember the wonders he has done, His miracles, and the judgments He pronounced...He remembers His covenant forever, the word He commanded, for a thousand generations.*

Psalms 40:5 *O Lord, you have done many miracles for us. Your plans for us are too numerous to list. If I tried to recite all your wonderful deeds, I would never come to the end of them.*

Deuteronomy 11:18-21 *Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates, so that your days and the days of your children may be many in the land that the LORD swore to give your forefathers, as many as the days that the heavens are above the earth.*

Neh 9:6 *You alone are the LORD. You made the heavens, even the highest heavens, and all their starry host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them. You give life to everything, and the multitudes of heaven worship you.*

Isaiah 43: 10 *“But you are my witnesses, O Israel!” says the LORD. “You are my servant. You have been chosen to know me, believe in me, and understand that I alone am God. There is no other God - there never has been, and there never will be.*

Hos 13:4 *“Yet I am the LORD your God ever since the land of Egypt, and you shall know no God but Me; for there is no savior besides Me.*

2. Pray for the Jewish people at Passover for eyes to be opened; that the Lamb of God would be revealed to Israel

(It was in this celebration of Passover that Jesus revealed to His friends the mystery of God's redemption) Luke 22:15

Exodus 6:6-7 *Therefore say to the children of Israel: 'I am the LORD; I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, I will rescue you from their bondage, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments. I will take you as My people, and I will be your God. Then you shall know that I am the LORD your God who brings you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.*

Exodus 12:12 *"On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn—both men and animals—and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD.*

Exodus 12:13 *When I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you... 14 So this day shall be to you a memorial; and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD throughout your generations. You shall keep it as a feast by an everlasting ordinance.*

Leviticus 7:11 *For the life of a creature is in the blood, and I have given it to you to make atonement for yourselves on the altar; it is the blood that makes atonement for one's life.*

Deut 7:7-8 *The LORD did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any other people, for you were the least of all peoples; but because the LORD loves you, and because He would keep the oath which He swore to your fathers, the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you from the house of bondage, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.*

Ezekiel 36:24-29 *"For I will take you from among the nations, gather you out of all countries, and bring you into your own land. Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them. Then you shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; you shall be My people, and I will be your God. I will deliver you from all your uncleannesses. I will call for the grain and multiply it, and bring no famine upon you.*

Isaiah 43:3, 10-11 *For I am the LORD thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Savior:*

Isaiah 45:5-6 *I am the LORD, and there is no other; apart from me there is no God. I will strengthen you, though you have not acknowledged me, so that from the rising of the sun to the place of its setting men may know there is none besides me. I am the LORD, and there is no other.*

Isaiah 53:5 *But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. 1-12 Because He poured out Himself to death, And was numbered with the transgressors; Yet He Himself bore the sin of many, And interceded for the transgressors.*

Jer 31:31-34 *"Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more."*

Zechariah 9:9 *Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, Lowly and riding on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.*

Zechariah 12:10 *'And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn' "*

Romans 11:26-27 *"And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: 'The Deliverer will come out of Zion, and He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob; for this is My covenant with them, when I take away their sins' "*

John 1:29 *The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!*

John 13:5 *One of the last earthly acts of Jesus...After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.*

Luke 22:19 *"And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me."*

Acts 26:18 *To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me. (Paul)*

Hosea 6 *"Come let us return to the Lord"*

Hebrews 11:1 - 40 *Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.*

Matthew 11:28 *Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.*

3. Strengthen the Messianic Believer's in Israel and throughout the world; and for the church to stand with Israel; and for an understanding of God's appointed Feasts among all believers in Messiah

Psalm 24:3-4 *Who may ascend the hill of the LORD? Who may stand in his holy place? Those with clean hands and pure hearts... Let us put far from us the leaven of sin hidden within our hearts*

Isaiah 42:6 *"I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles.*

Hebrews 9:12 *But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things to come, He entered through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation; and not through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood, He entered the holy place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.*

Romans 11:11 *Again I ask: Did they stumble so as to fall beyond recovery? Not at all! Rather, because of their transgression, salvation has come to the Gentiles to make Israel envious. **15** For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead? **25** I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers, so that you may not be conceited: Israel has experienced a hardening in part until the full number of the Gentiles has come in.*

Romans 11:18, 20 b, 29 *"Do not boast over those branches. If you do consider this: You do not support the root, but the root supports you. Do not be arrogant, but be afraid. God's gifts and His call are irrevocable."*

1 Corinthians 5:6-8 *Your boasting is not good. Don't you know that a little yeast works through the whole batch of dough? Get rid of the old yeast that you may be a new batch without yeast—as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. Therefore let us keep the Festival, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and wickedness, but with bread without yeast, the bread of sincerity and truth.*

1 Corinthians 11:26 *For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.*

Ephesians 2:11-22 *"Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called "uncircumcised" by those who call themselves "the circumcision" (that done in the body by the hands of men) remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law with its commandments and regulations.*

His purpose was to create in himself one new man out of the two, thus making peace, and in this one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

Galatians 3:26-29 *You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.*

John 6:27-35 *Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you, because God the Father has set His seal on Him." Then they said to Him, "What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?" Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent."*

Therefore they said to Him, "What sign will You perform then, that we may see it and believe You? What work will You do? Our fathers ate the manna in the desert; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Then Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, Moses did not give you the bread from heaven, but My Father gives you the true bread from heaven. And Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.

John 17:15-17 *My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.*

John 17:20-21 *My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.*

Colossians 3:12-17 *Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.*

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Ephesians 1:3-23 *Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us..... Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.*

Psalms 136 *Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good. His love endures forever.*

4. Pray for the Land of Israel, it's borders, it's protection from enemies

Psalms 80:3,7,19 *"Restore us, O God; cause Your face to shine, and we shall be saved!...Restore us, O God of hosts; cause Your face to shine, and we shall be saved!"* **Psalms 126:5** *"May all who hate Zion be turned back in shame"*

Isaiah 60:12 *"For the nation that will not serve you will perish; it will be utterly ruined."*

Psalms 126:5 *"May all who hate Zion be turned back in shame"*

Psalms 83:16-18 *"Fill their faces with shame, that they may seek Your name, O LORD. Let them be confounded and dismayed forever; yes, let them be put to shame and perish, that they may know that You, whose name alone is the LORD, are the Most High over all the earth"*

Zechariah 14:16 *"And it shall come to pass that everyone who is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles"*

Psalms 121:4 *Behold, he that keepeth Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.*

5. Pray for Binyamin Netanyahu - the formation of the government

2 Chronicles 7:14 *'If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land' "*

2 Samuel 23:3-4 *The God of Israel spoke, the Rock of Israel said to me: 'When one rules over men in righteousness, when he rules in the fear of God, he is like the light of morning at sunrise on a cloudless morning, like the brightness after rain that brings the grass from the earth.'*

6. Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem

Psalms 122 *Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: May those who love you be secure.*

Isaiah 2:3-3 *And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.*

Isaiah 62:1-6 *"For Zion's sake, I will not be silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not remain quiet till her righteousness shines out like the dawn, her salvation like a blazing torch. I have posted watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem, they will never be silent day or night. You who call on the Lord, give yourselves no rest till He establishes Jerusalem and makes her the praise of the earth."*

7. Pray for revival in the church:

Amos 8:11-12 *Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD: And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the LORD, and shall not find it.*

Luke 18:8 *However, when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on earth?*

Revelation 2-3 *Be earnest, and repent. Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door I will come in and eat with him and he with me.*

Sunday, April 19, 3-4 p.m.

Yom HaShoah – We Shall Never Forget

The annual Nebraska Holocaust Commemoration will be held in the Rotunda of the State Capitol

The one hour program will feature two choirs, as well as Nebraska Holocaust survivors and the winners of the Nebraska Schools poetry contest. In addition, several Nebraska schools which have contributed to the Nebraska Holocaust Memorial, located at the Wyuka Nebraska State Cemetery, will be recognized. The public is invited to attend this important and moving event. For more information contact Marcia Kushner at 402-423-5959 or kete3@aol.com

Community Commemoration in Omaha: April 22, 7 p.m. Beth El Synagogue