

## CIRCUMCISION

We do not have to be circumcised to be able to keep the Feast of Passover in the New/Renewed Covenant. It was necessary for Physical Israel to be circumcised a second time before they could enter the Physical Promised Land.

Jos 5:4 And this *is* the cause why Joshua did circumcise: All the people that came out of Egypt, *that were* males, *even* all the men of war, died in the wilderness by the way, after they came out of Egypt.

Jos 5:5 Now all the people that came out were circumcised: but all the people *that were* born in the wilderness by the way as they came forth out of Egypt, *them* they had not circumcised.

Jos 5:6 For the children of Israel walked forty years in the wilderness, till all the people *that were* men of war, which came out of Egypt, were consumed, because they obeyed not the voice of YHWH: unto whom YHWH swore that he would not shew them the land, which YHWH swore unto their fathers that he would give us, a land that floweth with milk and honey.

Jos 5:7 And their children, *whom* he raised up in their stead, them Joshua circumcised: for they were uncircumcised, because they had not circumcised them by the way.

Jos 5:8 And it came to pass, when they had done circumcising all the people, that they abode in their places in the camp, till they were whole.

Jos 5:9 And YHWH said unto Joshua, This day have I **rolled away the reproach of Egypt** from off you. Wherefore the name of the place is called **Gilgal** unto this day.

To enter the Spiritual Promised land of the Kingdom of Heaven, we have to have the **Circumcision of the Heart**.

As someone in the time of Moses could not have Passover if he was not circumcised, so in the spiritual. If someone did not experience the **Circumcision of the Heart**, such a person should not take part of Passover in the New/Renewed Covenant.

The second circumcision was then done to be able to have Passover before they entered the Land. It covered 2 aspects, Passover and the Entrance to the Land.

It was definitely part of the Land occupation Promise and to that "Seed" (Plural).

So, it was about Passover and to Enter the Land. It was both. Like with YaHUsa in Luke 2:22 - 24.

But when it moved from Physical to Spiritual with YaHUsa's Death and Resurrection and the Initiation of the Kingdom Reign, Circumcision also moved from Physical to Spiritual.

So Paul talks about it in the MelekTzadek Scriptures.

Circumcision becomes complicated **between** the Exodus (*when they were all circumcised*) to Sinai (Ex. 24) **and** the Golden Calf (*the Ex. 34:27 Covenant with Book of the Law*). Then they wandered around the Wilderness for 37.5 years (Numbers 15 - 19) because of the "Sin of the Spies" (the "Chet HaMeraglim") from Numbers 14:34 and no-one was circumcised.

Only 3 Passovers are mentioned over that time.

1. In Egypt
2. At Mount Sinai
3. In Joshua 5

Point is they had to be Circumcised Physically to keep Passover and most of them were not (Ex 12:48).

Deuteronomy restores the Covenant to occupy and live in the Land and then those who passed over the Jordan to Gilgal were Circumcised a "Second" time. Not each Individual, but First all Israel who left Egypt were already Circumcised (and died in the Wilderness) and now the Rest were Circumcised during a Second time of circumcision and they could keep Passover.

In Numbers 14:4 the people had "turned back to Egypt" and so we are told in Joshua 5:9 that YHWH had "rolled away the reproach of Egypt from off you".

So, Egypt being like the World – that compares to Physical Circumcision – YHWH “**rolled away** the Reproach **of Egypt**”, so .... Circumcision of the Heart/Born again is **turning away from the World** to become Kingdom of Heaven citizens.

So the safest way to look at Circumcision is to see what the MelekTzadek Scriptures (N.T.) have to say about it.

Colossians 2:11, Gal. 5:2.

Col. 2:11 In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision **made without hands**, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the **circumcision of Messiah**:

Gal. 5:2 Behold, I Paul say unto you, that if ye be circumcised, **Messiah shall profit you nothing**.

Gal. 5:3 For I testify again to every man that is circumcised, that he is a debtor to do the whole law.

Gal. 5:4 Messiah is become of no effect unto you, **whosoever of you are justified by the law**; ye are fallen from grace.

Gal. 5:5 For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith.

Gal. 5:6 For in YaHUsa Messiah neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love.

Circumcision (blood part of Covenant) was/is the "Way" one enters the Ex. 23:27 Covenant and that is why Messiah is of no use to anyone who gets Circumcised as Messiah is "Cut off" from that person and they are then obligated to "DO" the whole "Torah of Moses" which is impossible as if you fall down on one point ....

James 2:10 For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one *point*, he is guilty of all.

We need to ask if there is a difference between Passover and the New/Renewed Covenant.

Passover has specific restrictions .... Just like the Matt. 26:26 - 28 Covenant as Paul tells us in 1 Cor. 11: 23 - 32. There was a connection between Passover and the Physical Circumcision e.g. Ex. 12:48.

Whereas the New/Renewed Covenant has its own "Order", Matt. 26:26 – 28, 1 Cor. 11.

Matt.26:26 And as they were eating, YaHUsHa took bread, and blessed *it*, and brake *it*, and gave *it* to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body.

Matt. 26:27 And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave *it* to them, saying, Drink ye all of it;

Matt. 26:28 For this is **my blood** of the **New Testament**, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

1 Cor. 11:23 For I have received of the Master that which also I delivered unto you, That the Master YaHUsHa the *same* night in which He was betrayed took bread:

1 Cor. 11:24 And when He had given thanks, He brake *it*, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.

1 Cor. 11:25 After the same manner also *He took* the cup, when He had supped, saying, This cup is the **New Testament** in **my blood**: this do ye, as often as ye drink *it*, in remembrance of me.

1 Cor. 11:26 For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Master's death till He come.

If we consider Luke 22:16 – 18 ... Did YaHUsHa put an end to the Ordinance of passover as the "Type" because now the Reality of the Kingdom had come.

Luke 22:16 For I say unto you, I will not any more eat thereof, until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of Elohim.

Luke 22:17 And He took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, Take this, and divide *it* among yourselves:

Luke 22:18 For I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of Elohim shall come.

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