

Acts Chapter 2 Continued

Speaking In Tongues

Greetings:

Note:

We will be answering some questions that have come in about the Passover, and how to and how not to keep it according to scripture at the end of this study.

So let us recap a little bit of what we've already gleaned from the 2nd Chapter of the book of acts before we move forward.

We've already learned that to understand the book of Acts, it is imperative that we understand the foundations of the Torah and the many scriptures that Peter is directly quoting from in the 2nd Chapter of the book of Acts.

And we've also learned that it's imperative that we understand what the “New Covenant” is and what it says, if we're going to understand what is happening at Pentecost, (also known as Shavuot). And if we read Jeremiah 31:32 it's pretty easy for even a novice to understand two important facts about the “New Covenant”.

Now before we get into those two facts about the “New Covenant” it's first important to know and understand that Yahshua's death, burial, and resurrection, is what rang in, and activated.. the “New Covenant”. Yahshua said “Mat 26:28 For this is my blood, which ratifies the New Covenant”, he also says the same thing in Mark 14:24, and Luke 22:20.

The two key facts found in Jeremiah 31:32, and in Hebrews 10:16 are these:

Jer 31:32 "For this is the covenant I will make with the house of Isra'el after those days," says Adonai

Clearly we can see that this “New Covenant” is for who? Who is he making it with? THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL! Does it say the Gentiles? Does it say the Goyim? Does it say the Americans, or the Spanish, or the Brits, or the Australians? NO! It says and I quote: “This is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel”. That's fact number 1.

Fact number 2.. what does he say that he's going to do with his Laws in this new covenant?

"I will put my Torah within them and write it on their hearts; I will be their God, and they will be my people.

Does he say that he's going to nail his laws to a tree? Does he say he's going to abolish his law? Does he say he's going to make a separate law for Gentiles? Does he say he's going to replace his beloved Hose of Israel? NO HE DOSE NOT! He says that he's going to write his laws on the hearts of his people.

And once again just to clarify.. Lets take a look at the New Testament in Hebrews 10:16?

10:Heb 10:16 " 'This is the covenant which I will make with them after those days,' says Adonai: 'I will put my Torah on their hearts, and write it on their minds . . . ,' "

Does he say in the book of Hebrew in the New Testament... or in the book of Jeremiah in the Old Testament... that he is going to nail his laws to a tree? Does he say he's going to nail them to a cross? Does he say he's going to make new laws for the Goyim (Gentile)? Does he say he's going to create a Gentile replacement church? NO HE DOES NOT! He says and I quote: *I will put my Torah on their hearts, and write it on their minds*" in both new and old Testaments!

So in order to understand what is happening in Chapter 2 of the book of Acts at Pentecost.. we need to understand the prophecy that was given concerning this day.

We also know that Pentecost fell on the Jewish holiday of Shavuot, which was originally the celebration of the giving of the Law at Mount Sinai when Yahovah God came down and thundered his laws to his people in person in Exodus 20: 15 through 19.

On that very day on Shavuot Yahovah came down to give his people his laws, and on that very same day here on Pentecost we see the second giving of his laws to his people at Pentecost, except this time... as his prophecy stated in Jeremiah 31:32, and in Hebrews 10:16 (both old and new Testaments) instead of writing his laws on stone... he wrote them on the fleshly hearts and in the minds of his people.

We also talked about the Greek words "Nomos" and "Anomos" which mean "Law" and "Lawless" respectively.

If you were labeled "Lawless" in the scripture it meant that you were outside of Yahovah's laws, not mans. It meant that you were outside the will of Yahovah God if you

were Anomos.. or Lawless. And this is an important biblical term to understand. The word “Law” in the bible always pertains to Gods “Law” or at times the “written law” of the Scribes and Pharisees which were meant to protect Gods “Law” ... which he commanded them not to do by the way.

So if we know our scriptures well... we can clearly see that to Luke and to Peter.. Pentecost was the second giving of the Torah, and we can even make nail this down better when we look at the Old Testament scriptures that Peter is quoting from in Acts Chapter 2, and we're gong to see even more of this as we move forward here and clear up some more misconceptions that modern day Christendom has clearly missed.

First of all I want to address the misunderstanding of what “Speaking in Tongues” means, and what it signify's and what it does not mean, and what it does not signify.

Whole denominational charters of men have been birthed, most of them around the eighteen hundreds that go around teaching and preaching that you must “Speak In Tongues” in order to be saved, or to counted as eligible to accept the salvation that our Messiah offers everyone freely.

And they base their misunderstood theology, on this scripture in Acts 2. So before we go any farther I want you to know that this idea... that you must “Speak in Tongues” is nothing more than man made, man created, man fabricated nonsense. There's just no other way to put it.

And before we can leave Acts Chapter 2 we need to throw this false teaching to the ground through the scripture.

Now with that being said, lets take a look at what the Apostle Paul has to say on the matter of speaking in tongues, because even though many people think that this was a newly fabricated denominational theology created around the 1800's that's only true in part.

You see Paul fought against this very same nonsense when he spoke to the church at Corinth. So lets see how the Apostle Paul handled this misconception back in his day:

1Cor 12:1 But, brothers, I do not want you to go on being ignorant about the things of the Spirit.

1Co 12:2 You know that when you were pagans, no matter how you felt you were being led, you were being led astray to idols, which can't speak at all.

1Co 12:3 Therefore, I want to make it clear to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of

God ever says, "Yeshua is cursed!" and no one can say, "Yeshua is Lord," except by the Ruach HaKodesh.

Notice what Paul is saying here: Paul says.. that only those who have the Ruach Hakodesh can say that Yahshua is God. So if you do not have the Ruach Hakodesh, then it's impossible for you to say that Yahshua is God. Does Paul say only those who speak in tongues or does he say only those who know Yahshua is Yahovah has the Ruach Hakodesh?... Lets continue:

1Co 12:4 Now there are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit gives them.

1Co 12:5 Also there are different ways of serving, but it is the same Lord being served.

1Co 12:6 And there are different modes of working, but it is the same God working them all in everyone.

1Co 12:7 Moreover, to each person is given the particular manifestation of the Spirit that will be for the common good.

1Co 12:8 To one, through the Spirit, is given a word of wisdom; to another, a word of knowledge, in accordance with the same Spirit;

1Co 12:9 to another, faith, by the same Spirit; and to another, gifts of healing, by the one Spirit;

1Co 12:10 to another, the working of miracles; to another, prophecy; to another, the ability to judge between spirits; to another, the ability to speak in different kinds of tongues; and to yet another, the ability to interpret tongues.

1Co 12:11 One and the same Spirit is at work in all these things, distributing to each person as he chooses.

1Co 12:12 For just as the body is one but has many parts; and all the parts of the body, though many, constitute one body; so it is with the Messiah.

Now what I want us to notice in this teaching by the Apostle Paul, is what he considers the different gifts given by the Ruach Hakodesh. First of all what does he say with out stutter in 1st Cor 12:7?

1Co 12:7 Moreover, to each person is given the particular manifestation of the Spirit that will be for the common good.

So does he say that all get the same gift?.. or does he say that each person is given the particular manifestation of the Spirit that will be for the common good? Paul does not say that every person filled with the Ruach Hakodesh, the Holy Spirit would receive the same manifestation does he?... I hope you're with me so far.

So now I'd like to bring your attention to the manifestations of the Ruach that I've highlighted for you in red. How many are there? At least 10 different manifestations or gifts correct? ... I hope you're with me so far.

And what does it say right before each manifestation? Does it not say.. “to another”?

1Co 12:10 to another, the working of miracles; to another, prophecy; to another, the ability to judge between spirits; to another, the ability to speak in different kinds of tongues; and to yet another, the ability to interpret tongues.

Once again we can see “the ability to speak in different kinds of tongues” listed here as one of the manifestations or gifts of the Ruach Hakodesh, and what does it say right before it?.. “to another”.. in other words not “to all”.

No where in the scriptures are we told that we must speak in a certain tongue in order to know that we have the Ruach Hakodesh... or to be able to qualify... to receive the salvation that our Messiah came to give to all of us freely.. no where. It's not in there and you can't find it and the reason you can't find it... is because its not in there.

Now we can see that the church at Corinth was having the same problem that today's modern day Christendom is having with in certain denominational charters of men. And we can also see the correct teaching about this very problematic topic of “Speaking In Tongues” as we listen to what Paul has to say about the matter.

1Co 12:27 Now you together constitute the body of the Messiah, and individually you are parts of it.

1Co 12:28 And God has placed in the Messianic Community first, emissaries; second, prophets; third, teachers; then those who work miracles; then those with gifts of healing; those with ability to help; those skilled in administration; and those who speak in various tongues.

1Co 12:29 Not all are emissaries, are they? Not all are prophets, are they? or teachers? or miracle-workers?

1Co 12:30 Not all have gifts of healing, not all speak in tongues, not all interpret, do they?

So lets take a look at what Paul says EXACTLY about the gift of speaking in tongues shall we.. according to the scripture. First of all we are told that we are “INDIVIDUALLY” parts of the body. He then continues on to list the gifts that Yahovah has placed in the Community, and what does he say:

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Which of the gifts was the least important in this list?... “those who speak in various tongues” is it not? So the gift to be sought after the least was the gift of “Speaking in Tongues” according to the scripture.

So lets pause here for just a moment. Now if... “Speaking in Tongues” is a requirement for proof of the infilling of the Ruach Hakodesh (the Holy Spirit). How in the world could “it” be rated the least on the list of importance?

With out the Ruach Hakodesh you can not enter into the kingdom of Heaven!

Joh 3:5 Yeshua answered, "Yes, indeed, I tell you that unless a person is born from water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the Kingdom of God.

So if the gift of “Speaking in Tongues” is needed to PROVE that one is filled with the Ruach Hakodesh.. and to qualify us for salvation.... then how in the world could it rate last in Paul's list of gifts?

This makes no sense at all does it. One would think that the gift of “Speaking in Tongues” would be the very first gift one would have to have in order to be saved but is that what Paul says here to the church at Corinth? NO! It is not. Lets continue to see what else we can glean from Paul's teaching at Corinth:

What does Paul explicitly proclaim in 1st Cor 12:30?

*1Co 12:30 Not all have gifts of healing, **not all speak in tongues**, not all interpret, do they?*

NOT ALL SPEAK IN TONGUES! Could he have made it any clearer than that my friends? You just can't go along with what ever wind of doctrine blows through town at any given moment my friends... we must read the scripture.

And I have sat in Pentecostal churches and even served as an elder for a number of years... and I've heard men very skilled in their deception teach and preach from the scriptures very persuasively that you **MUST SPEAK IN TONGUES** in order to have the

Ruach Hakodesh, and with out knowing the scripture for myself, I know personally... how persuasive they can be.

Like lawyers they twist the writings of Paul to their own destruction as they do the other scriptures. 2nd Peter 3:16.

And the reason that I bring this up in Acts Chapter 2 is because this is the main scripture that these men will use to wrongly build their denominational charter around. Its' all about "Speaking in Tongues" for them and if you don't have it... you're an outsider in the church, and until you're chin starts quivering and your lips start stuttering, and you start speaking ecstatically... in their eye's... you're an outcast. You're not a member of their club until you submit, and start speaking in Tongues. And only the Pastor can verify whether or not you're doing it properly.

Now do some people speak in tongues? Yes! According to Paul and from what we see at Pentecost no man could argue that some do speak in different tongues it is listed as a gift given to some... but not all.

And we have to understand why Yahovah our Elohim may have granted this least of all gift to the Goyim (the Gentiles) in front of the unbelieving Pharisees? If we read the scripture closely we already know that Yahovah our Elohim was grafting in the Goyim (the Gentiles) into the House of Israel clear back in the beginning of the Torah in numbers 15:15

Num 15:14 If a foreigner stays with you—or whoever may be with you, through all your generations—and he wants to bring an offering made by fire as a fragrant aroma for Adonai, he is to do the same as you.

Num 15:15 For this community there will be the same law for you as for the foreigner living with you; this is a permanent regulation through all your generations; the foreigner is to be treated the same way before Adonai as yourselves.

Num 15:16 The same Torah and standard of judgment will apply to both you and the foreigner living with you.' "

Num 15:17 Adonai said to Moshe,

And if we go back even farther in the book of Exodus we read this:

Exo 12:48 And when a stranger shall sojourn with thee, and will keep the Passover to the LORD, let all his males be circumcised, and then let him come near and keep it; and he shall be as one that is born in the land: for no uncircumcised person shall eat thereof.

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So clearly we see here that before the Ruach Hakodesh was given, and before men ever started speaking in “Tongues” Yahovah was already grafting in Gentiles from the very beginning of the book, and we would know that if we read the beginning of the book.

The problem was that the Pharisees and the Scribes **had overwritten the Word of Yahovah** with their own man made laws and were teaching that an Israelite could not even enter the home of a Goyim (Gentile). This was not of Yahovah's commandment, but rather the teachings of the Scribes and Pharisees.

So what we see in the Brit Hadasha (the New Testament) is **Yahovah's Ruach Hakodesh simply re-establishing his Torah over their man made laws**, and once again... grafting the Goyim, (the Gentiles) into the house of Israel, just as he had done from the very beginning.

And with that all being said... it's clear my friends that clear back in the Torah when Gentiles were being grafted into the House of Israel, (and even Ruth is a great example of this if you read the book of Ruth).. there was no requirement to “Speak in Tongues” in order to be grafted in. The Gentiles were grafted in from the time the Israelite's left Egypt, and the only requirement was to be circumcised and follow the same laws that Yahovah had laid down for the Israelite's.

Now before we move forward I want to just really put the nail in the coffin when it comes to this man made, man created denominational belief system of “Speaking in Tongues”. So let us continue in Paul's teaching at Corinth:

*1Co 14:2 For someone speaking in a tongue **is not speaking to people but to God,** because no one can understand, since he is uttering mysteries in the power of the Spirit.*

*1Co 14:3 **But someone prophesying is speaking to people, edifying, encouraging and comforting them.***

*1Co 14:4 A person speaking in a tongue **does edify himself,** but a person prophesying*

edifies the congregation.

1Co 14:5 I wish you would all speak in tongues, but even more I wish you would all prophesy. The person who prophesies is greater than the person who speaks in tongues, unless someone gives an interpretation, so that the congregation can be edified.

1Co 14:6 Brothers, suppose I come to you now speaking in tongues. How can I be of benefit to you unless I bring you some revelation or knowledge or prophecy or teaching?

1Co 14:7 Even with lifeless musical instruments, such as a flute or a harp, how will anyone recognize the melody if one note can't be distinguished from another?

1Co 14:8 And if the bugle gives an unclear sound, who will get ready for battle?

1Co 14:9 It's the same with you: how will anyone know what you are saying unless you use your tongue to produce intelligible speech? You will be talking to the air!

So Paul says that the use of Tongues in the church is useless and without prophet for anyone without an interpreter. You can not edify anyone else but yourself. And once again we see Paul proclaiming that “Prophesying” is a better gift than “Speaking in Tongues”! How can that be if you must “Speak in Tongues” in order to qualify for salvation, and to get into the Kingdom of Heaven? Let's continue in Paul's teaching:

1Co 14:22 Thus tongues are a sign not for believers but for unbelievers, while prophecy is not for unbelievers but for believers.

1Co 14:23 So if the whole congregation comes together with everybody speaking in tongues, and uninstructed people or unbelievers come in, won't they say you're crazy?

1Co 14:24 But if you all prophesy, and some unbeliever or uninstructed person enters, he is convicted of sin by all, he is brought under judgment by all,

1Co 14:25 and the secrets of his heart are laid bare; so he falls on his face and worships God, saying, "God is really here among you!"

1Co 14:26 What is our conclusion, brothers? Whenever you come together, let everyone be ready with a psalm or a teaching or a revelation, or ready to use his gift of tongues or give an interpretation; but let everything be for edification.

1Co 14:27 If the gift of tongues is exercised, let it be by two or at most three, and each in turn; and let someone interpret.

1Co 14:28 And if there is no one present who can interpret, let the people who speak in tongues keep silent when the congregation meets—they can speak to themselves and to God.

1Co 14:29 Let two or three prophets speak, while the others weigh what is said.

1Co 14:30 And if something is revealed to a prophet who is sitting down, let the first one be silent.

1Co 14:31 For you can all prophesy one by one, with the result that all will learn something and all will be encouraged.

I can not tell you how many times I've sat in a Pentecostal church and tried to hear the Pastor giving a message and someone just starts screaming out in tongues completely destroying the message of the Pastor to the congregation with no regard for anyone but themselves. This is clearly not how this gift is to be used if indeed one has it.

And I can not tell you how many times I've sat in a Pentecostal church when they would have a sing in and invite the community to come sing praises and a guest would come in the door and hear a bunch of wreck-less screaming and shouting in tongues and crying and complete kayos going on... and the guest would turn right around and walk out the door.

These churches are literally chasing people away from the Word of Yahovah our Elohim because they do not follow scripture, and they do not follow the rules set fourth by the Apostle Paul concerning these things so not only does the church suffer... but those who might have heard the Gospel also suffer because they never get hear the Gospel message, and the church never gets to tell them about the Messiah or the Word of Yahovah because they've chased them away... and believe me my friends... that person will never enter than church again.

There is a fine line between following scripture and obeying the things of scripture and destroying scripture. And if we're not careful we could actually ruin someone's chance of hearing the Gospel message simply because we fail to follow scripture properly.

With out an interpreter the gift of Tongues should not be used in the church according... to scripture. And not all people who are filled with the Ruach Hakodesh will speak in another tongue. That is not scriptural, and not found anywhere in scripture period, so let us be as wise as serpents and as kind as doves studying to show ourselves approved instead of falling for every wind of doctrine that seems to be hip at the time.

How do we know if we have the Ruach Hakodesh?

1Jn 2:3 And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments.

1Jn 2:4 Whoever says "I know him" but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him,

1Jn 2:5 but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him:

1Jn 2:6 whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

We are to contend for the faith and be a light on a hill, not a bag of rag tag unruly wild beasts chasing Gods people away before they ever get to sit down and hear the Gospel message.

1Co 14:26 What is our conclusion, brothers? Whenever you come together, let everyone be ready with a psalm or a teaching or a revelation, or ready to use his gift of tongues or give an interpretation; but let everything be for edification.

We have an older teaching about this at our website at HolyImpactMinistries.com if you'd like to view it, it's an older teaching we did a couple of years ago but its still valid, and you can check that out if you'd like.

So moving forward, I want to move forward and revisit verse 25 through 27:

Act 2:25 For David says this about him: 'I saw Adonai always before me, for he is at my right hand, so that I will not be shaken.

Act 2:26 For this reason, my heart was glad; and my tongue rejoiced; and now my body too will live on in the certain hope

Act 2:27 that you will not abandon me to Sh'ol or let your Holy One see decay.

Now once again we see Peter here moving in and out of the Torah as he always does, so once again we need to see what Peter was quoting from back in the Torah (Old Testament):

Psa 16:8 I always set Adonai before me; with him at my right hand, I can never be moved;

Psa 16:9 so my heart is glad, my glory rejoices, and my body too rests in safety;

Psa 16:10 for you will not abandon me to Sh'ol, you will not let your faithful one see the Abyss.

Psa 16:11 You make me know the path of life; in your presence is unbounded joy, in your right hand eternal delight.

So why is Peter quoting this scripture from Psalms? The reason he's reaching back into the Torah is because at that time the Jewish people were expecting David to be the one who would sit on the throne, and be the king of the Israelite's.

They expected David to be somehow re-incarnated, and to be the one who would be their Messiah, and Peter was trying to show them that Yahshua who had come from the lineage of David was the Messiah that they were waiting for. So he says this in verse 29 lets take a look:

*Act 2:29 "Brothers, I know I can say to you frankly that the patriarch **David died and was buried—his tomb is with us to this day.***

Act 2:30 Therefore, since he was a prophet and knew that God had sworn an oath to him that one of his descendants would sit on his throne,

*Act 2:31 **he was speaking in advance about the resurrection of the Messiah, that it was he who was not abandoned in Sh'ol and whose flesh did not see decay.***

Act 2:32 God raised up this Yeshua! And we are all witnesses of it!

Act 2:33 "Moreover, he has been exalted to the right hand of God; has received from the Father what he promised, namely, the Ruach HaKodesh; and has poured out this gift, which you are both seeing and hearing.

*Act 2:34 **For David did not ascend into heaven.** But he says,*

Act 2:35 'Adonai said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet." '

Act 2:36 Therefore, let the whole house of Isra'el know beyond doubt that God has made him both Lord and Messiah—this Yeshua, whom you executed on a stake!"

So what Peter is trying to tell them is don't look for David.. he's not your Messiah, your Messiah was already come and gone and you hung him on a tree! And to make his point Peter quotes again from the Torah in verse 35:

Act 2:35 'Adonai said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet." '

He's quoting from Psalms 110 verse 1:

Psa 110:1 *[A psalm of David:] Adonai says to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool."*

So Peter is making the connection for them that Yahovah God says to his lord (his king) "sit at my right hand" so it can not be David that they are looking for, and it is indeed this Yahshua that they've not only missed, but have hung on a stake.

So we can get a better idea as to why they thought David himself was going to rule and rein as their Messiah we can turn to Ezek 37:24-28

Eze 37:24 My servant David will be king over them, and all of them will have one shepherd; they will live by my rulings and keep and observe my regulations.

Eze 37:25 They will live in the land I gave to Ya`akov my servant, where your ancestors lived; they will live there—they, their children, and their grandchildren, forever; and David my servant will be their leader forever.

Eze 37:26 I will make a covenant of peace with them, an everlasting covenant. I will give to them, increase their numbers, and set my sanctuary among them forever.

Eze 37:27 My home will be with them; I will be their God, and they will be my people.

Eze 37:28 The nations will know that I am Adonai, who sets Isra'el apart as holy, when my sanctuary is with them forever.' "

Since David is not immortal or eternal, then this has to be referring to a very special descendant of David who became immortal and eternal. Otherwise his rule forever was not possible. That descendant of David... was indeed Yashuah HaMashiach Jesus the Christ.

And in the end.. we know that David will indeed rule with the Messiah as we all will!

What does Paul tell us in 2nd Timothy:

2Ti 2:12 If we persevere, we will also rule with him If we disown him, he will also disown us.

Rev 2:26 To him who wins the victory and does what I want until the goal is reached, I will give him authority over the nations;

Rev 2:27 he will rule them with a staff of iron and dash them to pieces like pottery,

Rev 2:28 just as I have received authority from my Father. I will also give him the morning star.

1Co 6:3 Don't you know that we will judge angels, not to mention affairs of everyday life?

You see most Christians have no idea of the importance of the office that they hold. David will... along with Yahshua our Messiah... and you and I if we endure... we will... rule over the nations.

We're going to stop right here and we'll finish up Acts 2 and move into Acts chapter 3 next week, but before I go I want to answer a few questions that we've gotten from some of our brothers and sisters about the Passover so lets take a quick look at a few of these questions before we go.

The first question is from sister Chris, and she writes:

Question:

Hi Pastor V

I have a quick question we are just going to follow along with the video for Passover .
So there will be a unbeliever with us what part can they Not partake in?

Answer:

Your Communion service..

1Co 11:26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord, until he comes.

1Co 11:27 Therefore, whoever eats the Lord's bread or drinks the Lord's cup in an unworthy manner will be guilty of desecrating the body and blood of the Lord!

1Co 11:28 So let a person examine himself first, and then he may eat of the bread and drink from the cup;

*1Co 11:29 for a person who eats and drinks **without recognizing the body** eats and drinks judgment upon himself.*

1Co 11:30 This is why many among you are weak and sick, and some have died!

So in other words this “communion” between he and us is only between he and us, and it is not for those who do not recognize the body, and if they do partake in this ritual between him and his people the outsider will be drinking judgment upon themselves and it's only right to let a person know this up front and to read them this scripture before the ceremony.

And.. we also must not have discourse with our brothers and sisters when we partake of this cup, we need to make sure that we've swept the “leaven” the “sin” out of our hearts as he commanded us to before taking this cup in remembrance of him.

Okay now brother Don has a few good questions so lets see if we can answer these as well before we go:

Pastor Scott please consider answering these questions on the Wednesday night Bible Study Program as I don't think I am the only one who wonders about them.

Question:

1. Yahshua WAS the Passover Lamb. HOW did He "KEEP" The Passover at the RIGHT/CORRECT time, WHEN hours later He would be slaughtered at the

right/correct time

& AFTER that is WHEN The Passover meal was partaken of, at least this is my understanding

Answer:

First of all Yahshua did not partake in the official “Passover” meal.. he was the “Passover meal” he was the “Passover Lamb” himself who ushered in the New Covenant that we read about in Jeremiah 31:32 and Hebrews 10:16.

At the same time that the sacrificial lambs were being slaughtered our Messiah was taking his last breath at about 3pm in the afternoon. The Passover meal was not eaten until that evening and we are told that no part of that lamb could be left when the sun came up, so it had to be consumed in it's entirety or it had to be burned before sunrise on the morning of Unleavened bread.

Exo 12:8 That night, they are to eat the meat, roasted in the fire; they are to eat it with matzah and maror.

Exo 12:9 Don't eat it raw or boiled, but roasted in the fire, with its head, the lower parts of its legs and its inner organs.

Exo 12:10 Let nothing of it remain till morning; if any of it does remain, burn it up completely.

Exo 12:11 " 'Here is how you are to eat it: with your belt fastened, your shoes on your feet and your staff in your hand; and you are to eat it hurriedly. It is Adonai's Pesach [Passover].

Exo 12:12 For that night, I will pass through the land of Egypt and kill all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both men and animals; and I will execute judgment against all the gods of Egypt; I am Adonai.

Question:

2. WHEN is this "between the two evenings" ? Since the Passover lamb was killed "ben ha arbayim" the answer to this question, it seems, is necessary in determining when Passover should be observed.

As we've seen in the last scripture in Exodus 12:8 through 12... the Passover meal was actually not eaten on “Passover Day”. It was prepared on “Passover Day” and eaten that night, which would have been the first day of Unleavened Bread. As we should already know.. Yahovah's days run from sundown to sundown not midnight to midnight. And as we can see in Exodus 12: 8 through 12 you ate it after the Lamb was slaughtered and roasted that evening, and you had to make sure it was all consumed or burned up before

morning came.

Question:

3. What was the "liquid beverage" in the "cup"? Partaking of the cup of what, & how do we know for sure what the beverage is?

Tomatoes also grow on vines but I do not think the "Fruit of the Vine" Which Jesus Gave His Disciples was tomato juice.

Answer:

The answer is clearly and with out doubt... wine. And yes it was fermented wine. Many of today's modern day Christian denominations will proclaim that drinking is a sin, and that no alcohol was in the wine back then and that it was all grape juice, but this goes directly against what we find in the scripture.

The scripture does speak strongly about becoming drunk, or being a drunkard, but it does not anywhere forbid drinking a glass of wine or even strong drink from time to time.

No where, and I mean no where.. does it say that drinking an alcoholic beverage is a sin. In fact.. let me take you to what Yahovah our Elohim proclaims himself with his own words concerning the Fest of Tabernacles that comes in the fall, and lasts for 8 days:

Deu 14:22 "Every year you must take one tenth of everything your seed produces in the field,

Deu 14:23 and eat it in the presence of Adonai your God. In the place where he chooses to have his name live you will eat the tenth of your grain, new wine and olive oil, and the firstborn of your cattle and sheep, so that you will learn to fear Adonai your God always.

Deu 14:24 But if the distance is too great for you, so that you are unable to transport it, because the place where Adonai chooses to put his name is too far away from you; then, when Adonai your God prospers you,

Deu 14:25 you are to convert it into money, take the money with you, go to the place which Adonai your God will choose,

Deu 14:26 and exchange the money for anything you want—cattle, sheep, wine, other intoxicating liquor, or anything you please—and you are to eat there in the presence of Adonai your God, and enjoy yourselves, you and your household.

Yahovah our Elohim is a much different God than most Christians know. He is not

against our having a good time and rejoicing with each other and even having parties and partying, as long as we do it with a glad heart, and continue to walk in his righteousness.

Joh 14:15 "If you love me, you will keep my commands;

Joh 14:16 and I will ask the Father, and he will give you another comforting Counselor like me, the Spirit of Truth, to be with you forever.

Joh 14:17 The world cannot receive him, because it neither sees nor knows him. You know him, because he is staying with you and will be united with you.

What do you say we get to know who our Father really is.