

# Breaking Bread

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## ***SPECIAL EDITION – EASTER MESSAGE***

*This edition of breaking bread is a special edition with an Easter Sunday message for 2020.*

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## HOW DOES ‘THE ANGEL OF DEATH’ PASSOVER OUR SOUL

For over 400 years the descendants of Abraham were living in Egypt. At first, their presence was welcomed and celebrated especially while Joseph was alive. But once Joseph passed away, things began to degrade for the nation of Israel. Here is Joseph’s own words (prophecy) in Genesis 50:24 ‘And Joseph said unto his brethren, I die: and God will surely visit you, and bring you out of this land unto the land which he sware to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.’

Over time Israel became the slaves and servants of the Egyptian people. In Genesis chapter 46:2-4 we read the following -

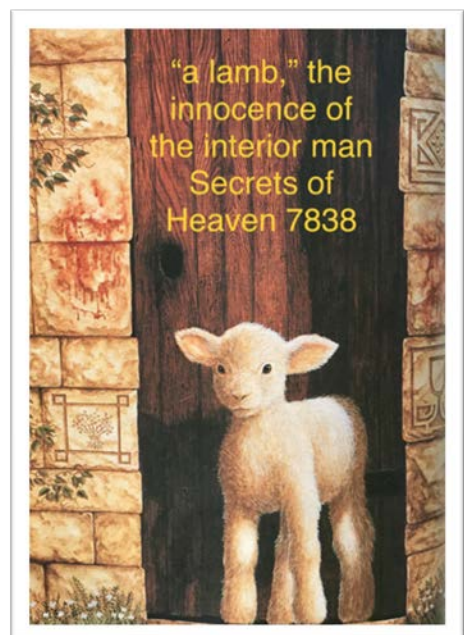
*And God spake unto Israel in the visions of the night, and said, Jacob, Jacob. And he said, Here am I.*

*And he said, I am God, the God of thy father: fear not to go down into Egypt; for I will there make of thee a great nation:*

*I will go down with thee into Egypt; and I will also surely bring thee up again: and Joseph shall put his hand upon thine eyes.*

The Lord knew that Israel would become enslaved while living in Egypt but He also knew that this was part and parcel of the journey called the human experience. He had a plan to rescue Israel and it involved sending them a deliverer - Moses - who would lead the people into freedom from their enslavement.

However, this deliverance was not a small proceeding. It was going to be a spectacular event full of miracles and plagues. One of the most important moments during this deliverance was the Passover meal. Its importance is still felt by Christians today because this meal was a prophetic



enactment of the final work of the Lord Jesus Christ to defeat the hells. The Passover meal foreshadowed the Lord's work of the death on the cross and the resurrection that would come three days later. The Passover displays in symbolic form the Lord gaining complete victory over the hells through the power of Innocence, Obedience and Humility.

In Exodus 11 we can read in great detail about the tenth and final judgement plague which would come upon the Egyptians because their leader, the Pharaoh, was stubbornly refusing to let the descendants of Jacob go free. We are told that at midnight the angel(messenger) of death would pass over Egypt and every firstborn son would die. This included the firstborn male beast and cattle (11:5).

In Exodus 12, Israel is given clear and explicit instructions on how to prepare for the Passover. Mistakes were not an option as it could cost the family the loss of their firstborn son. If all the steps were followed carefully then the final plague would not afflict the home of the obedient. In verses 5-11 we read -

*Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take it out from the sheep, or from the goats:*

*And ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening.*

*And they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it.*

*And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roast with fire, and unleavened bread; and with bitter herbs they shall eat it.*

*Eat not of it raw, nor sodden at all with water, but roast with fire; his head with his legs, and with the purtenance thereof. And ye shall let nothing of it remain until the morning; and that which remaineth of it until the morning ye shall burn with fire. And thus shall ye eat it; with your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat it in haste: it is the Lord's Passover.*

Notice that each family had to pick a spotless lamb and keep it with them for four days. Thus an attachment for this innocent little creature would form. Lambs are the archetypal form of spiritual innocence. Here is what Secrets of Heaven 7832 says concerning lambs -

*'They shall take to them everyone a lamb'. That this signifies in respect to innocence, is evident from the signification of a lamb or a she-goat, here meant by the "lamb", as being innocence; "a lamb," the innocence of the interior man; and "a she-goat," the innocence of the exterior man (see n. 3519).*

And here is what Heaven and Hell 280 has to say about 'being' innocent before the Lord -

*As innocence consists in being led by the Lord and not by 'self', so all who are in heaven are in innocence; for all who are there love to be led by the Lord, knowing that to lead themselves is to be led by the proprium [the lower ego], and the proprium consists in loving oneself, also that he who loves himself does not suffer himself to be led by another. Therefore, so far as an angel is in innocence, he is in heaven, or to the same extent, in Divine Good and Divine Truth, for to be in these is to be in heaven.*

Israel was commanded to take some of the blood from this spotless lamb and place it above the doorway into their homes and on both doorposts. The lamb had to be spotless as it pointed to the Lord Jesus Christ being without falsity or evils (Secrets of Heaven 7837).

When we allow the Lord to lead us or even better, when we long to be led by the Lord, then a special place is formed inside us where the Lord can offer His innocence to us. Into that state of 'innocence' can now flow the power of the Logos through its spiritual sense. It is at this moment when our 'old' selfish will is superseded by the Lord's desire for spiritual goodness and truth (7845). Along with this

power also comes Divine protection against the evils and falsities of this broken world. Thus Israel was instructed to sprinkle the lamb's blood on the door entrance. This was a symbolic enactment of the Word's power protecting and guiding our soul into all truth (John 16:13-15) while keeping hell and evil away from us. And in this way, Heaven's will is starting to form inside the mind of the advancing soul.

Israel was told to eat all of the lamb (a complete process) which speaks of new joy and delights in 'doing' the will of God. It was eaten with unleavened bread meaning that the Lord is taking away from us false ideas and the lies of hell (leaven). It had to be eaten with bitter herbs though and the reason for this is that Passover or regeneration for our souls involves spiritual battles (bitter herbs). Israel was also told to eat the Passover fully dressed and ready to go in haste. And so it is for us that in 'going into all the world' by living a full life with careers and families that our spiritual progress can occur. We are not to run away from this life but we are told to 'be in the world' while not becoming a product of the world (John 17:14-16). Our values come from Heaven (the lamb's sprinkled blood) not from worldly people (Egypt).

Here is a suggestion for you. This Easter period, if possible, roast a lamb with herbs and eat it with flatbread (no yeast). Share it with your entire household. Remember the first Passover when Israel was shut in their homes as the angel of death passed over and they were thus spared.

In confirmation with these insights Secrets Of Heaven 10828 tells us -

*The Lord came into the world in order to save the human race, which otherwise would have perished in eternal death; and He saved it by this: that He subjugated the hells which were infesting every man that came into the world and that went out of the world; and at the same time by this: that He glorified His Human, for in this way He can hold the hells in subjection to eternity. The subjugation of the hells and the simultaneous glorification of His Human, were effected by means of temptations admitted into His Human, and by continual victories then. His passion on the cross was the last temptation and the full victory. That the Lord subjugated the hells, He Himself teaches in the following passages: -*

*"Jesus said, Now is My soul troubled, Father, rescue Me from this hour; but for this cause came I into the world. Father, glorify Thy name. There came forth a voice from heaven, saying, I have both glorified it, and I will glorify it again. Then Jesus said, Now is the judgment of this world; now shall the prince of this world be cast out (John 12:27-28, 31)."*

Friends, this Easter remember the Lord's great and final battle to defeat the hells for our salvation. Remember His Passover wherein He defeated both death and hell. Take time to celebrate this special time of year with family where possible.

Be strong Soul Warriors,  
Rev Darren Brunne

AMEN



## CALENDARS

### **April 2020**

**Sun 12th**

**Easter Online Service/Sermon Via email and Youtube**  
led by Rev. Brunne at 10.30 a.m.

**Fri 19th**

Gold Coast Discussion Group via Zoom/group call

**Sun 19th**

**Online Service/Sermon Via email and Youtube**  
led by Rev. Brunne at 10.30 a.m.

### **May 2020**

**Sun 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Online Service/Sermon Via email and Youtube**  
led by Rev. Brunne at 10.30 a.m.

**Fri 8<sup>th</sup>**

Gold Coast Discussion Group via Zoom/group call

**Sun 10<sup>th</sup>**

*Sacred Circle via Zoom, 10.30 a.m.*

**Sun 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Online Service/Sermon Via email and Youtube**  
led by Rev. Brunne at 10.30 a.m.

**Sun 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Free for Home Phone Conference**

### **June 2020**

**Sun 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Online Service/Sermon Via email and Youtube**  
led by Rev. Brunne at 10.30 a.m.

**Sun 14<sup>th</sup>**

*Sacred Circle via Zoom, 10.30 a.m.*

**Fri 20<sup>th</sup>**

Mt Tamborine Discussion Group at  
*Brian and Gaye Heldon's at 11 am.*

**Sun 21<sup>st</sup>**

**New Church Day Online Service/Sermon Via email and Youtube**  
led by Rev. Brunne at 10.30 a.m.

**Sun 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Free for Home Church Visitation**

### **July 2020**

**Sun 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Online Service/Sermon Via email and Youtube**  
led by Rev. Brunne at 10.30 a.m.

**Sun 14<sup>th</sup>**

*Sacred Circle via Zoom, 10.30 a.m.*

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