### Messiah the Passover Lamb



**Introduction:** As we approach the time of Pesach or Passover it is with joy that we consider how amazingly Yahshua fulfilled every aspect of this great celebration that the Yahudim (the Jews) have Celebrated for about 1500 years without understanding that it found it completion in the sacrificial death of the Lamb of Elohim that takes away the sin of the World.

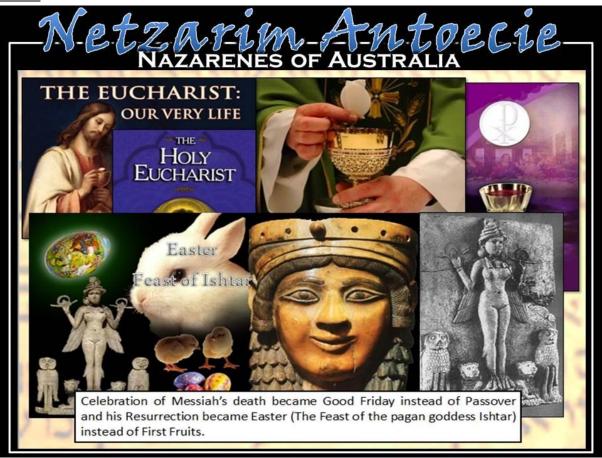


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The word Convocation in Hebrew is "Miqra" and can mean a gathering or a rehearsal: We could therefore say that Yisrael had been doing a Dress Rehearsal of the Passover after the fact, though in reality they were doing it as a Dress Rehearsal of what would happen when the Machiach (the Messiah) would appear and they still rehearse it today as they always have done.

Since YHWH has always demonstrated the importance of his Moedim or appointed times we will endeavour to see how Yahshua fulfils these appointed times in remarkable detail.



#### **Passover or Easter**

Since the passover has been so overshadowed by tradition and due to a desire by the early Roman Ecclesia (congregation) under Emperor Constantine to reject all things Hebraic we find that without exception most people today rather use the term Easter so it is important for all of us to fully understand the Pagan roots of this word or celebration. Rather than do a teaching on this I have attached a link that will demonstrate the horrific character of this Pagan celebration that we can better deal with this issue when it crops up.

Passion for truth YouTube 5 minute video: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hN-nRm5PNsU">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hN-nRm5PNsU</a>

To further establish that we should not be speaking the names of other Elohim (gods) such as Easter we have the following verse:

Shemoth (Exodus) 23:13 "Pay close attention to all my instructions. You must not call on the name of any other gods. Do not even speak their names.

As people of faith what are we going to do! YAHshua is the Passover lamb so as for me I will call this Feast the Passover the Pesach even if it flies in the face of tradition as long as it does not fly in the face of my Heavenly Father or my Redeemer Yahshua the Messiah.

#### Yahshua perfectly revealed

Through the Tanak (Old Testament) we find many portraits of Yahshua but none is greater than that found in the story of the Passover. The Children of Yisrael had been strangers & slaves in Mitsrayim its ancient name meaning troubled water (Egypt) for about 400 years:

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Yisrael under the burden of affliction then cried out to Elohim for delivery so he sent Mosheh (Moses) who tells them at the last plague to place the blood of an unblemished lamb on the door frame of their houses that the Malak/ Messenger (Angel) of death may passover which then would begin their delivery from slavery:



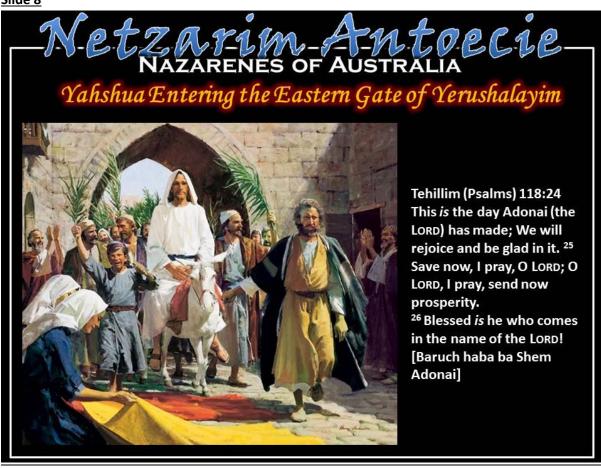
My desire in this discussion is to demonstrate how beautifully Yahshua fulfilled the role of the Lamb as well as see the parallels he displayed through the Temple service remembering that the Yahudim (Jews) rehearsed and celebrated each year the Moedim (the Feasts) with rigorous exactness in remembrance of the day of their Deliverance in the case of Pesach (Passover) so we will look to some key readings found in the Nazarene Scriptures that subtly reveal many aspects of Yahshua fulfilling every prescribed part of these feasts:



We so often browse this Scripture without consideration of what it reveals. Since it was six days before Passover it was therefore the  $8^{th}$  of Aviv or Nissan (Modern Calendar) in the  $1^{st}$  month on the Yahudim (Jewish) Religious calendar & the next day is the  $9^{th}$  when all the lambs were brought to the Temple through the northern gate from Beyth Lechem (Bethlehem) where they had been held until the  $9^{th}$  of Aviv (Nissan).

Josephus records that the Population of Yerushalayim (Jerusalem) was about 600,000 but during Passover it would swell to about 2.5 Million people so in one day they would slaughter 250,000 lambs in the Temple so you can imagine the picture of bloodshed & animals crying but this was meant to increase the people's awareness of how terrible sin was as they saw perfectly innocent lambs being slaughtered before their eyes for their sins. This was also to show how serious sin was before a Righteous Qadosh Elohim (a Holy God).

Also the yearly Yahudi (Jewish) tradition was that when the Lambs arrived from Beyth Lechem (Bethlehem) the people at the northern gate would be singing Tehillim (Psalms) 113 through 118 including this Psalm:



What upset the Pharisaic leaders so much was that as the Lambs entered the northern gate, Yahshua entered the eastern gate which if we remember was the gate that the Machiach (Messiah) was to enter and the people were singing the same words to him that traditionally they would sing when the Lambs entered the Northern gate. How significant is that. These Children as Yahshua calls the untrained common people had such a revelation that they sang the Tehillim (Psalms) to him that were meant for the Lambs only, but we know that he was indeed the true Lamb of YAH that came to take away the sins of the World.

Also as we read before:

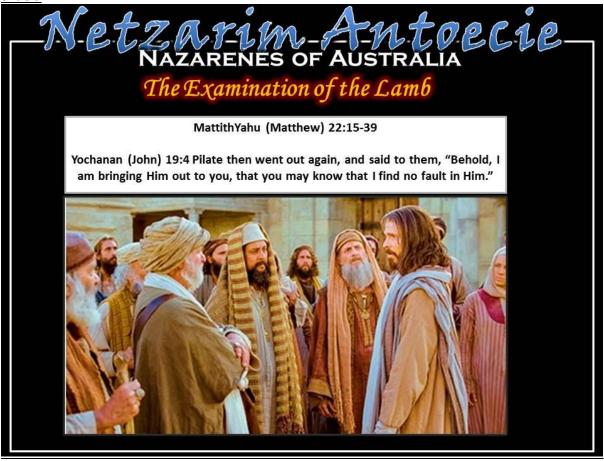
Shemoth (Exodus) 12:3 On the tenth of this month every man shall take for himself a lamb, according to the house of *his* father, a lamb for a household.

Therefore from the 10<sup>th</sup> of Aviv the Lambs would be taken into the home but in Yahshua's day the Lambs were brought to the Temple to be inspected until the 14<sup>th</sup> day to check for any spots or blemishes since only a perfect Lamb could be offered as a sacrifice to YHWH according to the Torah.

Exactly from the 10<sup>th</sup> of Aviv (Nissan) Yahshua was found in the Temple precinct where there was a library of scrolls and where Rabbis or teachers would gather to teach their disciples. During this time Yahshua was inspected or questioned by the Herodians who were Priests or Sadducees joined to King Herod by marriage therefore loyal to Rome. Then he was tested by the Sadducees the official Priests in the Temple who ruled the Sanhedrin & who did not believe in the Physical resurrection & finally by the Pharisees who were sticklers for Law but made thousands of additions calling it oral

law revealed today in the Talmud so they simply wanted to find fault with Yahshua in matters of the Torah (Law). Just like the Lambs that were examined from the 10<sup>th</sup> of Aviv (Nissan) Yahshua was being examined by the Religious leaders according to:

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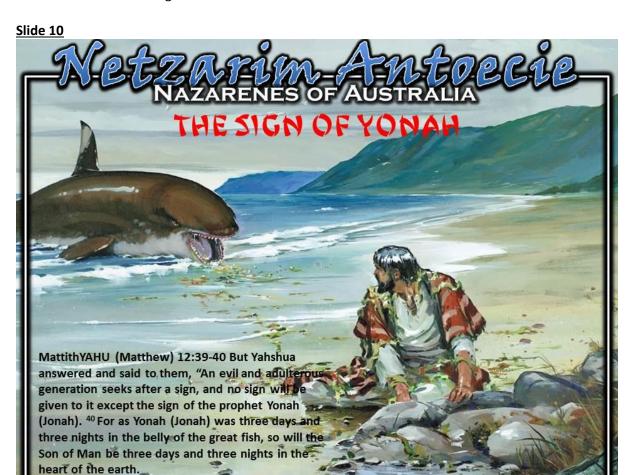
Finally however on the morn that the Lambs would be considered acceptable fulfilling the prescribed examination of the Lambs for Passover Yahshua was brought before Pilate the final authority and this is what he says:

Yochanan (John) Pilate then went out again, and said to them, "Behold, I am bringing Him out to you, that you may know that I find no fault in Him."

Through this process we see Yahshua fulfilling every prescribed aspect that the Lamb would go through before being sacrificed something that had the Divine hand guiding every step that we may know and be able to show others that he fulfils all aspects of Torah with regards the sacrificial Lamb of YHWH that all these lambs were meant to represent & pointed towards.

#### The Most Definite sign of the Messiah:

The most powerful sign that Yahshua gives for his Messiahship however is found when the Scribes and Pharisees ask for a sign from him and he answers them like this:



MattithYAHU (Matthew) 12:39-40 But Yahshua answered and said to them, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Yonah (Jonah). <sup>40</sup> For as Yonah (Jonah) was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

The most straight forward understanding of this verse is simply that Yahshua is prophesying that like Yonah (Jonah) he would be in the Earth for three days and three nights but this totally contradicts the traditions of a Friday to Sunday morning belief between the Crucifixion and the Resurrection as this does not constitute the three days and three nights but as had it, tradition trumps the clearly revealed truth found in Scripture.

Michael Rood in the preface of his book "The Chronological Gospels" suggests the each of the feasts of YHWH being reckoned according to the Creator's Solar/ Lunar Calendar can now be accurately reverse calculated and synchronised with the Julian Calendar instituted more than 42 years before the birth of Yahshua. Today Science through the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) as well as the Israeli New Moon Society among other reputed experts in Science & Torah has enabled the calculations of the Creator's Calendar to be made with great accuracy. We are now able to calculate the day that Chanukah began in the year that Yahshua healed the man that was born

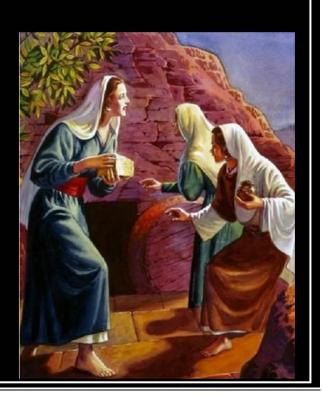
blind and in that year Chanukah was on a Shabbat or Saturday December 6, 27 CE as he entered the Temple mount that morning.

Even without Scientific evidence we can know from the verses quoted that the 14<sup>th</sup> of Aviv or Nissan was a Wednesday and the next day a High Shabbat (Sabbath) being the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the Feast of Matzah (Unleavened bread). Taking the verse above we can then see that the end of three days and three nights was the end of the weekly Shabbat (Sabbath).

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- On the 14<sup>th</sup> of Nissan shops opened only half day leaving time to prepare for Pesach.
- The Women rested the 15<sup>th</sup> of Nissan which was a High Shabbat the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread.
- The 16<sup>th</sup> of Nissan the women bought & prepared Spices and prepared for the weekly Shabbat.
- 4. They rested on Shabbat.
- Finally the women went to the Tomb on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the week the Feast of 1<sup>st</sup> Fruits the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the counting of the Omer.



Also it can be clearly shown that the women who came to the Tomb early the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the week would have been unable to purchase the burial spices on Pesach as shops only opened half a day leaving room for preparation for the Pesach and would have rested on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of Nissan being a high Shabbat. Only the following day they would have gone to buy the spices which would then need some time to prepare the Burial Spices and also prepared for the Shabbat but they then rested again for the weekly Shabbat and finally went to the Tomb at dawn on the 1<sup>st</sup> Day of the Week (S\_nday).

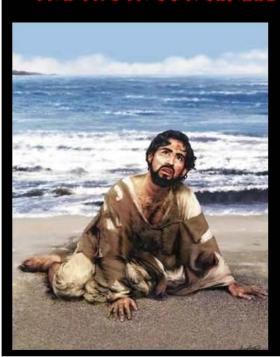
There is however far more to the story of Yonah (Jonah) that has escaped most believers because the sign of Yonah goes much deeper. Surely this reference would not have escaped the Pharisees and the students of the Tanakh (Old Testament). Many today profess to believe that Yonah (Jonah) was kept alive in the belly of the fish but I am here to dispel that idea. He in fact died and was preserved in the belly of the fish so he would not be eaten by other predators like sharks.

To repeat it: "Jonah was thrown off the boat & drowned, was swallowed by a big fish most likely a whale, remained in his stomach for 3 days & 3 nights then the large fish became sick and went up to the shore & vomited him up and YHWH resurrected him from the dead after three days but we need

to read the Scriptures to see this most powerful revelation that Yahshua alludes to as the sign of his Messiahship:

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Yonah (Jonah) 2:1 And Yonah (Jonah) prayed to YHWH his Elohim from the stomach of the fish. 2 And he said, "I called to YHWH because of my distress and He answered me. From the stomach of Sheol (the grave- the place of the dead) I cried and You heard my voice. 3"For You threw me into the deep, into the heart of the seas and the floods surrounded me. All Your breakers and Your waves passed over me. 4 "So I said, 'I have been driven away from Your eyes. Would I ever look again toward Your set-apart Temple?'5 "Waters encompassed me, even unto my soul, the deep closed around me, weeds were wrapped around my head. 6"I went down to the base of the mountains, the earth with its bars (the gates of Sheol) were behind me forever. But You brought up my life from the pit (Grave/ Sheol), O YHWH, my Elohim.

Just imagine how the Religious leaders reacted when the Talmidim (Disciples) began preaching that Yahshua had died as the perfect sacrifice for sin & that YHWH had resurrected him fulfilling the sign that Yahshua said would be the sign that he was the Machiach (Messiah).

#### Yahshua's Purpose Driven Life:

Yahshua had no misgiving about the Divine Purpose for which he was sent into the World when he stood before Pilate and answers him:

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Yochanan (John) 18:37 Pilate therefore said to Him, "Are You a king then?"
Yahshua answered, "You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice."

Mark 10:45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

Luke 22:15 Then Yahshua said to them, "With fervent desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer;

He also understood that he was to be the fulfilment of the true Passover for which he had come into the World:

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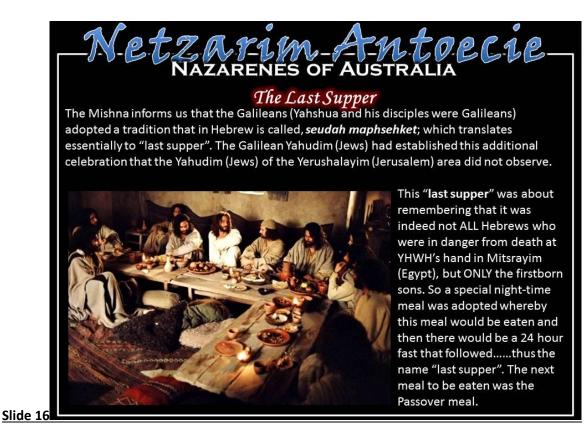
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Since Yahshua was fully aware of his Purpose and even looked to it with great expectation we see him revealing his passion on the eve before Pesach (Passover):

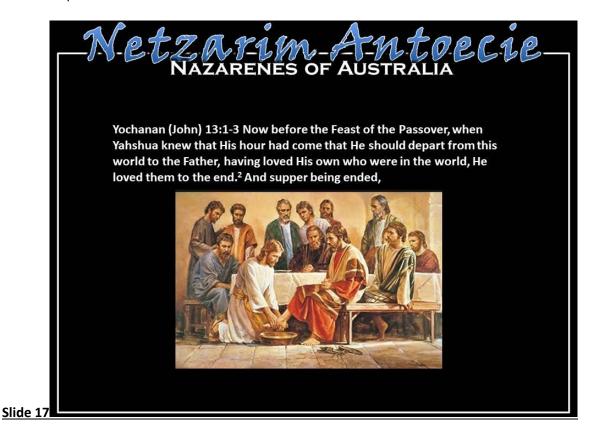
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This verse reveals the desire Yahshua had to fulfil what the Father had given him to do but this meal has also been misunderstood since it was the night before the Passover meal would be eaten the last night that leavened bread could be consumed and this meal could be considered as the Passover rehearsal or preparation meal.

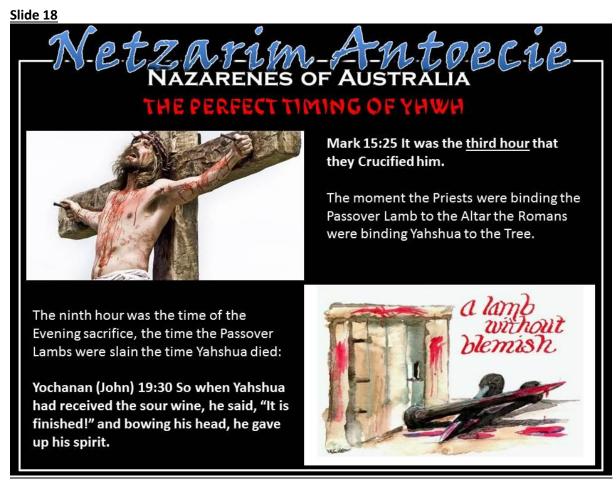


To further explain that this was not the actual Passover meal we read:



We know Yochanan (John) is talking about the same "last super" but telling us it was before the Feast of the Passover. This rehearsal was also occurring in the Temple foreshadowing what was about to take place when the Lamb of Yahweh would be the substitution for the sins of the Nation of Yisrael and the whole World.

#### The perfect timing of YHWH:



In Mark 15:25 we read "It was the <u>third hour</u> that they Crucified him." This is extremely significant as this was also the time of the morning sacrifice. The moment the Priests were binding the Passover Lamb to the Altar the Romans were binding Yahshua to the Tree. Yahshua again was fulfilling the dress rehearsal they practiced every year.

We also see that the ninth hour in the Temple was the time of prayer & the evening Sacrifice:

Yochanan (John) 19:30 So when Yahshua had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished!" and bowing his head, he gave up his spirit.

This was the ninth hour the time of the evening sacrifice, the time the Passover lamb was slain:

#### **Fulfilment of all the Feasts:**

We have seen how Yahshua fulfilled the Pesach & by his sacrifice he bore our sin therefore fulfilled the feast of unleavened bread by taking our sin but there is also a clear revelation that he fulfilled the feast of First fruits as well:

In the Temple service it is found that on the Feast of Unleavened bread at the end of the Weekly Shabbat the Cohen Ha Gadol (the High priest) would go into seclusion awaiting the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the week in which he would present at dawn the first fruits of the Barley harvest being a sheave as a wave offering or thank you offering to YHWH before the Most Qadosh Place (Holy of Holies) in the Temple (Mikdash).

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Therefore it is totally conceivable that Yahshua rose at the end of the Weekly Shabbat upon completion of his work and having rested but remained in total seclusion waiting the exact moment that he could present himself as the First Fruit offering:



Yochanan (John) 20:17 Yahshua said to her, touch me not for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brethren and say to them, I ascend to my Father and your Father and my El and your El.

MatithYahu (Matthew) 28:9 And as they went to tell His disciples, behold, Yahshua met them, saying, "Rejoice!" So they came and held Him by the feet and worshiped Him. <sup>10</sup> Then Yahshua said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell My brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me."

To validate the thought that Yahshua in fact fulfilled the first fruit presentation before his Father in the Heavenly Temple we have two verses that give credence to this thought:

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Just like the Kohen Ha Gadol (the High Priest) Yahshua is showing that he needs to be without human contact therefore completing Temple purity Laws so he can present himself before YHWH as the First Fruit offering.

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Looking at these verses something seems to have happened and I would suggest that Yahshua had fulfilled the First Fruits offering where he presented himself in the Heavenly Temple as the thank you offering or the wave offering that the Kohen Ha Gadol (the High Priest) was doing exactly at that time in the Earthly Temple. This presentation of Yahshua also carried with it the promise not of an abundant Barley harvest but of an abundant harvest of souls according to the words of Sha'ul (Paul):

1 Corinthians 15:23 But each one in his own order: Messiah the firstfruits, afterward those who are Messiah's at His coming.

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- 1. That a "Miqra" or convocation can mean a gathering for a Rehearsal.
- 2. Yahshua as the true Passover Lamb also brought atonement for our sin that we could enter into the renewal of the Covenant.
- 3. Just like the Lambs were examined by the Cohen (Priests) in the Temple from the 10<sup>th</sup> of Aviv (Nissan) so too was Yahshua examined and found without fault.
- 4. Yahshua fulfilled perfectly the sign of Yonah (Jonah).
- 5. Yahshua had a purpose driven life that he knew would have its climax with Pesach (Passover):
- 6. Yahshua fulfils all the Feasts & by his blood we receive forgiveness having the Covenant renewed and Eternal Life.

#### **Conclusion of Yahshua the Lamb:**

As we look to every detail of the Moedim (appointed times) I hope we can remember how Yahshua fulfilled in every detail according to the points I have desired to highlight:

- 1. That a Migra or convocation can mean a gathering for a Rehearsal that foreshadowed the Machiach (Messiah) as the Lamb sent from YHWH to bring fulfilment to this Feast.
- 2. That Passover reminds us that the blood of the innocent Lamb saved the lives of the Yisraelites and all who took refuge in their homes from the Malakim (Angel) of death and then brought Deliverance from the Slavery of Mitsrayim (Egypt) but more importantly that Yahshua as the true Passover Lamb also brought atonement for our sin that we could once again enter into the renewal of the Covenant.
- 3. Just like the Lambs were examined by the Cohen (Priests) in the Temple from the 10<sup>th</sup> of Aviv (Nissan) so too was Yahshua examined and found without fault.
- 4. Yahshua fulfilled perfectly the sign he predicted by the 3 Days & 3 Nights in the Earth but also by resurrecting from the dead as Yonah (Jonah) did.
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MatithYahu (Matthew) 26:2 "You know that after two days is the Passover, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified."

6. Yahshua fulfils all the Feasts with the most intricate detail that all may know that he is the promised Machiach (Messiah) the Saviour of Yisrael & that all who embrace him as their master may partake of the promised atonement of sin receiving adoption into the House of Yisrael & enter into the Renewed Covenant of YHWH by the sacrificial blood of his Son with the promise of Eternal Life.

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