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Dear listener,

I'd like to share the Table Of The Lord with you via this audio recording.

As you know, the Table Of The Lord is the Passover and the continued act of deliverance for all of God's people.

Jesus Christ set this perpetual spiritual act of prophesying deliverance into being by taking the bread and saying, "This is My body, which is for you;" and then raising the cup of wine, saying, "This cup is the New Covenant of My Blood."

Just 7 weeks after Jesus initiated this magnificent event into every believers life, there came the great celebration of the "Feast of Weeks" in Jerusalem.

That is, Pentecost.

And another of the greatest initial perpetual spiritual occurrences took place when the promised Spirit of the living God fell upon those 120 in the upper room who were celebrating the "Feast of Weeks."

Both the Passover and the outpouring of the Spirit of God at Pentecost are commonly referred to as "upper room experiences."

The "Feast of Weeks" is a celebratory time that tells a story and within it is a measurement of time. You see, it counts 50 completed days from Passover.

It is the mark of 7 weeks after Passover. The Greek word that describes this festival is Pentecost which refers to the fiftieth day after Passover, or, the time measurement of seven weeks.

So, Pentecost, in Hebrew tradition, is the "Feast of Weeks."

As you can see, the Feast of Weeks, is directly tied to Passover. Passover starts the counting of time until the 50th day.

Passover - Pentecost - 50th day - 7 weeks. God delivers His children from the slavery of the evil one and the manifest presence of the Lord is with them, and in them, from that time on.

Now, let me present to you "The Hallel"

Some Psalms are called "Hallel" or, high praise.

It is the first part of the compound word "Hallelujah," which means "high praise to Jah."

There is a set of Hallel Psalms that are to be "passionately read" on the second day of Passover and during the Festival of Weeks, called the "Egyptian Hallel," which obviously refers to Israel's deliverance from their slavery in Egypt.

That which is referred to as The Egyptian Hallel consists of Psalms 113 - 118

Let me read to you about Hallel from the Jewish Artscroll Tehillim (tay-hēl-yēm) or Psalms

Psalms 113-118 are collectively known as, "Hallel" - Praise.

Although these and other Psalms are noted as "Hallel" throughout Rabbinic literature, these particular 6 psalms are also referred to as the "Egyptian Hallel", which distinguishes them from others such as Psalm 136 (referred to as the "Great Hallel").

The Talmud (Pesachim 118a) explains that the "Egyptian Hallel" surpasses the great Hallel because its themes are essential articles of the Jewish faith.

These "articles of faith" include the exodus from Egypt, splitting of the red sea, the revelation at Mount Sinai, the resurrection of the dead, and the cataclysmic advent of Messiah.

The Hallel Psalms are recited with passion and worship on the second day of the Passover.

This Hallel positions the children of God in the authoritative place of stewardship of the land - the earth.

For it is written: "Judah became His sanctuary - Israel His dominion."

The ultimate commitment of mankind was when Israel accepted the Torah at Sinai and agreed to conform completely to the will of God. That was like a new birth of all creation.

Then came freedom for the land when it is praised that the mountains skipped like rams, the hills like young lambs. Yet it is not only that the land will be liberated but the person whose eyes and ears are opened will be utterly transformed. For, “the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the LORD.”

Communion, The Lord’s Table, Eucharist, The Lord’s Supper all refer to the same thing. Personally, I have come to refer to this Passover occurrence as The Table Of The Lord as that phrase is used in the book of Malachi.

I do not believe the Table Of The Lord to be a religious doctrine but a doctrine of war.

Why? Because it set the people of Israel free from slavery and bondage. It brought the whole nation of Egypt to its knees. Egypt was that world power of that day. Passover - The Table Of The Lord is a weapon of mass destruction that brought the world power - the whole nation of Egypt into submission to the Lord and His people.

So, The Table Of The Lord = Passover and...

The Egyptian Hallel:

Has the flavor of deliverance, inheritance and harvest to come.

I think of the 120 in the upper room, Pentecost (weeks), inheritance, then harvest came. 3,000 souls in one day. The 50th day.

And then, I believe that we tend to think of the word "Israel" too much as “nation” instead of “family.”

The fathers Abraham, Isaac & Jacob (who was named Israel by the Lord) were persons, they were family - they had family. Their greatest riches were found in their family.

God blessed their family.

We must see not just regions, or land, or nations - but the people.

And we must see those that are held in bondage, those that are imprisoned in slavery of any kind.

Remember how Peter said on the day of Pentecost, "For the promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call to Himself." (Acts 2:39 NASB)

That is a statement about the promises of God to our families. Therefore, we should never lose sight of the family in what the Lord promises.

The Kingdom of Heaven

When anyone who sees the redeemer for who He is, the one who sets us free from slavery, then they see the glorious gospel of the Kingdom.

When we partake of the Table of the Lord...

It is common for us to look at the history of the great Passover.

But as people of the Kingdom of heaven, we probably only view the past history at about 20% of our view point. That is, about 20% of what we contemplate at the Table Of The Lord is the historic events of the Passover.

By “events” I mean the deliverance of the children of Israel from the grasp of Egypt and the Passover that Jesus Christ enjoined with His apostles in that upper room.

We know what the Lord did in the past and we proclaim it. Our faith is built up and then we quickly move in to a view of what that delivering power of the Lord does for us in the now.

Then the excellent greatness of God delivers us into the future that He is preparing for us.

You see, there is a future and a hope!

This important “pathway” is repeated throughout the scripture.

Remember that Peter preached to the multitudes,

- to repent,
- to be immersed
- and filled/receive the Holy Spirit.

In Acts 2:38 it is written, "Peter said to them, 'Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.'"
(Acts 2:38 NASB)

- Past: Repent of your sins committed. He will deliver you from them, and the bondages and slavery of sin.
- Present: Be immersed, and receive the forgiveness that is your present deliverance
- Future: Receive the gift of the Holy Spirit Who will be with you all the rest of your days

In my opinion, it is a biblical picture, (or drama) that is like unto the Table Of The Lord.

So, there is the history of miracle deliverance, indulge in it, remember those miracles, let your faith arise from there, but don't get stuck there.

Remember Gideon:

"Where are the miracles of our Fathers?" He was stuck in the past.

Judges 6:12-14

"The angel of the Lord appeared to him and said to him, 'The Lord is with you, O valiant warrior.' Then Gideon said to him, 'O my lord, if the Lord is with us, why then has all this happened to us? And where are all His miracles which our fathers told us about, saying, "Did not the Lord bring us up from Egypt?" But now the Lord has abandoned us and given us into the hand of Midian.' The Lord looked at him and said, 'Go in this your strength and deliver Israel from the hand of Midian. Have I not sent you?'"

We have to live our deliverance now as well as in our tomorrows.

So, the "Egyptian Hallel" tells of the deliverance and much more...

Psalm 113

1 Praise the LORD!

Give praise, all you servants of YAHWEH, Praise the Name of YAHWEH!

2 Blessed be the Name of YAHWEH from this time forth and forever.

3 From the rising of the sun to its setting, YAHWEH's Name is to be passionately praised.

4 High above all nations is the LORD, above the heavens is His glory.

5 Who is like YAHWEH, our God, Who is enthroned on high —

6 And sees down upon the heaven and the earth?

7 He raises the needy from the dust, from the trash heaps He lifts the destitute.

8 To seat them with nobles, with the nobles of His people.

9 He transforms the barren wife into a glad mother of children. Praise the LORD!

Psalm 114

When Israel went out of Egypt, Jacob's household from a people of alien tongue.

2 Judah became His sanctuary, Israel His dominion.

3 The sea saw and fled, the Jordan turned backward.

4 The mountains skipped like rams, the hills like young lambs.

5 What ails you, O sea, that you flee? O Jordan, that you turn back?

6 O mountains, that you skip like rams? O hills, like young lambs?

7 Tremble, O earth, from the face of the Lord, from the Presence of the God of Jacob.

8 Who turns the rock into a pond of water, the flint into a flowing fountain.

Psalm 115

1 Not for our sake, YAHWEH, not for our sake, but for Your Name's sake give glory, for the sake of Your kindness and Your truth!

2 Why should the nations say, "Where now is their God?"

3 Our God is in the heavens, whatever He pleases, He does!

4 Their idols are silver and gold, the handiwork of man.

5 They have a mouth, but cannot speak; they have eyes, but cannot see;

6 They have ears but cannot hear; they have nose, but cannot smell,

7 They have hands but cannot feel; they have feet but they cannot walk; they cannot utter a sound from their throat,

8 Those who make them should become like them, whoever trusts in them!

9 O Israel! Trust in the LORD - YAHWEH — He is their help and their shield!

10 O House of Aaron! Trust in YAHWEH

He is their help and their shield!

11 You who fear the LORD! Trust in the LORD — He is their help and their shield!

12 YAHWEH - Who has remembered us will bless — He will bless the House of Israel; He will bless the House of Aaron.

13 He will bless those who fear the LORD, the small as well as the great.

14 May YAHWEH add upon you, upon you and upon your children!

15 You are blessed of YAHWEH, Maker of heaven and earth.

16 As for the heavens — the heavens are the LORD's, but the earth He has given to mankind.

17 Neither the dead can praise YAHWEH, nor any who descend into silence.

18 But we will praise the LORD, henceforth and forever.

Praise the LORD!

Psalm 116

I love the LORD because He hears my voice, my prayers!

2 For He has inclined His ear to me, in all my days I will call forth His Name.

3 The pains of death encircled me; the confines of the grave have found me, trouble and sorrow I would find.

4 Then I called upon the Name of the LORD; "Please YAHWEH, save my soul!"

5 Gracious is YAHWEH and righteous, our God is merciful.

6 The LORD protects the simple; I was brought low, but He saved me.

7 Return to your rest, my soul; for YAHWEH has been kind to you.

8 For You delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.

9 I shall walk before YAHWEH in the land of the living.

10 I kept faith although I would say, "I suffer exceedingly."

11 I said in my haste, "All mankind is deceitful."

12 How can I repay YAHWEH for all His kindness to me?

13 I will raise the cup of salvations, and I will invoke the Name of the LORD,

14 My vows to YAHWEH I will pay, in the presence of His entire people.

15 Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His devout ones.

16 Please, YAHWEH — for I am Your servant, I am Your servant, son of Your handmaid —
You have released my bonds.

17 To You I will sacrifice thanksgiving offerings, and I will call out to the Name of YAH-
WEH.

18 My vows to the LORD I will pay, in the presence of His entire people.

19 In the courtyards of the House of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem.

Praise the LORD!

Psalm 117

1 Praise the LORD, all you peoples; extol Him, all you nations!

2 For His kindness to us was overwhelming, and the truth of YAHWEH is eternal.

Praise the LORD!

Psalm 118

1 Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; "His lovingkindness/mercy endures forever!"

2 Let Israel say: "His lovingkindness/mercy endures forever!"

3 Let the House of Aaron say: "His lovingkindness/mercy endures forever!"

4 Let those who fear YAHWEH say: His lovingkindness/mercy endures forever!

5 From the distresses I called out to YAHWEH, He answered me in the large place of YAHWEH!

6 YAHWEH is with me, I have no fear; how can man affect me?

7 YAHWEH is for me among those who help me, therefore I can face my foes.

8 It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to rely upon man.

9 It is better to take refuge in YAHWEH than to rely on nobles.

10 All the nations surround me; but surely I will destroy them in the name of the Lord!

11 They encircle me; yea, they surround me; I surely will destroy them in the name of the LORD!

12 They surround me like bees; they are quenched like the fire of thorns; for surely I will cut them off in the name of YAHWEH.

13 Pushing, you pushed me to fall; but YAHWEH helped me.

14 The LORD is my strength and my song; and He is my salvation

15 The sound of rejoicing and salvation is in the tents of the righteous: "YAHWEH's right hand does valiantly.

16 The LORD's right hand is raised triumphantly; YAHWEH's right hand does valiantly!"

17 I shall not die! I shall live and declare the works of YAHWEH.

18 The LORD has chastened me exceedingly, but He did not let me die.

19 Open for me the gates of righteousness, I will enter them and thank YAHWEH.

20 This is the gate of YAHWEH; the righteous shall enter through it.

21 I thank You for You have answered me and become my salvation.

22 The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone!

23 This has emanated from YAHWEH; it is wondrous in our eyes.

24 This is the day that the LORD has made; We will rejoice and be glad In Him!

25 O YAHWEH, please save us! O YAHWEH, please make us prosper!

26 Blessed be he who comes in the Name of the LORD. We bless you from the House of the LORD.

27 YAHWEH is God; He gives light to us; bind the festival offering with cords to the corners of the altar.

28 You are my God, and I will thank You, my God, I will exalt You!

29 Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His lovingkindness/mercy endures forever!

Psalm 136 (The Great Hallel)

I'm reading to you Psalm 136, which is called by many past Hebrew scholars "The Great Hallel"

For centuries, it has been recited passionately and in faith by God loving Jews at the feast of Passover, on the 2nd day of that great celebration each year.

1 Give thanks unto Yahweh, for He is good,

For His lovingkindness/His Chased/His Mercy is everlasting.

2 Give thanks to Elohim of all elohim,

For His lovingkindness is everlasting.

3 Give thanks to the Lord of lords,

For His lovingkindness is everlasting.

4 To Him who alone does great wonders,

For His lovingkindness is everlasting;

5 To Him who made the heavens with skill,

For His lovingkindness is everlasting;

6 To Him who spread out the earth above the waters,

For His lovingkindness is everlasting;

7 To Him who made the great lights,

For His lovingkindness is everlasting:

8 The sun to rule by day,

For His lovingkindness is everlasting,

9 The moon and stars to rule by night,

For His lovingkindness is everlasting.

10 To Him who smote the Egyptians in their firstborn,

For His lovingkindness is everlasting,

11 And brought Israel out from their midst,

For His lovingkindness is everlasting,

12 With a strong hand and an outstretched arm,

For His lovingkindness is everlasting.

13 To Him who divided the Red Sea asunder,

For His lovingkindness is everlasting,

14 And made Israel pass through the midst of it,

For His lovingkindness is everlasting;

15 But He overthrew Pharaoh and his army in the Red Sea,

For His lovingkindness is everlasting.

16 To Him who led His people through the wilderness,

For His lovingkindness is everlasting;

17 To Him who smote great kings,

For His lovingkindness is everlasting,

18 And slew mighty kings,

For His lovingkindness is everlasting:

19 Sihon, king of the Amorites,

For His lovingkindness is everlasting,

20 And Og, king of Bashan,

For His lovingkindness is everlasting,

21 And gave their land as a heritage,

For His lovingkindness is everlasting,

22 Even a heritage to Israel His servant,

For His lovingkindness is everlasting.

23 Who remembered us in our low estate,

For His lovingkindness is everlasting,

24 And has rescued us from our adversaries,

For His lovingkindness is everlasting;

25 Who gives food to all flesh,

For His lovingkindness is everlasting.

26 Give thanks to the God of heaven,

For His lovingkindness is everlasting.

(Psalms 136:1-26 NASB fixed a bit)

Psalm 34

A Psalm of David when he feigned madness before Abimelech, who drove him away and he departed.

In the past, I read somewhere, that this is considered by rabbinical teachers as an important Passover Psalm.

I perceive that it is because,

Just as the Lord delivered Israel out from the slavery of Pharaoh and Egypt, even so, the Lord delivered David out from Achish (Abimelech)

This Psalm is about the power of the Lord to deliver us "out from" the bondages of this world...

In verse 20, is the statement that not one of his bones will be broken. This is the scripture that was fulfilled at the crucifixion of Jesus Christ according to the gospel of John.

So, the body of Jesus is not broken but graciously handed out in loving hospitality.

For it is written:

Exodus 12:46

"It is to be eaten in a single house; you are not to bring forth any of the flesh outside the house, nor are you to break any bone of it."

Numbers 9:12

"They shall leave none of it until morning, nor break a bone of it; according to all the statute of the Passover they shall observe it."

Psalm 34:20

"He keeps all his bones, Not one of them is broken."

John 19:36

"For these things came to pass to fulfill the Scripture, 'Not A bone of Him shall be broken.'"

From the Artscroll Tanach Commentary Series, Tehillim (or Psalms)

I read of,

Psalm 34: 20

"He guards all his bones, even one of them was not broken"

It goes on to comment,

The term bones is used to describe the entire body because the skeletal structure is the body's mainstay (Radak).

The tzaddik [righteous] has scrupulously observed all of God's 613 commands which correspond to the 248 organs and 365 sinews, ligaments and tendons; a total of 613. Hashem reciprocates and watches over all 613 parts of his body (Tehillos Hashem).

My comment to you, dear listener, is that Yeshua ha Meshiach is watching over every part of your body.

And now, I'm reading...

Psalm 34

1 I will bless the Lord at all times;

His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

2 My soul will make its boast in the Lord;

The humble will hear it and rejoice.

3 O magnify the Lord with me,

And let us exalt His name together.

4 I sought the Lord, and He answered me,

And delivered me from all my fears.

5 They looked to Him and were radiant,

And their faces will never be ashamed.

6 This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him

And saved him out of all his troubles.

7 The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear Him,

And rescues them.

8 O taste and see that the Lord is good;

How blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!

9 O fear the Lord, you His saints;

For to those who fear Him there is no want.

10 The young lions do lack and suffer hunger;

But they who seek the Lord shall not be in want of any good thing.

11 Come, you children, listen to me;

I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

12 Who is the man who desires life

And loves length of days that he may see good?

13 Keep your tongue from evil

And your lips from speaking deceit.

14 Depart from evil and do good;

Seek peace and pursue it.

15 The eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous

And His ears are open to their cry.

16 The face of the Lord is against evildoers,

To cut off the memory of them from the earth.

17 The righteous cry, and the Lord hears

And delivers them out of all their troubles.

18 The Lord is near to the brokenhearted

And saves those who are crushed in spirit.

19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

But the Lord delivers him out of them all.

20 He keeps all his bones,

Not one of them is broken.

21 Evil shall slay the wicked,

And those who hate the righteous will be condemned.

22 The Lord redeems the soul of His servants,

And none of those who take refuge in Him will be condemned.

(Psalms 34:1-22 NASB)