

THE PASSOVER MEAL:

God's Invitation to Drink the Cup of Death and to Eat the Bread of Brokenness

Luke 22:14-22 ESV

And when the hour came, he reclined at table, and the apostles with him. And he said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, "Take this, and divide it among yourselves. For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. 21 But behold, the hand of him who betrays me is with me on the table. For the Son of Man goes as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom he is betrayed!"

1. THE ESTABLISHMENT OF GOD'S COVENANT

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die." (Genesis 2:15-17)

2. THE BREAKING OF GOD'S COVENANT

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. (Genesis 3:1-7 ESV)

3. THE CONSEQUENCES OF BREAKING THE COVENANT

The Bruising of the Head and the Heel

Genesis 3:14-15

I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

The Pain in Childbearing

Genesis 3:16

To the woman he said, "I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be contrary to your husband, but he shall rule over you."

The Pain in Subduing the Earth

Genesis 3:17-19

And to Adam he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;

4. THE RESTORATION OF THE COVENANT: THE CUP OF DEATH AND THE BREAD OF BROKENNESS

ADAM and EVE: The Skins of an Animal

Genesis 3:20-24

The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. And the Lord God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

NOAH: The Flood

Genesis 6:11-14;18

Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight, and the earth was filled with violence. And God saw the earth, and behold, it was corrupt, for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth. And God said to Noah, "I have determined to make an end of all flesh, for the earth is filled with violence through them. Behold, I will destroy them with the earth. Make yourself an ark of gopher wood. Make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and out with pitch. . . . But I will establish my covenant with you, and you shall come into the ark, you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you.

NOAH: The Sign of the Rainbow

Genesis 9:8-17

And God said, "This is **the sign of the covenant** that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be **a sign of the covenant** between me and the earth.

ABRAHAM: The Blood of a Heifer, a Goat, and a Ram

Genesis 15

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, behold, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made **a covenant** with Abram, saying, "To your offspring I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates, the land of the Kenites, the Kenizzites, the Kadmonites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Rephaim, the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites and the Jebusites."

ABRAHAM: Circumcision

Genesis 17

This is my covenant, which you shall keep, between me and you and your offspring after you: Every male among you shall be circumcised. 11 You shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskins, and it shall be **a sign of the covenant** between me and you. 12 He who is eight days old among you shall be circumcised. Every male throughout your generations, whether born in your house or bought with your money from any foreigner who is not of your offspring, 13 both he who is born in your house and he who is bought with your money, shall surely be circumcised. **So shall my covenant be in your flesh an everlasting covenant.** 14 Any uncircumcised male who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin shall be cut off from his people; **he has broken my covenant.**"

ABRAHAM: Ishmael and Isaac

Genesis 17

God said, "No, but Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac. **I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant** for his offspring after him. As for Ishmael, I have heard you; behold, I have blessed him and will make him fruitful and multiply him greatly. He shall father twelve princes, and I will make him into a great nation. But **I will establish my covenant** with Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear to you at this time next year."

MOSES: Slavery of Israel and the Death of Pharaoh

Exodus 6:2-9

Moreover, I have heard the groaning of the people of Israel whom the Egyptians hold as slaves, and **I have remembered my covenant**. Say therefore to the people of Israel, 'I am the Lord, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will deliver you from slavery to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great acts of judgment. I will take you to be my people, and I will be your God, and you shall know that I am the Lord your God, who has brought you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians. I will bring you into the land that I swore to give to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. I will give it to you for a possession. I am the Lord.'

MOSES: The Sacrifices of the Burnt and Peace Offerings

Exodus 24:3-8

And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the Lord. And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw against the altar. Then he took the **Book of the Covenant** and read it in the hearing of the people. And they said, "All that the Lord has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient." And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, "**Behold the blood of the covenant** that the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words."

JOSHUA: The Destruction of the City of Jericho

Joshua 6:12-21

Then Joshua rose early in the morning, and the priests took up the **ark of the Lord**. And the seven priests bearing the seven trumpets of rams' horns before the **ark of the Lord** walked on, and they blew the trumpets continually. And the armed men were walking before them, and the rear guard was walking after the ark of the Lord, while the trumpets blew continually... As soon as the people heard the sound of the trumpet, the people shouted a great shout, and the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they captured the city. Then they devoted all in the city to destruction, both men and women, young and old, oxen, sheep, and donkeys, with the edge of the sword.

DAVID: The Death of the Son of Bathsheba

Psalm 89 / 2 Samuel 12:15-25

I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever; with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations. For I said, "Steadfast love will be built up forever; in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness." You have said, "**I have made a covenant with my chosen one**; I have sworn to David my servant: 'I will establish your offspring forever, and build your throne for all generations.'" Selah

And the Lord afflicted the child that Uriah's wife bore to David, and he became sick. David therefore sought God on behalf of the child. And David fasted and went in and lay all night on the ground. And the elders of his house stood beside him, to raise him from the ground, but he would not, nor did he eat food with them. 18 On the seventh day the child died... Then David comforted his wife, Bathsheba, and went in to her and lay with her, and she bore a son, and he called his name Solomon. And the Lord loved him and sent a message by Nathan the prophet. So he called his name Jedidiah, because of the Lord.

HOSEA: The Destruction of the Northern Kingdom by the Assyrians

Hosea 2:16-20

"And in that day, declares the Lord, you will call me 'My Husband,' and no longer will you call me 'My Baal.' For I will remove the names of the Baals from her mouth, and they shall be remembered by name no more. And I will make for them a **covenant** on that day with the beasts of the field, the birds of the heavens, and the creeping things of the ground. And I will abolish the bow, the sword, and war from the land, and I will make you lie down in safety. And I will betroth you to me forever. I will betroth you to me in righteousness and in justice, in steadfast love and in mercy. I will betroth you to me in faithfulness. And you shall know the Lord.

ISAIAH: The Destruction of the Southern Kingdom by the Babylonians

Isaiah 55:1-5

Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an **everlasting covenant**, my steadfast, sure love for David. Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

JEREMIAH: The Captivity of the Southern Kingdom by the Babylonians

Jeremiah 31:31-34

“Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a **new covenant** with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord. For this is the **covenant** that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

EZEKIEL: The Captivity of the Southern Kingdom by the Babylonians

Ezekiel 16:59-63

“For thus says the Lord God: I will deal with you as you have done, you who have despised the oath in breaking the covenant, yet I will remember **my covenant** with you in the days of your youth, and I will establish for you an **everlasting covenant**. . . . I will **establish my covenant** with you, and you shall know that I am the Lord, that you may remember and be confounded, and never open your mouth again because of your shame, when I atone for you for all that you have done, declares the Lord God.”

DANIEL: The Captivity of the Southern Kingdom by the Babylonians

Daniel 9:4-15

I prayed to the Lord my God and made confession, saying, “O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps **covenant** and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, we have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from your commandments and rules.

HAGGAI: The Opposition of Rebuilding the Temple

Haggai 2:4-9

Yet now be strong, O Zerubbabel, declares the Lord. Be strong, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest. Be strong, all you people of the land, declares the Lord. Work, for I am with you, declares the Lord of hosts, according to **the covenant** that I made with you when you came out of Egypt. My Spirit remains in your midst. Fear not.

ZECHARIAH: The Opposition of Rebuilding the Temple

Zechariah 9:19-13

As for you also, because of **the blood of my covenant with you**, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

MALACHI: The Refining Fire of John the Baptist

Malachi 3:1-4

“Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and **the messenger of the covenant** in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the Lord.

ZECHARIAH: The Death of John the Baptist

Luke 1:67-79

And his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied, saying, to show the mercy promised to our fathers and **to remember his holy covenant**, the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,

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| Jesus Prepares to Drink the Cup and Eat the Bread (Luke 22:14-22 ESV) | The Church Prepares to Drink the Cup and Eat the Bread (Luke 22:23-38 ESV) |
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| <p>And when the hour came, he reclined at table, and the apostles with him.</p> | <p>And they began to question one another, which of them it could be who was going to do this. A dispute also arose among them, as to which of them was to be regarded as the greatest.</p> |
| <p>JESUS: <u>And he said to them, “I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.”</u></p> <p>JESUS: <u>And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, “Take this, and divide it among yourselves. For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.”</u></p> <p>JESUS: And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. <u>Do this in remembrance of me.”</u></p> <p>JESUS: And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. But behold, the hand of him who betrays me is with me on the table. For the Son of Man goes as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom he is betrayed!”</p> | <p>JESUS: And he said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you. Rather, let the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as one who serves. For who is the greater, one who reclines at table or one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines at table? But I am among you as the one who serves.</p> <p>JESUS: “You are those who have stayed with me in my trials, and I assign to you, as my Father assigned to me, a kingdom, that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.</p> <p>JESUS: “Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers.”</p> <p>PETER: Peter said to him, “Lord, I am ready to go with you both to prison and to death.”</p> <p>JESUS: Jesus said, “I tell you, Peter, the rooster will not crow this day, until you deny three times that you know me.”</p> <p>JESUS: And he said to them, “When I sent you out with no moneybag or knapsack or sandals, did you lack anything?”</p> <p>APOSTLES: They said, “Nothing.”</p> <p>JESUS: He said to them, “But now let the one who has a moneybag take it, and likewise a knapsack. And let the one who has no sword sell his cloak and buy one. For I tell you that this Scripture must be fulfilled in me: ‘And he was numbered with the transgressors.’ For what is written about me has its fulfillment.”</p> <p>APOSTLES: And they said, “Look, Lord, here are two swords.”</p> <p>JESUS: And he said to them, “It is enough.”</p> |