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Rabbi Marty shares timely encouragement from Psalm 46.

When I See the Blood

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The Feasts of Israel, when seen together, spring and fall, foretell the first and second comings of Yeshua. The first Spring holiday, Pesach (Passover), is the annual celebration of the birth of the Jewish nation after having been in the “womb” of Egypt for 430 years (See Gen. 15; Ex.12). S’firat Ha Omer (Feast of First Fruits), on the 3rd day of the Passover week, reaches its fullness in Yeshua’s resurrection. Shavuot (Feast of Weeks, or Pentecost) is finalized in Israel’s arrival at Mt. Sinai, and the pouring out of the Ruach HaKodesh (Holy Spirit). From an historical and biblical perspective, none of these events is complete without the other.

Historically, we see the sacrifice of the Passover Lamb, with its blood applied to the doorposts and crossbeam of the doors of the Hebrews, is the sign of the Hebrews’ trust in the word of the LORD: “When I see the blood, I will pass over you.” (Ex. 12:12, 13) This is the promise that freed the Hebrews from slavery in Egypt. Biblically, we see the complete fullness of the Spring holidays in the death of Messiah Yeshua, our Passover Lamb (I Cor. 5:6-8). Yeshua said to his disciples during the last Passover that he shared with them, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.” (Luke 22:19-20) His blood, shed for the sins of the world, qualified as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of those who trust in Him.

According to John, known as the “beloved disciple,” it was just after this most significant Seder meal, that Yeshua, in his “high priestly prayer,” interceded for his disciples before he went to his death. Only he was “without blemish” to bring the law of Moses into its fullness and make atonement for the sins of humans. Yeshua declared his undying love for his Father, as his course was set to fulfill the purpose for his coming. Yeshua’s high priestly prayer is the “backbone” of the vision of TJCII. He prayed, “I pray not on behalf of these only, but also for those who believe in me through their message, *that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me and I am in You*, so also may they be one in us, so the world may believe that you sent me.” (John 17:20, 21; italics added) We pray that this will be the generation that will, by the power of his Holy Spirit, see this prayer come into its fullness.

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