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Shalom Havairim,  
Blessings to you, my friends:

This time of year always excites me- flowers blooming, temperatures moderating, grass greening up- a whole new freshness in the air! Adonai told us in Exodus 12:2 “ this month shall be your beginning of months- it shall be the first month of the year to you. A new beginning, a new year- with new opportunities and possibilities!

## ***Messianic Minutes***

On March 15 Jeffrey D. Miller and I recorded a new series for our radio program *Messianic Minutes*. This show originated as a whisper from Adonai over 13 years ago. This five-minute segment is now broadcast daily throughout the United States and into parts of the world. The half-hour special shows are on hundreds of radio stations. The latest recordings dealt with Passover. In fact I'd like to make a CD of the half hour show available to you, my friend. Just write to me and request a copy and I'll see that one is sent to you! Do it soon- so that you can glean relevant and important insights – many of which will not only edify you, but will also help you to find common ground with Jewish people you know, who are not yet saved!

## ***COMPLIMENTARY CD- for the asking***

Included is:

The Plan of Salvation in the Passover  
Jesus in the Passover Seder  
The Communion/Passover Connection  
The Jewishness of Resurrection Sunday

*Messianic Minutes* is just one of the Ministries of **Favor Zion!** You can learn more about *Messianic Minutes* by logging on to [www.MessianicMinutes.com](http://www.MessianicMinutes.com).

Part of the joy of the upcoming Passover season is sharing the gospel message with family and friends. We share with everyone- saved, not yet saved, Jews, gentiles, young and old. The Gospel is an equal opportunity presentation, and make no mistake about it- the plan of salvation is clearly seen in the Passover story and Passover ceremony we call the Seder.

This is a great time of year to review the foundations for the plan of salvation. I always begin by telling the story in Genesis- starting with Joseph in chapter 37 where we find Joseph's father, Jacob, showering favoritism to his son Joseph, and alienating his other children, in fact stirring up vehement animosity.

Joseph, the dreamer, has a gift but is a little immature and unskilled in its use. He alienates those closest to him and they do him dirt. (Isn't this the way it often is in natural and church families!) Sold into slavery in a foreign land, Joseph sees the truth of Adonai's promise, "I will never leave you nor forsake you", and he prospers. The prosperity is short lived. Joseph is severely punished for acting with integrity and righteousness- and lands in prison. But even in prison he prospers. Though he walks through the valley of the shadow of death, God is with him. Ultimately Joseph is released and exalted to the highest political post in the land.

Joseph by being in Egypt in a place of authority is part of Adonai's plan to fulfill His covenant promises. Seventy members of his father Jacob's family go down to Egypt where they find refuge in Goshen, prosper and multiply into a nation of several million. Joseph forgives his brothers who did him dirt, saying, "You meant it for evil-**But God** (*took even your nasty, despicable, mean, and evil deeds*) has used them for good." (Italics-mine)

A new Egyptian Pharaoh arises, who doesn't remember the power of God and the wisdom and integrity of Joseph. This Pharaoh made all of the Israelites slaves. They are in bitter bondage, building temples to false gods.

### ***The Blood and The Redemption***

YHVH (sacred name of God) hears the cries of the people in their bondage. God calls Moses to the task of seeking their release. Moses reluctantly agrees to accept the mission, but his faith leads him to a bolder and bolder stance. Moses goes by faith, accepting the commitment and the covenant. The Pharaoh symbolizes the world: "Who is the Lord that I should obey His voice... I do not know the Lord, nor will I let Israel go." (Exodus 5:2) In answer to the Pharaoh's reply God sent plagues, with each one bringing judgment on the world system and the gods of this world and those who follow those gods.

Then Adonai promised to free the Israelites. But even after the promise is given and is certain, there is something each person must do if they are to receive redemption and enter into freedom. Everyone must take the blood of a lamb that has been examined and found perfect without blemish, and apply it to the doorposts of their homes. When God saw the blood, only then would death Pass over that home.

Today it's the same! God has provided the sinless lamb, Yeshua, who has shed His blood on our behalf. Yeshua forgave even the people who caused His death. Now each of us must apply that holy blood to the "doorposts" of our hearts. Only then do we pass from death to life- from slavery to freedom. Friends, may this new season, this "New Year", be a time of asking for forgiveness and then forgiving others (even if they've done you dirt), thereby accepting God's redemption and freedom that comes only through the blood of the Lamb.

In Yeshua's Love

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