

# PASSOVER GREETINGS

Passover is the day we celebrate both the courage and bravery...and acknowledge  
The tenacity of those Hebrew ancestors who stood firm against Egyptian slavery.

The greatest temptation for us in such festive occasions is to enjoy  
The excitement of the celebration...Yet miss the universal message of the event...  
Treating Passover as just another spring time celebration!

Passover is more than a 'historic footnote'...A moment in time...  
A legendary tale passed down...A mere speed bump on the spiritual highway.  
It's the story of G-d's people's struggle against slavery and their fight for freedom.  
However 'precise' the details of that 3300 year old bold and daring effort...  
The Reed Sea...The Wilderness...The River Jordan...The Land of Canaan...  
Each becomes symbolically significant in our pursuit of personal freedom...  
In our wrestle with the shackles that hold G-d's people captive.

If we are ever to share in the Passover Victory...like our Hebrew forefathers...  
We need enough perception to recognize how life can suddenly become chaotic...  
Enough determination to break the chains that bind us...  
Enough faith to trust G-d to help maneuver life's recovery highway...  
Enough patience to endure the pains of difficult times and the fears of different places...  
Enough nerve to attempt what we've never tried...  
To go where we've never been...and to experience what we've never known.

Such as this happens whenever holy living challenges us to rise to greater heights.  
Facing the fears of our angry seas...Enduring the horrors of our fearsome wilderness...  
Entering strange new places...for us---As it was for our ancestors before us---  
Is a small price to pay for G-d's promise of a Land of Hope.

May G-d bless us, each one, in our spiritual journeys that we may have  
Courage for our seas...Strength for our wildernesses...  
Audacity for the rivers we must cross...  
and  
In His Tender Mercy...may we find in Shalom, G-d's gift of the Land of Hope.

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