

EXODUS 12:1-32

The Passover: The Event that Changes Everything

I. The Instruction for the Passover (vv. 1-12)

Selection of the lamb - 10th day of the month (vv. 1-5)

Slaying of the lamb - 14th day of the month (vv. 6-11)

Striking down of the firstborn - night of the Passover (v. 12)

II. The Explanation of the Passover (vv. 13-28)

The _____ of God on the firstborn and gods of Egypt - "pass through to strike"

The _____ of Israel for those with the sign of the blood - "pass over to protect"

The _____ of the event with a day and a feast

III. The Description of the Passover (vv. 29-32)

God strikes down the firstborn of families and flocks.

Pharaoh lets Israel go to "serve the LORD."

IV. The Implication of the Passover(s)

"THE LORD'S PASSOVER" <i>Exodus 12:11</i>	"CHRIST OUR PASSOVER LAMB" <i>1 Corinthians 5:7</i>
A male lamb <i>Exodus 12:3</i>	"One mediator ... the man Christ Jesus" <i>1 Timothy 2:5</i>
Lamb selected from the flock <i>Exodus 12:3-4</i>	Lamb provided by God <i>John 1:29</i>
Without blemish <i>Exodus 12:5</i>	"Without blemish or spot" <i>2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 1:19</i>
Sacrificed on eve of Passover, 14th of Nisan <i>Exodus 12:6</i>	Died 3 p.m. on Passover, 14th of Nisan <i>Matthew 27:45</i>
No broken bones <i>Exodus 12:46</i>	"They did not break his legs" <i>Psalms 34:20; John 19:33, 36</i>
Necessity of blood to avoid judgment <i>Exodus 12:7, 13</i>	"Redemption through His blood" <i>Ephesians 1:7</i>
Threat of judgment upon all <i>Exodus 12:12</i>	Jesus "gave himself as a ransom for all" <i>1 Timothy 2:6</i>
Memorial with blood, bread and bitter herbs <i>Exodus 12:14</i>	Memorial with bread and blood <i>1 Corinthians 11:23-26</i>

With the ram caught in the thicket for Isaac (*Genesis 22*),
there was a substitutionary sacrifice for a _____.

With the lamb or goat at Passover (*Exodus 12*),
there was a substitutionary sacrifice for a _____.

With the two goats on the Day of Atonement (*Leviticus 16*),
there was a substitutionary sacrifice for a _____.

With the sacrifice of the Lamb of God on the cross (*John 4:42; Hebrews 2:9; 1 John 2:2*),
there was the satisfactory substitute for the _____.

HOME GROUP STUDY & DEVOTIONAL

Before you begin, ask the Holy Spirit to teach you and guide your study.

1. Read Exodus 12:1-32. What insights into the Passover did you understand better after hearing the sermon?

2. Why did the Israelites have to perform a task in order to protect themselves from God's judgment of the final plague? Why didn't the Lord simply exempt the area where His people were living, as He had done in previous plagues?

3. Why did God make much about the Israelites asking the Egyptians for silver, gold and clothing? (See 3:21-22; 11:2-3; 12:35-36.)

Was this theft or extortion on the part of the Israelites, or was it justified? Why?

4. What does this passage show you about God's character and priorities?

5. What does getting rid of the yeast in order to celebrate the Passover symbolize for Christians? (See Lk 12:1; 1 Cor 5:8.) Is there "yeast" in your life? How can you work on getting rid of it this week?

6. What difference should it make in your actions this week that God has redeemed you from slavery?

7. Since Christ is the ultimate fulfillment of the Passover, what does it tell us about His work that ...

- the lamb had to be "without defect"? (See v. 5; compare 1 Pet 1:19.)
- the blood of the lamb, smeared on the door frame of a house, protected the occupants from God's deadly wrath? (See Ex 12:7,13; compare 1 Thess 1:10; Heb 9:22.)
- the Passover was also a feast of fellowship with, thanks to, and nourishment from God for the journey to Canaan; and the lamb was the main course of the feast? (See vv. 8-11; compare Jn 6:51-58.)

8. Over the next week, plan to meditate daily on the implications of Christ being your Passover Lamb. How does it affect your daily living? How can you express your gratitude to Him in concrete ways?

FOR FURTHER STUDY

Study in the passages below how the Passover connects with some key events later in Israel's history.

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| Numbers 9:1-14 | 2 Chronicles 30:1-31:1 |
| Joshua 5:10-12 | Ezra 6:19-22 |
| 2 Kings 23:21-23 | Matthew 26:17-29 |

The first Passover and the departure from Egypt were Israel's real birthday as a nation. Before the Passover and exodus, the descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob were a people, yet they hardly knew what that meant. Only as God worked through Moses did the Israelites begin to comprehend something of who they really were. In their miraculous liberation, they were brought face to face with the grace of God as the foundation of their life. For this reason, the Passover and exodus are to Old Testament Israel what the cross of Christ is to the New Testament church. Both events created a radically new situation. Yet just as only those who respond in faith to Christ's death can truly enjoy its benefits, so only those Israelites who had true faith in the Lord were really His people. The Bible's message is consistent: God's power can revolutionize our circumstances, but only as we trust Him fully do we become His children.

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The Lord God will claim the firstfruits of the Egyptian gods. He is going to show that there is a difference between the children of Israel and the Egyptians. The difference did not lie in the death angel which passed over both the lands of Egypt and Goshen. It did not lie in the fact that one race was Jew and one was Gentile. The difference lay in the blood of the lamb put upon the doorpost. Each home protected by the blood would not be touched by the death angel. This was the beginning of the oldest religious holiday of the Jews, the Passover Feast. The Passover is one of the most eloquent portraits of the Lord Jesus Christ found in the Old Testament. ... Thousands of lambs must have been slain that evening, but the sixth verse reads, "Israel shall kill it in the evening." These many lambs were speaking of another Lamb. God looked at all of these lambs as that one Lamb, the Lord Jesus Christ, who was the Passover offered for us. This feast was pointing to the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ into the world.

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A WONDERFUL OFFER

Being a Christian isn't based on membership in a local church or keeping a set of rules. It involves a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and an understanding of who He is and what He has done to provide man with a way to experience God's love for us. Here's how to know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior:

1. Realize that you are sinful and separated from God. (Romans 3:23; Isaiah 53:6)
2. Recognize that the penalty for your sin is death—eternal separation from God and all that is good. (Romans 6:23; Hebrews 9:27)
3. Understand that Jesus Christ took the penalty for your sin by dying in your place and that He rose again. (Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21)
4. Receive the free gift of salvation by trusting in Christ alone as your Savior. (Romans 4:4-5; Ephesians 2:8-9)

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life." (John 3:16 NASB) You can use this prayer to express your decision to God:

"Dear God, I know that I am a sinner. I believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross for me and rose from the dead. I trust in Him alone as the only way to get right with You. Thank You for the forgiveness of sins and the eternal life I now have. Amen."

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