



Exodus

From Slavery to Freedom

Lesson #5

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Exodus 12

- Ex 12:1 The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, 2 "This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. 3 Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household. 4 If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbor, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat. 5 The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats. 6 Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the people of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight. 7 Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs. 8 That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast. 9 Do not eat the meat raw or cooked in water, but roast it over the fire — head, legs and inner parts.

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- Ex 12:10 Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it. 11 This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the Lord's Passover. 12 "On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn — both men and animals — and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the Lord. 13 The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt. 14 "This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord — a lasting ordinance. 15 For seven days you are to eat bread made without yeast. On the first day remove the yeast from your houses, for whoever eats anything with yeast in it from the first day through the seventh must be cut off from Israel. 16 On the first day hold a sacred assembly, and another one on the seventh day. Do no work at all on these days, except to prepare food for everyone to eat — that is all you may do.

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- Ex 12:17 "Celebrate the Feast of Unleavened Bread, because it was on this very day that I brought your divisions out of Egypt. Celebrate this day as a lasting ordinance for the generations to come. 18 In the first month you are to eat bread made without yeast, from the evening of the fourteenth day until the evening of the twenty-first day. 19 For seven days no yeast is to be found in your houses. And whoever eats anything with yeast in it must be cut off from the community of Israel, whether he is an alien or native-born. 20 Eat nothing made with yeast. Wherever you live, you must eat unleavened bread." 21 Then Moses summoned all the elders of Israel and said to them, "Go at once and select the animals for your families and slaughter the Passover lamb. 22 Take a bunch of hyssop, dip it into the blood in the basin and put some of the blood on the top and on both sides of the doorframe. Not one of you shall go out the door of his house until morning. 23 When the Lord goes through the land to strike down the Egyptians, he will see the blood on the top and sides of the doorframe and will pass over that doorway, and he will not permit the destroyer to enter your houses and strike you down. 24 "Obey these instructions as a lasting ordinance for you and your descendants.

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- Ex 12:25 When you enter the land that the Lord will give you as he promised, observe this ceremony. 26 And when your children ask you, 'What does this ceremony mean to you?' 27 then tell them, 'It is the Passover sacrifice to the Lord, who passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt and spared our homes when he struck down the Egyptians.'" Then the people bowed down and worshiped. 28 The Israelites did just what the Lord commanded Moses and Aaron. 29 At midnight the Lord struck down all the firstborn in Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh, who sat on the throne, to the firstborn of the prisoner, who was in the dungeon, and the firstborn of all the livestock as well. 30 Pharaoh and all his officials and all the Egyptians got up during the night, and there was loud wailing in Egypt, for there was not a house without someone dead. 31 During the night Pharaoh summoned Moses and Aaron and said, "Up! Leave my people, you and the Israelites! Go, worship the Lord as you have requested. 32 Take your flocks and herds, as you have said, and go. And also bless me." NIV

Passover

- Passover is the greatest memorial feast celebrated by Israel – they remember the time God delivered them from bondage.
- On the same night, and through the same events that God was blessing Israel he was judging Egypt.
- On the same night they were delivered from bondage they were adopted as God's chosen people. (Ex 6:6-7)

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- Think about the rapture of the church in this same light – what initializes a blessing for some initializes a judgment for others.
- This will be the last night they spend as slaves in Egypt. It will be a sobering and traumatic night as they listen to breaking hearts in Egypt.
- They will not easily forget the night the Death Angel passed over them when he saw the blood.

Passover

- 1 Cor 5:7 Get rid of the old yeast that you may be a new batch without yeast — as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. NIV
- It is indisputable – the Passover lamb is a ‘type’ of Christ.
- A type is a symbol, a foreshadowing of a future event or person. (the bible has many types, but not everything is a type) 😊

Passover

- The ark was a type of Christ – all who were in the ark were kept safe from judgment.
- Abraham and Isaac on Mt. Moriah were types of God the Father and God the Son.
- The bronze serpent on the pole from Numbers chapter 21 was a type of Christ.
- Melchizedek was typical of the priesthood of Christ.

Jesus, the lamb of God.

- Ex 12:5 The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect NIV
- The lamb was to be without blemish – perfect.
- The lamb would be scrutinized for (4) days – they would make certain there were no imperfections.
- Jesus, was scrutinized for (3) years and was found to be perfect.

Jesus, the lamb of God.

- Ex 12:6 Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the people of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight. NIV
- After the time of inspection, the lamb would be publicly slaughtered.
- Years later, on Mt Calvary Jesus would be publicly executed.

Jesus, the lamb of God.

- Ex 12:7 Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs. NIV
- When the lamb was slain the children of Israel were to take the blood of the lamb and apply it to their doorposts.
- We are to personally apply the blood of Christ to our hearts – visible like the Israelite's doors.

Jesus, the lamb of God.

- This becomes purely a matter of faith in the word of God as delivered by his prophet Moses.
- Those who believed and obeyed were saved and those who thought Moses had lost his mind were not.
- So some simple act of applying blood to the doorposts of their homes kept their oldest children alive? Yes, it did.
- God is all about simple faith accomplishing big things.

Jesus, the lamb of God.

- Ex 12:13 The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. NIV
- When the Death Angel saw the blood he would pass over that house and strike no one within it.
- It wasn't the religion, the intellect, the good character of the people within – he didn't even look at such things – it was the blood alone.

Jesus, the lamb of God.

- The blood on the doorposts was a sign of faith – those in that house were trusting God for deliverance.
- When the Israelites exercised their faith by obeying God they were passed over (saved) from the Death Angel's judgment.
- This was not about being Egyptian or Jewish – it was about faith and nothing more.

Jesus, the lamb of God.

- When the Death Angel was passing over their doors the Israelites were inside eating the lamb.
- There is no evidence they were taking delight in Egypt's sorrow – they were somber and probably wondering how this all works.
- This is one of the clearer pictures in scripture of substitutionary atonement. (the innocent life of one being sacrificed for the guilty)

Jesus, the lamb of God.

- Ex 12:14 "This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord — a lasting ordinance. NIV
- On that night Israel was delivered from bondage (a picture of sin) and they were beginning a whole new way of time keeping.
- Ex 12:2 "This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. NIV

Jesus, the lamb of God.

- So Israel would now have a civil year and a sacred year. The Passover event was that important.
- Even so, many of us can tell you instantly the dates of our physical birth and new spiritual birth.
- I have been physically alive for 'X' years and I have been spiritually alive for 'X' years.
- Both dates mark a beginning and both should say something about our maturity.

Jesus, the lamb of God.

- John 1:29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God , who takes away the sin of the world! NIV
- In Jesus' day when John the Baptist called him 'the Lamb of God' he was making a clear reference to the Passover experience of Israel.
- The Passover lamb shielded from the Death Angel and the Lamb of God would deliver from death.

Jesus, the lamb of God.

- Lev 1:1 The Lord called to Moses and spoke to him from the Tent of Meeting. He said, 2 "Speak to the Israelites and say to them: 'When any of you brings an offering to the Lord, bring as your offering an animal from either the herd or the flock. 3 "'If the offering is a burnt offering from the herd, he is to offer a male without defect. He must present it at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting so that it will be acceptable to the Lord. 4 He is to lay his hand on the head of the burnt offering, and it will be accepted on his behalf to make atonement for him. NIV

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