

Passover – Exodus 12:1-20

Hebrews 11:28 Through faith he kept the passover, and the sprinkling of blood, lest he that destroyed the firstborn should touch them.

Hebrews 13:8 Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

Although Moses' rod being turned into a serpent and the first nine plagues shook up Egypt and the Pharaoh greatly, Pharaoh's heart was still hardened and he would not let the Israelites go. The last plague, however, affected Pharaoh so much that he did let the people leave Egypt. This very important plague takes up more Biblical space than the other plagues, and deeper typology comes into view. We will see in this lesson how God planned all of this from the beginning for the very purpose of teaching His people that they will only be delivered by the substitutionary death and resurrection of the coming Messiah. Israel needs to look to the I Am that I Am, and not to Egypt for salvation. The typology centers on judgment and being delivered from this judgment by the death of a typical lamb without blemish. Truly, Jesus Christ is the fulfillment of the Passover lamb, as we can see by Paul's statement:

1 Corinthians 5:7 Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:

And by John the Baptist's proclamation:

John 1:29 The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

The plagues were also designed to teach Egypt who God is and to defeat the false worship and idolatry of Egypt by demonstrating that the gods of Egypt could not protect their worshipers. Truly Yahweh was victorious over the Egyptian gods and religion, and this victory parallels by type the redemption and deliverance of the Church and Israel.

When Israel entered Egypt it was a family, when it left Egypt it was a nation. God is building a nation around the family (or house). The death angel went over the entire nation of Egypt, even Goshen, where Israel lived. It was only those who believed and acted on God's Word thereby bringing the action of applying the blood of the lamb on the posts and lintel of their house, who were delivered from Egypt.

The Bible is God's Word, and the basis of salvation then and now is whether an individual believes God's pure Word or not. Some corrupt God's Word and teach others, but this is completely powerless for deliverance. Believing God's pure unadulterated Word is faith and faith brings about obedience, not the other way around. We are delivered today, the same way the Israelites were saved, by faith in God's Word:

Galatians 3:22 But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.

The hour was nearing that God was going to deliver His people out of Egypt, but the Pharaoh had continued to harden His heart and God continued to send plagues Pharaoh's way. These plagues destroyed the religion of Egypt in front of Pharaoh and the people of Egypt, as well as had ruined Egypt:

Exodus 10:7 And Pharaoh's servants said unto him, How long shall this man be a snare unto us? let the men go, that they may serve the LORD their God: knowest thou not yet that Egypt is destroyed?

Bible Study - Exodus Lesson 13 - Passover

Brief Overview Of The Plagues Directed Against The gods Of Egypt										
Exodus 12:12 For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the LORD.										
Plague	Water Turned To Blood	Frogs	Lice	Flies	Murrain On The Cattle	Boils	Hail	Locusts	Darkness	Death Of The First Born
Passage	Exodus 7:19-25	Exodus 8:1-15	Exodus 8:16-20	Exodus 8:20-32	Exodus 9:1-7	Exodus 9:8-17	Exodus 9:18-35	Exodus 10:1-20	Exodus 10:21-29	Exodus 11:1-10
Religious Situation In Egypt	Nile Thought To Bring Life Out Of Death Every Spring	Frogs Were Sacred Not Supposed To Kill Them	Egyptians Worshipped The Earth god, Geb	Sacred To Ra Spoke Of Eternal Life	Egyptians Worshipped The Black Bull god, Apis	Priests Had To Be Spotless, No Disease In Order To Serve	The Sky goddess, Nut Said To Be A Canopy Protecting Egypt	People Could Not Worship, They Had To Find Food	The Sun god Was The Most Important god In Egypt	The Firstborn Designated To The gods of Egypt
God's Word To Moses	Exodus 7:14-19	Exodus 8:1-5	Exodus 8:16	Exodus 8:20-23	Exodus 8:1-5	Exodus 9:8-9	Exodus 9:13-22	Exodus 10:1-2	Exodus 10:21	Exodus 11:1-2
Egyptian god Directed Against	Nile god, Hapi Nile Was Sacred To Osirus	Heka, The Ugly Frog Headed goddess of fertility	Geb, Earth god – Made Report To Osirus About The Harvest	Kepara, And RA	Apis, The Black Bull	Judgment Against Pharaoh's Magicians could not stand in front of Moses	Nut, The Sky goddess could not protect	Egyptian Life In without food	Ra, The Sun God powerless over darkness	Pharaoh thought of as a god, but lost his heir to the throne
Effect On Egypt	Caused The Nile To Bring Death for 7 Days	Hundreds Of Frogs Every Where - Heaps Of Frogs – Land Stank	What Was Sacred To Geb The Egyptians Now Hated – Lice Out of dust	Thousands Of flies Everywhere	Sacred Cattle With Fatal Disease	All Worship Had To Stop Boils On Egyptians And Animals	The Flax And Barley Was Smitten	All Crops Left After Hail Eaten	Egyptian Religion Devastated	Egyptian belief That Pharaoh Was A god Devastated
Effect On The Egyptian Religion	Priests Imitated This Plague, Powerless To Change Back	Priests Duplicated This Plague	Priests Could <u>Not</u> Duplicate	Made Clear That Both Ra And Kepara Are Powerless Against Yahweh	Egyptians Forced To Worship Sick Cattle	Religious Rituals Came To A Screeching Halt	The Sky goddess, Nut Shown Helpless Against Yahweh	Pharaoh's Servants Realize That The Israelites Are A Snare	The Highest god Shown To Be Helpless Against Yahweh	Demonstrated Completely Ineffective
Effect On Pharaoh	Hardened His Heart	After God Took Away The Frogs As Asked Pharaoh Hardened His Heart	Did <u>Not</u> Ask For Plague To Be Removed	Wanted To Compromise Then Hardened His Heart – As The Lord Had Said	Pharaoh Hardened His Heart	The Lord Hardened The Heart Of Pharaoh As The Lord Had Spoken To Pharaoh	As Soon As Hail Ceased, He Hardened His Heart As Spoken By Moses	Admitted He Had Sinned Against God, But Hardened His Heart After The Locusts Are Gone	He Hardened His Heart	Pharaoh Ordered Moses, Israelites, Their Children, Animals, And Possessions Out Of Egypt
Compromise Offered	None	None	None	1. Sacrifice In The Land 2. Don't Go Very Far	None	None	None	3. Leave The Children	4. Leave The Flocks	None
Effect On Israel	Same As Egypt	Same As Egypt	Same As Egypt	No Plague Of Flies Affected Israel	Not One Of The Israelite Cattle Died	No Boils On Israelites	No Hail In Goshen	Taught To Teach God To Their Children	All The Children Of Israel Had Light In Their Dwellings	Delivered By Blood Of The Lamb

I. Timing of Christ's Death

A. Jesus knew when the hour of His death had come

John 13:1 Now before the feast of the passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end.

B. At the precise moment, Jesus Himself "Gave up the Ghost"

John 19:28 After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst.

John 19:29 Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar: and they filled a sponge with vinegar, and put it upon hyssop, and put it to his mouth.

John 19:30 When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

C. Why did the Jews want to hurry things up?

John 19:31 The Jews therefore, because it was the **preparation**, that the bodies should not remain upon the cross **on the sabbath day**, (for that sabbath day was an high day,) besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away.

D. What was this "preparation"? – It was the Passover feast preparation time

John 19:14 And it was the **preparation** of the **passover**, and about the sixth hour: and he saith unto the Jews, Behold your King!

E. What was the preparation for the Passover?

Leviticus 23:1 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

Leviticus 23:2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, Concerning the feasts of the LORD, which ye shall proclaim to be holy convocations, even these are my feasts.

Leviticus 23:3 Six days shall work be done: but the seventh day is the sabbath of rest, an holy convocation; ye shall do no work therein: it is the sabbath of the LORD in all your dwellings.

Leviticus 23:4 These are the feasts of the LORD, even holy convocations, which ye shall proclaim in their seasons.

Leviticus 23:5 In the fourteenth day of the first month at even is the LORD'S passover.

Leviticus 23:6 And on the fifteenth day of the same month is the feast of unleavened bread unto the LORD: seven days ye must eat unleavened bread.

Leviticus 23:7 In the first day ye shall have an holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work therein.

Leviticus 23:8 But ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD seven days: in the seventh day is an holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work therein.

F. It was planned from the beginning – Jesus Timed His own death!

I Corinthians 5:6 ... Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump?

I Corinthians 5:7 Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:

I Corinthians 5:8 Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

II. Birthday of A Nation

Exodus 12:1 And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying,

Exodus 12:2 This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you.

- A. The Passover Would Begin the Hebrew Religious Year with a new calendar
- B. The Passover Would Afterwards Commemorate the Hebrew Religious Year
- C. It was God Who Changed the Jewish calendar for the Passover
- D. The Month of the Exodus Was To Be the First Month on the Calendar (Nissan)

The New Feast Calendar		
Month's Number	Jewish Month	Our Month
1 st Month	Abib (Nisan)	March - April
2 nd Month	Iyyar (Ziv)	April - May
3 rd Month	Sivan	May - June
4 th Month	Tammuz	June - July
5 th Month	Ab	July - August
6 th Month	Elul	August - September
7 th Month	Tishri (Tisri)	September - October
8 th Month	Marchasvan (Bul)	October - November
9 th Month	Chisleu	November - December
10 th Month	Tebeth	December - January
11 th Month	Sebat	January - February
12 th Month	Adar	February - March
To keep the relation of the lunar months to the solar year, it was periodically necessary to add a 13 th month, called the 2 nd Adar		

- E. In Scripture, The Month Is Usually Referred To As The Month's Number
- F. The Month Of The Exodus Was Abib or Nisan Which Was March – April
- G. Example: The Day of Atonement Was On 10th Day Of 7th Month – Tishri

III. Instructions For The Taking The Passover Lamb –Jesus is that Lamb

Exodus 12:3 Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of their fathers, a lamb for an house:

Exodus 12:4 And if the household be too little for the lamb, let him and his neighbour next unto his house take it according to the number of the souls; every man according to his eating shall make your count for the lamb.

Exodus 12:5 Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take it out from the sheep, or from the goats:

Exodus 12:6 And ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening.

- A. Each Man Was To Take A Lamb According To The House Of Their Fathers
 1. Notice the emphasis on the individual
 2. Notice the emphasis on each house – A lamb for a house
 3. The timing was all of God – Just as the antitype:
 4. The same as when God sent His son to shed His blood on the cross:

Galatians 4:4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,

Galatians 4:5 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

Galatians 4:6 And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.

Galatians 4:7 Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

B. Notice Scripture Did Not Say If The Lamb Was Too Little For The House

1. The Bible states: If the house is too little for the lamb...
2. Then get the neighbor according to their eating
3. This teaches that the lamb is sufficient

C. Notice That The Lamb Had To Be Without Blemish

1. The lamb was to be taken out on the 10th day of the month
2. The lamb was to be kept until the 14th day of the month
3. The reason was to watch it to make sure it had no blemish
4. The Lamb of God also was without blemish:

1 Peter 1:18 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers;

1 Peter 1:19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

1 Peter 1:20 Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you,

D. Notice The Words the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it

1. What was on God's mind as He gave these instructions?
2. The Lamb of God

John 1:29 The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

IV. Instructions For The Passover

Exodus 12:7 And they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it.

Exodus 12:8 And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roast with fire, and unleavened bread; and with bitter herbs they shall eat it.

Exodus 12:9 Eat not of it raw, nor sodden at all with water, but roast with fire; his head with his legs, and with the purtenance thereof.

Exodus 12:10 And ye shall let nothing of it remain until the morning; and that which remaineth of it until the morning ye shall burn with fire.

Exodus 12:11 And thus shall ye eat it; with your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat it in haste: it is the LORD'S passover.

Exodus 12:12 For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the LORD.

Exodus 12:13 And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt.

Exodus 12:14 And this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and ye shall keep it a feast to the LORD throughout your generations; ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance for ever.

Exodus 12:15 Seven days shall ye eat unleavened bread; even the first day ye shall put away leaven out of your houses: for whosoever eateth leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that soul shall be cut off from Israel.

Exodus 12:16 And in the first day there shall be an holy convocation, and in the seventh day there shall be an holy convocation to you; no manner of work shall be done in them, save that which every man must eat, that only may be done of you.

Exodus 12:17 And ye shall observe the feast of unleavened bread; for in this selfsame day have I brought your armies out of the land of Egypt: therefore shall ye observe this day in your generations by an ordinance for ever.

Exodus 12:18 In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at even, ye shall eat unleavened bread, until the one and twentieth day of the month at even.

Exodus 12:19 Seven days shall there be no leaven found in your houses: for whosoever eateth that which is leavened, even that soul shall be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether he be a stranger, or born in the land.

Exodus 12:20 Ye shall eat nothing leavened; in all your habitations shall ye eat unleavened bread.

A. The Blood Of The Lamb Was To Be Applied

1. To the posts and lintel of the outside door
2. Of the house in which you eat the Passover

Hebrews 9:22 And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.

3. Just as Christ shed His precious blood
 - a. That doesn't save unless the blood is properly applied with faith
 - b. Likewise, Israel had to properly apply the blood – with faith:

Hebrews 11:28 Through faith he kept the passover, and the sprinkling of blood, lest he that destroyed the firstborn should touch them.

B. The Family Was To Eat The Flesh That Night

1. The lamb was to be roasted with fire – Speaks of judgment
 - a. The faith had to be in the Lamb
 1. Nothing else
 2. Nothing added
 3. Not even water
 - b. How many people are trusting in water for their salvation?
2. Eat the flesh with unleavened bread – Speaks of no corruption
 - a. Bread without leaven – there was no time to wait for bread to rise
 - b. Leaven speaks of corruption of the Word of God:

Matthew 13:33 Another parable spake he unto them; The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.

Matthew 16:5 And when his disciples were come to the other side, they had forgotten to take bread.

Matthew 16:11 How is it that ye do not understand that I spake it not to you concerning bread, that ye should beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees?

3. Eat the flesh with bitter herbs
 - a. Speaks of bitter times in Egypt
 - b. Typical of the trials and tribulations of this time

1 Peter 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

1 Peter 1:4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,

1 Peter 1:5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

1 Peter 1:6 Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations:

1 Peter 1:7 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:

1 Peter 1:8 Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:

1 Peter 1:18 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers;

1 Peter 1:19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

C. The Lord Will Pass Through And Smite All The Firstborn – But not Israel if obedient

1. When Yahweh sees the blood He will pass over Your house
2. This plague will not affect you

E. Keep This Memorial Throughout Your Generations

1. This was to teach the generations that followed:

Exodus 12:26 And it shall come to pass, when your children shall say unto you, What mean ye by this service?

Exodus 12:27 That ye shall say, It is the sacrifice of the LORD'S passover, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt, when he smote the Egyptians, and delivered our houses. And the people bowed the head and worshipped.

2. This has been the Lord's plan all along:
 - a. Why did God call Abraham?

Genesis 18:19 For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him.

- b. At the 8th plague God revealed to Moses His reason:

Exodus 10:2 And that thou mayest tell in the ears of thy son, and of thy son's son, what things I have wrought in Egypt, and my signs which I have done among them; that ye may know how that I am the LORD.

- c. God said in the instructions for the Passover:

Exodus 12:25 And it shall come to pass, when ye be come to the land which the LORD will give you, according as he hath promised, that ye shall keep this service.

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Exodus 12:27 That ye shall say, It is the sacrifice of the LORD'S passover, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt, when he smote the Egyptians, and delivered our houses. And the people bowed the head and worshipped.

Type And Antitype Regarding The Passover	
Type	Antitype
It Was God's Timing For The Passover – Exodus 12:2-3	Galatians 4:4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, ...
The Sacrifice Must Be A Lamb – Exodus 12:3	Revelation 5:6 ... in the midst of the throne .., stood a Lamb as it had been slain, ...
If The House Is Too Little For The Lamb – A Lamb For A House - Exodus 12:3-4	The Lamb Is Sufficient Revelation 5:9 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;
The Whole Assembly of the Congregation of Israel Shall Slay It – Exodus 12:6b	1 Corinthians 5:7 ...For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:
The Lamb Had To Be Without Blemish – Exodus 12:5	1 Peter 1:19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:
The Blood Had To Be Properly Applied – Individual Israelite Could Not Be delivered Just By Killing The Lamb – Exodus 12:7	Romans 10: 9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, ... Romans 10:10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.
Eat The Lamb With Unleavened Bread – Exodus 12:8	Beware of False Texts And Teachings Matthew 16:12 Then understood they how that he bade them not beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.
Eat The Lamb With Bitter Herbs – Exodus 12:8	Remembering Bitter Times In Egypt (World) Ephesians 2:1 And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; Ephesians 2:2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world...
Don't Break A Bone Of The Lamb – Exodus 12:46	John 19:36 For these things were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be broken.
When I See The Blood I Will Pass Over You – Exodus 12:12	Revelation 5:9 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;
Blood Applied With A Bunch Of Hyssop – Exodus 12:13	Blood Applied By Faith Hebrews 11:28 Through faith he kept the passover, and the sprinkling of blood, lest he that destroyed the firstborn should touch them.
Must Maintain A Pilgrim Attitude – Staff In Hand, Loins Girded, Staff In Hand. Etc. – Exodus 12:11	Hebrews 11:13 These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, ... confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims .. 1 Peter 1: 3 Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;