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The Passover of God

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Exodus 12:1-30

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³¹At 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. ³²Pharaoh 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.

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The Gospel
According to
St. Moses
a study of exodus





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Exodus 7:14-25



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Exodus 9:13-18

¹³Then the LORD said to Moses, “Get up early in the morning, confront Pharaoh and say to him, ‘This is what the LORD, the God of the Hebrews, says: Let my people go, so that they may worship me, ¹⁴or this time I will send the full force of my plagues against you and against your officials and your people, so you may know that there is no one like me in all the earth.

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Exodus 9:13-18

¹⁵“For by now I could have stretched out my hand and struck you and your people with a plague that would have wiped you off the earth. ¹⁶But I have raised you up for this very purpose, that I might show you my power and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth. ¹⁷You still set yourself against my people and will not let them go. ¹⁸Therefore, at this time tomorrow I will send the worst hailstorm that has ever fallen on Egypt, from the day it was founded till now...”

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Exodus 10:1-3

¹Then the LORD said to Moses, “Go to Pharaoh, for I have hardened his heart and the hearts of his officials so that I may perform these signs of mine among them ²that you may tell your children and grandchildren how I dealt harshly with the Egyptians and how I performed my signs among them, and that you may know that I am the LORD.”

Where we left off in the book of Exodus

Exodus 10:28-11:8

²⁸Pharaoh said to Moses, “Get out of my sight! Make sure you do not appear before me again! The day you see my face you will die.”

²⁹“Just as you say,” Moses replied.
“I will never appear before you again.”

Where we left off in the book of Exodus

Exodus 10:28-11:8

¹Now the LORD had said to Moses, “I will bring one more plague on Pharaoh and on Egypt. After that, he will let you go from here, and when he does, he will drive you out completely. ²Tell the people that men and women alike are to ask their neighbors for articles of silver and gold.” ³(The LORD made the Egyptians favorably disposed toward the people, and Moses himself was highly regarded in Egypt by Pharaoh’s officials and by the people.)

Where we left off in the book of Exodus


Exodus 10:28-11:8

⁴So Moses said, “This is what the LORD says: ‘About midnight I will go throughout Egypt. ⁵Every firstborn son in Egypt will die, from the firstborn son of Pharaoh, who sits on the throne, to the firstborn son of the female slave, who is at her hand mill, and all the firstborn of the cattle as well. ⁶There will be loud wailing throughout Egypt—worse than there has ever been or ever will be again. ⁷But among the Israelites not a dog will bark at any person or animal.’ Then you will know that the LORD makes a distinction between Egypt and Israel. ⁸All these officials of yours will come to me, bowing down before me and saying, ‘Go, you and all the people who follow you!’ After that I will leave.”

Then Moses, hot with anger, left Pharaoh.

Today's Message:
The Passover of God
Exodus 12:1-30

The Passover of God - Exodus 12:1-13



PASSOVER

The Passover of God

Reset your year!!

Exodus 12:1-2

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Here we read that God has decided that history determines the calendar, and in particular, the history of God's saving act of the exodus does so. Whatever might theoretically have been their previous thinking about a calendar, God decreed to his Old Covenant people that they would henceforth have a calendar designed to remind them of how they first became a people — it happened by reason of their deliverance by his mighty hand out of the bondage of the oppressor, an act so important that it was also to be memorialized by a special annual feast, the Passover.



~ Douglas K. Stuart, *Exodus*, vol. 2, The New American Commentary
(Nashville: Broadman & Holman Publishers, 2006), 273.

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The Shared and Sufficient Lamb

Exodus 12:3-4

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The care and slaughter of the Passover lamb

Exodus 12:5-6

⁵The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats. ⁶Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the members of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight.



The importance of the lamb as a substitute would not have been lost on the firstborn son. Once the lamb was chosen, it was kept in the house for four days, during which time the family fed it, cared for it, and played with it. In that short time they would have identified with the lamb, so that it almost became part of the family. “This is our Passover lamb,” they would say. Then it was slaughtered, which was a messy, bloody business. The head of the household took the lamb in his arms, pulled back its head, and slit its throat. Red blood spurted all over the lamb’s pure white wool. “Why, Daddy?” the children would say. Their father would explain that the lamb was a substitute. The firstborn did not have to die because the lamb had died in his place.

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Blood on the doorframes

Exodus 12:7

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Eating on the go

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Judgment and Protection

Exodus 12:12-13

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God's Reminder: Unleavened Bread



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Exodus 12:14-20

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Roasting over a fire required no setup or washup of pots and other utensils, no additional drawing of water, and no waiting time for the water to boil; thus it was the fastest, simplest way to cook meat. Bitter herbs were the easiest to find and harvest and were eaten as a side dish either raw or seared, as opposed to more elaborate ways of preparing, mixing, and cooking vegetables. Bread made without yeast could be rapidly mixed and heated: the usual multi-hour waiting time for the dough to rise and the loaf to bake was cut to just minutes. Eating raw meat would have been even faster but both distasteful and dangerous to health;



boiling the meat would have been both slower and more cumbersome and therefore inconsistent with the emphasis on speed and readiness inherent in the Passover concept. The inclusion of “inner parts” in the roasting does not mean the goat kid or lamb was roasted whole – but merely that it was gutted very simply and then roasted rapidly, as opposed to the usual full butchering and separation of the various organ meats for consumption in various ways and at various times.



~ Douglas K. Stuart, *Exodus*, vol. 2, The New American Commentary
(Nashville: Broadman & Holman Publishers, 2006), 277.

The Protection of Israel



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Exodus 12:21-28

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Exodus 12:21-28

²⁴“Obey these instructions as a lasting ordinance for you and your descendants. ²⁵When you enter the land that the LORD will give you as he promised, observe this ceremony. ²⁶And when your children ask you, ‘What does this ceremony mean to you?’ ²⁷then 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. ²⁸The Israelites did just what the LORD commanded Moses and Aaron.

The instructions about the bread are immediately followed by Moses' explanation of the reason for the sprinkling of blood on the doorframes. *When the Lord goes through the land to strike down the Egyptians*, he will see this bloody sign and spare all those who are inside houses with this marking. The Hebrew word *Pesach*, which we translate as Passover, literally means 'pass over' in the sense of 'jump over'. The blood of the lamb causes the angel of judgment to spare those who claim its protection.



~ Tokunboh Adeyemo, *Africa Bible Commentary*
(Nairobi, Kenya; Grand Rapids, MI: WordAlive Publishers; Zondervan, 2006), 100-102.



From the point of view of the greater sweep of biblical revelation, the practice of teaching each new generation the meaning of the Passover helped guarantee the transmission of the *proto evangelium* throughout the historical continuum of the people of Israel until New Testament times, when the human-divine Lamb was slain once for all as part of the divine plan of redemption set in place before the earth as we know it existed. In other words, every Israelite properly instructed about the Passover should have been also partly prepared to expect a dying Messiah whose shed blood would provide a means of escape from death. It also contains something of a model of the biblical emphasis on the importance of parents' teaching children—a responsibility well understood before the advent of universal education but often neglected in present times in favor of professionalized education.

The summation in v. 28 is the first of several (cf. 12:20; 39:32; Num 1:54; 8:3, 20, 22; 9:5) that relate to the establishment of ongoing worship practices (most of the others concern the construction and use of the tabernacle). The action of the people in v. 27 in bowing down and worshiping follows closely the similar act described in 4:31, where both the Israelite elders and the people in general indicated their belief in Yahweh's promise, their acceptance of Yahweh's rescue plan and a commitment to agree to participate in the exodus that would soon be taking place. Bowing and worshiping says "I submit, I agree, I cooperate."

~ Douglas K. Stuart, *Exodus*, vol. 2, The New American Commentary (Nashville: Broadman & Holman Publishers, 2006), 290.

The Consequence of Unbelief

CONSEQUENCE

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Exodus 12:29-30

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Gospel Implication



Redeemed by
JESUS
Our Passover Lamb

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!

But the greater value is in preparation for the Messiah. The Messiah was to be *one* body, broken for all, symbolically eaten by all, in order to help believers in the New Covenant keep aware of their unity as members of the *one* body. Partial consumption and fragments left over do not appropriately symbolize that body and that unity. The ultimate purpose of the Old Testament Passover instruction is to point forward to Christ, to the purpose of his death, memorialized in the ritual of the Lord's Supper that now replaces the Passover, and also to the unity of those accepted by him as his people, his body.

~ Douglas K. Stuart, *Exodus*, vol. 2, The New American Commentary
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1 Peter 1:18-19

¹⁸For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.

We do not subscribe to the lax theology which teaches that the Lord Jesus did something or other which, in some way or other, is in some degree or other, connected with the salvation of men... We stand to the literal substitution of Jesus Christ in the place of his people, and his real endurance of suffering and death in their stead, and from this distinct and definite ground we will not move an inch. Even the term "the blood," from which some shrink with the affectation of great delicacy, we shall not cease to use, whoever may take offense at it, for it brings out that fundamental truth which is the power of God unto salvation. We dwell beneath the blood mark, and rejoice that Jesus for us poured out his soul unto death.



~ Charles H. Spurgeon, "The Sacred Love Token" (No. 1251),
The Metropolitan Tabernacle Pulpit (Pasadena, TX: Pilgrim, 1971), 21:483, 484.

Revelation 5:1-10

¹Then I saw in the right hand of him who sat on the throne a scroll with writing on both sides and sealed with seven seals. ²And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice, “Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?” ³But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll or even look inside it. ⁴I wept and wept because no one was found who was worthy to open the scroll or look inside. ⁵Then one of the elders said to me, “Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals.”

Revelation 5:1-10

⁶Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing at the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. The Lamb had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits ^z of God sent out into all the earth. ⁷He went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne.

⁸And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of God's people. ⁹And they sang a new song, saying:

Revelation 5:1-10

“You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation.
¹⁰You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth.”

1 Corinthians 5:6-8

⁶Your boasting is not good. Don't you know that a little yeast leavens the whole batch of dough? ⁷Get rid of the old yeast, so that you may be a new unleavened batch—as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. ⁸Therefore let us keep the Festival, not with the old bread leavened with malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

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