

Pass Over Us

Exodus 12

The Passover

12 The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, **2** “This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. **3** Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household. **4** And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. **5** Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, **6** and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight.[a]

7 “Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. **8** They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. **9** Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. **10** And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. **11** In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the Lord's Passover. **12** For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. **13** The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

Dive in?

Set a scene of a hot July day and a swimming pool. Do you test the water or jump in?

A. Background:

1. Pharaoh kills 1st born of the Israelites because he sees them as a potential rival to his throne.

8 Then a new king, to whom Joseph meant nothing, came to power in Egypt. **9** “Look,” he said to his people, “the Israelites have become far too numerous for us. **10** Come, we must deal shrewdly with them or they will become even more numerous and, if war breaks out, will join our enemies, fight against us and leave the country.” **11** So they put slave masters over them to oppress them with forced labor, and they built Pithom and Rameses as store cities for Pharaoh. **12** But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread; so the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites **13** and

worked them ruthlessly. **14** They made their lives bitter with harsh labor in brick and mortar and with all kinds of work in the fields; in all their harsh labor the Egyptians worked them ruthlessly.

2. God raises Moses up and gives him a vision.
3. Moses goes to Pharaoh who refuses to let them worship Yahweh
4. God sends plagues. (1st nine)
 1. Water turned to blood
 2. Frogs
 3. Biting insects
 4. Wild animals
 5. Livestock disease
 6. Boils
 7. Hail
 8. Locust
 9. Darkness
 10. Death of the 1st born.

B. The People: We have two major people groups to talk about.

1. Israelites-- God's Chosen People
 - A. Leader--Moses God's chosen deliverer. Moses was a sinner, he had committed murder. Exodus 2:12

Moses said to the Lord, "Pardon your servant, Lord. I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue." Exodus 4:10

"Pardon your servant, Lord. Please send someone else." Exodus 4:13
 - B. God uses Moses to free his people from slavery and give them the promised land.
2. Egyptians-- The Captors of the Israelite

growing
were becoming a .
become a rival nation.

B. Pharaoh-- An evil ruler who see's the Israelites as
problem that needed to be dealt with. They
large people group that could

10 plague Death of the 1st born children.

C. The Lamb: God's provision from certain death.

1. The lamb was to be unblemished.
2. The lamb was to be male.
3. The lamb was absolutely necessary. Without the proper sacrifice the firstborn would die.

D. God's people set free.

29 At midnight the Lord struck down all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sat on his throne to the firstborn of the captive who was in the dungeon, and all the firstborn of the livestock. **30** And Pharaoh rose up in the night, he and all his servants and all the Egyptians. And there was a great cry in Egypt, for there was not a house where someone was not dead. **31** Then he summoned Moses and Aaron by night and said, "Up, go out from among my people, both you and the people of Israel; and go, serve the Lord, as you have said. **32** Take your flocks and your herds, as you have said, and be gone, and bless me also!" Exodus 12:29-32

God chose to judge the Egyptians, save the Israelites from death, and set them free from bondage.

God chose to send his son to give us redemption, we must choose to come to Christ.

Applying the word.

E. Who does the lamb represent

Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us. 1 Corinthians 5:7

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" John 1:29

Knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. 1 Peter 1:18-19

Jesus Christ fulfilled the symbolism of the Passover lamb. Indeed, all the sacrificial sin offerings represented and were fulfilled by Jesus Christ (Hebrews 9:11-15)

F. Who are we in the story?

1. The Egyptians... Unsaved in the world
2. The Israelites.... Christians redeemed by the lamb.

Though God elected to save the Israelites, their sin did not make them any less worthy of death than the Egyptians. But the Lord provided a way for them to escape His wrath in those days. Ultimately, this looked forward to the time when the Lord would eternally save His people from judgment. We are saved from God's wrath by God Himself. Let us never forget the righteous character of our Creator, who, despite our sin, mercifully chooses to redeem His people.

G. We all need the Lamb.

The Righteousness of God Through Faith

Romans 3:21-26

21 But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— 22 the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. 26 It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.