

Jesus Christ Our Passover

Exodus 12

Ex 12 Amp **The Passover Lamb**

12 The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, ²“This ^[a]month shall be the beginning of months to you; it is to be the first month of the year to you. ³Tell all the congregation of Israel, ‘On the tenth [day] of this month they are to take a lamb *or* young goat for themselves, according to [the size of] the household of which he is the father, a lamb *or* young goat for each household. ⁴Now if the household is too small for a lamb [to be consumed], let him and his next door neighbor take one according to the number of people [in the households]; according to what each man can eat, you are to divide the lamb. ⁵Your lamb *or* young goat shall be [perfect] without blemish *or* bodily defect, a male a year old; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month, then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel is to slaughter it ^[b]at twilight. ⁷Moreover, they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel [above the door] of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸They shall eat the meat that same night, roasted in fire, and they shall eat it with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. ⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted in fire—both its head and its legs, along with its inner parts. ¹⁰You shall let none of the meat remain until the morning, and anything that remains left over until morning, you shall burn completely in the fire. ¹¹Now you are to eat it in this manner: [be prepared for a journey] with your ^[c]loins girded [that is, with the outer garment tucked into the band], your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; you shall eat it quickly—it is the LORD’s Passover. ¹²For I [the LORD] will pass through the land of Egypt on this night, and will strike down all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and animal; against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments [exhibiting their worthlessness]. I am the LORD. ¹³The blood shall be a sign for you on [the doorposts of] the houses where you live; when I see the blood I shall pass over you, and no affliction shall happen to you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

Feast of Unleavened Bread

¹⁴‘Now this day will be a memorial to you, and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations you are to celebrate it as an ordinance forever.

¹⁵ [In the celebration of the Passover in future years,] seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, but on the first day you shall remove the ^[d]leaven from your houses [because it represents the spread of sin]; for whoever eats leavened bread on the first day through the seventh day, that person shall be cut off *and* excluded from [the atonement made for] Israel. ¹⁶ On the first day [of the feast] you shall have a holy *and* solemn assembly, and on the seventh day there shall be another holy *and* solemn assembly; no work of any kind shall be done on those days, except for the preparation of food which every person must eat—only that may be done by you. ¹⁷ You shall also observe the Feast of Unleavened Bread, because on this very day I brought your hosts [grouped according to tribal armies] out of the land of Egypt; therefore you shall observe this day throughout your generations as an ordinance forever. ¹⁸ In the first *month*, on the fourteenth day of the month at evening, you shall eat unleavened bread, [and continue] until the twenty-first day of the month at evening. ¹⁹ Seven days no leaven shall be found in your houses; whoever eats what is leavened shall be cut off *and* excluded from [the atonement made for] the congregation of Israel, whether a stranger or native-born. ²⁰ You shall eat nothing leavened; in all your dwellings you shall eat unleavened bread.” ²¹ Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel and said to them, “Go and take a lamb for yourselves according to [the size of] your families and slaughter the Passover *lamb*. ²² You shall take a bunch of ^[e]hyssop, dip it in the blood which is in the basin, and touch some of the blood to the lintel [above the doorway] and to the two doorposts; and none of you shall go outside the door of his house until morning.

A Memorial of Redemption

²³ For the LORD will pass through to strike the Egyptians; and when He sees the blood on the lintel [above the entry way] and on the two doorposts, the LORD will pass over the door and will not allow ^[f]the destroyer to come into your houses to slay you. ²⁴ You shall observe this event [concerning Passover] as an ordinance for you and for your children forever. ²⁵ When you enter the land which the LORD will give you, as He has promised, you shall keep *and* observe this service. ²⁶ When your children say to you, ‘What does this service mean to you?’ ²⁷ you shall say, ‘It is the sacrifice of the LORD’s Passover, for He passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt when He struck the Egyptians, but spared our houses.’” And the people bowed [their heads] low and worshiped [God]. ²⁸ Then the Israelites went and did [as they had been told]: just as the LORD had commanded Moses and Aaron, so they did.

²⁹ Now it happened at midnight that the LORD struck every firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sat on his throne to the firstborn of the prisoner who was in the ^[a]dungeon, and all the firstborn of the cattle. ³⁰ Pharaoh got up in the night, he and all his servants and all the Egyptians, and there was a great cry [of heartache and sorrow] in Egypt, for there was no house where there was not someone dead. ³¹ Then he called for Moses and Aaron at night and said, “Get up, get out from among my people, both you and the Israelites; and go, serve the LORD, as you said. ³² Take both your flocks and your herds, as you have said, and go, and [ask your God to] bless me also.”

Exodus of Israel

³³ The Egyptians [anxiously] urged the people [to leave], to send them out of the land quickly, for they said, “We will all be dead.” ³⁴ So the people took their dough before it was leavened, their kneading bowls being bound up in their clothes on their shoulders. ³⁵ Now the Israelites had acted in accordance with the word of Moses; and they had asked the Egyptians for articles of silver and articles of gold, and clothing. ³⁶ The LORD gave the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they gave them what they asked. And so they plundered the Egyptians [of those things]. ³⁷ Now the Israelites journeyed from Rameses to Succoth, about six hundred thousand men on foot, besides [the women and] the children. ³⁸ A mixed multitude [of non-Israelites from foreign nations] also went with them, along with both flocks and herds, a very large number of livestock. ³⁹ And they baked unleavened cakes of the dough which they brought from Egypt; it was not leavened, since they were driven [quickly] from Egypt and could not delay, nor had they prepared any food for themselves. ⁴⁰ Now the period of time the children of Israel lived in Egypt was four hundred and thirty years. ⁴¹ At the end of the four hundred and thirty years, to that very day, all the hosts of the LORD [gathered into tribal armies] left the land of Egypt.

Ordinance of the Passover

⁴² It is a night of watching to be observed for the LORD for having brought them out of the land of Egypt; this [same] night is for the LORD, to be observed *and* celebrated by all the Israelites throughout their generations. ⁴³ The LORD said to Moses and Aaron, “This is the ordinance of the Passover: no ^[h]foreigner is to eat it; ⁴⁴ but every man’s slave who is bought with money, after you have circumcised him, then he may eat it. ⁴⁵ No stranger (temporary resident, foreigner) or hired servant shall eat it.

⁴⁶ It is to be eaten inside one house; you shall not take any of the meat outside the house, nor shall you break any of its bones. ⁴⁷ The entire congregation of Israel shall keep *and* celebrate it. ⁴⁸ If a stranger living temporarily among you wishes to celebrate the Passover to the LORD, all his males must be circumcised, and then he may participate *and* celebrate it like one that is born in the land. But no uncircumcised person may eat it. ⁴⁹ The same law shall apply to the native-born and to the stranger who lives temporarily among you.” ⁵⁰ Then all the Israelites did so; they did just as the LORD had commanded Moses and Aaron. ⁵¹ And on that very same day the LORD brought the Israelites out of the land of Egypt by their hosts (tribal armies).

The Jewish Passover Ex 12:1-13,23

God had already brought nine plagues of judgment on Egypt because Pharaoh would not let God's people go. Then Moses said, “Thus says the Lord: ‘About midnight I will go out into the midst of Egypt; ⁵ and all the firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sits on his throne, even to the firstborn of the female servant who is behind the hand mill, and all the firstborn of the animals. One of the things that made this judgment so powerful was that the people of Egypt thought Pharaoh was god. Pharaoh considered himself a divine ruler who held life and death in his hands.

Each Hebrew family was responsible for selecting a lamb. Ex 12:3-5

The lamb was to be in the prime of its life. Ex 12:5 (Jesus was in the prime of his life.

The lamb was without blemish- They inspected this lamb with a fine tooth comb. Jesus was observed carefully for three years He was a spotless lamb. **1 Peter 1:19** ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

1 Peter 2:22-24 “Who committed no sin, Nor was deceit found in His mouth”;²³ who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed *Himself* to Him who judges righteously; ²⁴ who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose ^[a]stripes you were healed.

The lamb had to be slain. Ex 12:6 The lambs were slain between noon and 3PM. Three hours of darkness covered the land from noon till 3Pm. The thought that when Jesus said to God why have you forsaken me, That is when God had to separate himself from Jesus because of the sin. It is impossible for us to understand what Jesus went through that day as he went into hell and took our place. Finally a few min later he cried out it is finished. The lamb had completed his assignment.

The blood of the lamb had to be applied. Ex 12:8. The apostle John said it best.

John 3:36 ³⁶ He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.” The blood must be applied.

The meat must be eaten. Ex 12:8-11 Jesus is the food for the believer to eat daily. Our provision is Jesus. Jesus not only saves us from sin but also provides our daily bread.

John 6:51-58 ⁵¹ I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world.” ⁵² The Jews therefore quarreled among themselves, saying, “How can this Man give us *His* flesh to eat?” ⁵³ Then Jesus said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴ Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. ⁵⁵ For My flesh is ^[a]food indeed, and My blood is ^[b]drink indeed. ⁵⁶ He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him. ⁵⁷ As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who feeds on Me will live because of Me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread which came down from heaven—not as your fathers ate the manna, and are dead. He who eats this bread will live forever.

The passover is perfect protection: Ex 12:12-13,23 Jesus is the only way you can be saved.

The only means of escape. **1John 1:7-9** But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸ If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Get the congregation to get ready for communion) This is a memorial supper. Ex 12:14,42

1 Corinthians 11:23-27

Institution of the Lord's Supper

²³ For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the *same* night in which He was betrayed took bread; ²⁴ and when He had given thanks, He broke *it* and said, ^[a]“Take, eat; this is My body which is ^[b]broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me.” ²⁵ In the same manner *He* also *took* the cup after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink *it*, in remembrance of Me.” ²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.

Examine Yourself

²⁷ Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks *this* cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and ^[c]blood of the Lord.

Don't trample on the blood. The blood of the lamb was not to be put on the threshold.

Hebrews 9:1-23 The Earthly Sanctuary

9 Then indeed, even the first *covenant* had ordinances of divine service and the earthly sanctuary. ² For a tabernacle was prepared: the first *part*, in which *was* the lampstand, the table, and the showbread, which is called the ^[a]sanctuary; ³ and behind the second veil, the part of the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of All, ⁴ which had the golden censer and the ark of the covenant overlaid on all sides with gold, in which *were* the golden pot that had the manna, Aaron's rod that budded, and the tablets of the covenant; ⁵ and above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail.

Limitations of the Earthly Service

⁶ Now when these things had been thus prepared, the priests always went into the first part of the tabernacle, performing the services. ⁷ But into the second part the high priest *went* alone once a year, not without blood, which he offered for himself and *for* the people's sins *committed* in ignorance;

⁸ the Holy Spirit indicating this, that the way into the Holiest of All was not yet made manifest while the first tabernacle was still standing. ⁹ It *was* symbolic for the present time in which both gifts and sacrifices are offered which cannot make him who performed the service perfect in regard to the conscience— ¹⁰ *concerned* only with foods and drinks, various ^[b]washings, and fleshly ordinances imposed until the time of reformation.

The Heavenly Sanctuary

¹¹ But Christ came *as* High Priest of the good things ^[c]to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. ¹² Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. ¹³ For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, ^[d]sanctifies for the ^[e]purifying of the flesh, ¹⁴ how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without ^[f]spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? ¹⁵ And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.

The Mediator's Death Necessary

¹⁶ For where there *is* a testament, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. ¹⁷ For a testament *is* in force after men are dead, since it has no power at all while the testator lives. ¹⁸ Therefore not even the first *covenant* was dedicated without blood. ¹⁹ For when Moses had spoken every ^[g]precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water, scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, ²⁰ saying, “This *is* the blood of the covenant which God has commanded you.” ²¹ Then likewise he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle and all the vessels of the ministry. ²² And according to the law almost all things are ^[h]purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no ^[i]remission.

Greatness of Christ's Sacrifice

²³ Therefore *it was* necessary that the copies of the things in the heavens should be ^[j]purified with these, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.

The Christ our passover has been slain

1 Corinthians 5:7-8 ⁷ Therefore ^[a]purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed ^[b]for us. ⁸ Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened *bread* of sincerity and truth.

It was on the preparation day of the Jewish passover about 12 Midday Jesus was crucified and that would have been precisely when the passover lamb would have been killed in the temple. When Jesus died the temple curtain was torn in two from top to bottom. **Mark 15:38** ³⁸ Then the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.

Right when the last of the lambs would be on the altar in front of the sanctuary the veil that separated God and man was torn open.

God's people are saved through the blood of Jesus alone. However you must accept Jesus Christ as your personal savior. You must accept his blood for the payment of your salvation.