

## Out of Bondage onto Promise

### Exodus 13:1-22

- God is preparing the people of Israel to leave Egypt but before they do there are still some things that need to be set in order why? Because it was one thing for God to get His people out of Egypt, and quite another to get Egypt out of His people. The Lord does the same thing with you and I, as Egypt is a type of the world, and when we get saved the Lord takes us out of the world, and then sanctifies us as He takes the world out of us.

#### V1-22

- **V1-2** the idea was that the firstborn was to be set apart to God, whether of man or beast the firstborn belonged to God. God has just saved their firstborn, now He tells them that **“it is mine”** so every time a male boy or animal was born it reminded Israel of how the Lord saved them out of Egypt, and that they belonged to Him > **Rom 14:7-8-** tells us that **“no one dies to self or lives to self, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord”**
- **V3-7** after the blood deliverance of the Passover comes the **“purity of the Feast of the Unleavened Bread”** this highlights how a believer can only walk in purity before the Lord, after we’ve been delivered by the blood of the cross. Notice on the seventh day there shall be a feast to the Lord, that meant at the beginning and at the end of the feast there shall be a party. A walk of purity in the Lord is not a life lived in despair but a life that is filled with joy.
- **V8-10** not only was Israel to remember who they were in the Lord, but by celebrating the Passover annually it allowed them to show it in a tangible way, so that their children could understand what God did for His people in bringing them out of Egypt. During that time the Jews would wear Phylacteries “small boxes holding parchments with scriptures on them, and it was attached to the both the forehead and to the hand to illustrate that **in mind** (forehead) they were thinking of the Lord, and **in action** (the hand) what they did honored the Lord.
- **Math 23:5** later Jesus condemned this practice because the Pharisees made their boxed extra large in a prideful display of declaring how much more spiritual they were than everybody else. The intention was that God wanted His Word to be in the hearts and mouths of His people, and not something for them to show off to prove how spiritual they thought they were. Also in the end times there will be a satanic imitation of this practice when the number of the antichrist will be applied to either the hand or the forehead of all who will take it > **Rev 13:16**.
- **V11-13** look how detailed the Lord is when it comes to what He expects Israel to do, and He is that way with us as well. This practice was only to take place once the people entered into the promise land, and for some reason if someone couldn’t offer their firstborn because it was unclean then the Lord accepted another clean animal for the beasts and money for a girl child.

- **V14-16** these things were all done to be a reminder for all the generations to come, it is always important for us to tell our children in detail how good God has been to us. God expected Israel to tell the whole story of what He did for them in Egypt, and how the most powerful nation and leader tried to stop Him from delivering His people only to be defeated soundly. This was done to reinforce to the people that nothing is stronger than the Lord or able to defeat Him.
- **V17-18** God knew that Pharaoh would change his mind, so to protect the people from themselves He takes them around to the Red Sea so that they had no way to turn back once Egypt approached them. God will put us in situations of discomfort in order to build our faith in Him, we often resent what is needed for growth, and yet God gives it to us anyway.
- **V19-22** no matter what God fulfills His promises > **Gen 50:25** Joseph asked that when Israel leaves this place to take his bones out of there and into the promise land. The Lord guided Israel by a cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night so that they knew He was always with them. **Ps 84:11** the pillar of cloud by day and the fire by night was there as a sun and a shield to guide, protect and reassure, the people that the Lord Who saves also is the God Who leads. “**pillar**” literally means “something standing” like a column, they could see God was standing with them.