

## Out of Bondage onto Promise

### Exodus 12:1-51

- Although Pharaoh has hardened his heart, God is preparing their hearts, by teaching them about true sacrifice. This starts with “The Passover” this is the feast that will most point to what Jesus will do for us on the cross, so its important to pay close attention to what God says and how He says it why? Because the Lord is very particular in declaring what is acceptable to Him and what is not, just look at the story of Cain and Abel, we shouldn’t just offer God anything and think He should be grateful that we’re giving Him something at all > **Eph 5:10**- find out what is acceptable

### V1-51

- **V1-6** God speaks to Moses and tells him to get ready as He is preparing them for departure from Egypt, and the first things they need to know is that days and time is important to God. At this point being slaves the hours, days, months, only mattered by the tasks that the slaves had to do and when the sun went down so that they could rest only for the sun to come up so they could work. But God is going to “**teach them how to number their days**” > **Ps 90:12**.
- For the believer Satan wants to primarily do two things > **1<sup>st</sup>** separate us from each other, **2<sup>nd</sup>** get us to waste time, God puts a premium on us being unified, because scripture says “the world will know us by how we treat one another **Jn 13:35**, and **Jn 9:4**- says we have a period of time in which we can impact people’s lives for Christ before a time comes when we can’t, and I believe that is when the rapture comes and the seven year period of tribulation is spoken of in the N.T.
- This first month is initially called “Abib, but later will change to Nisan” and on the **10<sup>th</sup>** day of that month each family was to take a lamb, one that has no blemishes, that would live with them for four days, in this way it would be like part of the family so the sacrifice would mean something. On that fourteenth day they would kill it at twilight “**the evening**” the last hour in which daylight exists until we lay in darkness until the light comes the next day.
- **V7-11** after instructions for preparing the Passover here are instructions for eating the Passover, before the Passover lamb could be eaten its blood was to be applied to the doorway of the home, at the top and on each side the blood was applied. The only part of the sacrifice given to God was the blood the rest was eaten by the family or discarded. What’s amazing is as the blood was applied to the top and on each side of the doorway, it would drip do.wn and form a cross in the doorway, that meant you would see it every time you went in and out of the house wow!
- Notice three things > **1<sup>st</sup>** you couldn’t eat it raw, it had to be roasted in the fire, fire in scripture is representative of judgment, God’s presence, and purification, and each of these happened on the cross, **2<sup>nd</sup>** let nothing remain- we can’t follow Jesus halfway, we must consume all of Him or none of Him, so many only want salvation but not sanctification, some bible not all of the bible, **3<sup>rd</sup>** with a belt on their waist, sandals on their feet, staff in their hands, they had to believe that God was going to deliver them from Pharaoh and Egypt, so Passover is taken by faith.

- **V12-13** only the blood will allow them to be spared, God is very distinct on what saves us and what doesn't, man rejects what God has said and then re-writes what is acceptable to them. **V14-20** after Passover comes "The Feast of Unleavened bread" on the 14<sup>th</sup> once Israel ate the Passover Lamb then for the next seven days they ate only unleavened bread, meaning no yeast.
- Yeast in scripture is a type of sin, its not sin but it represented it, so don't go hating on yeast, it did nothing to us, its just a type in the natural of what God wanted us to understand in the spiritual. **V21-23** Moses instructs the elders to lead the people in taking the Passover, and they used "**Hyssop**" an herb used in the ceremonial cleansing of people and houses, also we see it in **Ps 51:7**- as David asks "cleanse me with Hyssop, and at Jesus Crucifixion > **Jn 19:28-30**- this was His last act before declaring His work on earth is finished and He gave up His Spirit.
- **V24-28** they are told that this wasn't just for them but also for their children to come, and we see Israel is told that the Passover does two things **1<sup>st</sup>** it defeats the enemy, **2<sup>nd</sup>** it sets God's people free, so for us victory always should look like this for the believer, as it defeats the enemy, and it allows us to walk in freedom in order to properly worship our Lord.
- **V29-30** then it happens just as the Lord said, remember God told Moses early on that Pharaoh wouldn't let Israel go until he was forced to by The Lord's Mighty Hand > **Ex 3:19-20, 4:21-23**. It strikes everywhere from the palace, to the dungeon, and the plague is directed against two significant false gods of Egypt "Osiris" the Egyptian god thought to be the giver of life, and Pharaoh thought to be god on earth, but God strikes at both by touching Pharaoh's household.
- **V31-36** Pharaoh didn't just allow Israel to leave he commands them to go, and he asks if the Lord would bless him, and the people just as God said gives them any and everything they asked for including silver, gold, and clothing. This fulfilled the promise God made to Abraham all the way back in **Gen 15:13-14**- which again proves that God is a God of His Word, if He says it make no mistake about it will come to pass. **V37-39** they leave and go to "Succoth" means shelter.
- **600,000** men literally means at least **2** million people when you account for women-children, but notice there is also a mixed multitude with them, which means some Egyptians, and other people from different nations followed them right out of Egypt. Remember Egypt is a mess now because of all the plagues and disasters that have happened because of Pharaoh's disobedience.
- **V40-42** God delivers them exactly **430** yrs later it's a remarkable example how God fulfills promises, and He has Israel remember as they have a solemn night of observance. We are living in a day where we are encouraged to rush through everything and it causes us not to appreciate many things, we need to take the time out to observe all the good things God has done for us.
- **V43-51** God lays down the regulations for taking Passover moving forward, notice just anyone shouldn't take it only those who have made themselves a part of the people of Israel. It reminds me of taking communion, how we should take the time out to examine ourselves to first see if we are saved and then if we truly are repentant before partaking. Passover was commemorated on a family level, and none of the Lambs bones were to be broken > **Ps 51:17, Jn 19:31-36**.