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Sermon Recap

Pastor Jason explores the story of the final plague in Exodus 12, where God provides a way of escape through the Passover lamb for those who trust in Him. By following the instructions to put the lamb's blood on their doorposts, the Israelites are spared from God's judgment. The sermon highlights the significance of salvation as the starting point of a continual journey of faith and obedience, emphasizing the need to rely on God.

Discussion Questions

Why is the Passover significant in the story of the Israelites?

- In the study, Pastor Jason discussed the final plague in Exodus 12 and how the Passover was God's way of providing escape for those who trusted in Him.
- How does the story of the Passover apply to your own faith journey and relationship with God?

What is the symbolism of the lamb's blood on the doorposts and lintel?

- Pastor Jason explained the blood acted as a protective covering to prevent judgment from entering the house, showing their trust in God's salvation.
- In what ways do you demonstrate your trust in God's salvation in your life?

Why did the Passover become a regular practice and observance for the Israelites?

- The message mentioned that the Passover was not only a protection plan for that specific event but a reminder of God's grace and salvation throughout generations.
- Has celebrating and remembering significant events in your faith journey strengthened your relationship with God?

What is the importance of sharing the meaning of Passover with future generations, as mentioned in the message?

- Pastor Jason stated that God sees children as the future of every generation and sharing the story of Passover connects new generations to God's saving power.
- What are some ways you can share the stories of your faith and God's goodness with the next generation?

How does the story of the Passover and the judgement of God relate to our lives today?

- In the study, Pastor Jason connected the judgement of Egypt with the coming judgement of all the world.
- How can we live in such a way where we are not fearfully frozen, but we are mindful of the coming judgement of God?

Prayer

- Pray for strength to trust God's promises, even when the future is uncertain.
 - Pray for the faith to obey God's commands without hesitation.
 - Pray for a deeper understanding and appreciation of Christ's sacrifice.
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Teaching Notes:

Moses has predicted the 10th & final plague.
However God has provided a way of escape.

This event becomes the beginning of their year...
...& their life as a nation.

Exodus 12:21 Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel and said to them, "Pick out and take lambs for yourselves according to your families, and kill the Passover *lamb*. 22 And you shall take a bunch of hyssop, dip *it* in the blood that *is* in the basin, and strike the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood that *is* in the basin. And none of you shall go out of the door of his house until morning.

This blood is a symbol of the life of the lamb that was slain.

It is also a protective covering that judgment will not enter.

There is no protection on their own; they must stay in the house.

23 For the Lord will pass through to strike the Egyptians; and when He sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the Lord will pass over the door and not allow the destroyer to come into your houses to strike *you*. 24 **And you shall observe this thing as an ordinance for you and your sons forever.**

This is not just a predicted protective plan but a regular practice.

25 It will come to pass when you come to the land which the Lord will give you, just as He promised, that you shall keep this service.

Philippians 1:6 being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete *it* until the day of Jesus Christ;

And now looking into the future, God looks to the children.

Children are the future of every generation.

26 And it shall be, when your children say to you, 'What do you mean by this service?' **27** that you shall say, 'It is the Passover sacrifice of the Lord, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt when He struck the Egyptians and delivered our households.' " So the people bowed their heads and worshiped. **28** Then the children of Israel went away and did so; just as the Lord had commanded Moses and Aaron, so they did.

God said it, and they did it.

29 And it came to pass at midnight that the Lord struck 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 livestock.

From top to bottom, judgment has come just as predicted.
God will judge the earth.

Hebrews 9:27 And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment,

Hebrews 10:26-27 For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries.

John the Baptist declared, Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

30 So Pharaoh rose in the night, he, all his servants, and all the Egyptians; and there was a great cry in Egypt, for *there was not a house where there was not one dead.*

31 Then he called for Moses and Aaron by night, and said, “Rise, go out from among my people, both you and the children of Israel. And go, serve the Lord as you have said. **32** Also take your flocks and your herds, as you have said, and be gone; and bless me also.”

33 And the Egyptians urged the people, that they might send them out of the land in haste. For they said, “We *shall all be dead.*”

This idea of the judgment of death is a fearful thing.
And just as predicted...

...they drive them out in haste, in the middle of the night.

Pharaoh says, bless me also.

This is a strange word, barak, which can mean bless or curse.

34 So the people took their dough before it was leavened, having their kneading bowls bound up in their clothes on their shoulders.

Part of the practical reason they had unleavened bread...

...they couldn't wait for it to rise.

35 Now the children of Israel had done according to the word of Moses, and they had asked from the Egyptians articles of silver, articles of gold, and clothing. **36** And the Lord had given the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they granted them *what they requested.* Thus they plundered the Egyptians.

This provision will become pivotal in their journey & their worship.

37 Then the children of Israel journeyed from Rameses to Succoth, about six hundred thousand men on foot, besides children. **38** A mixed multitude went up with them also, and flocks and herds—a great deal of livestock. **39** And they baked unleavened cakes of the dough which they had brought out of Egypt; for it was not leavened, because they were driven out of Egypt and could not wait, nor had they prepared provisions for themselves.

600k, w/women & youth this is easily 2 million people.
But it is a “mixed” multitude.

40 Now the sojourn of the children of Israel who lived in Egypt was four hundred and thirty years. **41** And it came to pass at the end of the four hundred and thirty years—on that very same day—it came to pass that all the armies of the Lord went out from the land of Egypt.

The timing of God sometimes feels late, but He is always right on time for His purpose and plan...even to the day!

42 It is a night of solemn observance to the Lord for bringing them out of the land of Egypt. This is that night of the Lord, a solemn observance for all the children of Israel throughout their generations.

This is something still celebrated still today, but sadly for many Jews without the meaning behind it.

43 And the Lord said to Moses and Aaron, “This is the ordinance of the Passover: No foreigner shall eat it. **44** But every man’s servant who is bought for money, when you have circumcised him, then he may eat it. **45** A sojourner and a hired servant shall not eat it.

It was not right to remember how God delivered His people if you were not one of His people.

46 In one house it shall be eaten; you shall not carry any of the flesh outside the house, nor shall you break one of its bones.

This was fulfilled in Christ.

47 All the congregation of Israel shall keep it. **48** And when a stranger dwells with you *and wants* to keep the Passover to the Lord, let all his males be circumcised, and then let him come near and keep it; and he shall be as a native of the land. For no uncircumcised person shall eat it. **49** One law shall be for the native-born and for the stranger who dwells among you.”

Jesus said while celebrating Passover...

Matthew 26:27-28 Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave *it* to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

AND...there was one way to celebrate God's salvation...

...it was to be part of God's family by choice & covenant.

...just as we celebrate communion today, only those who have received Christ receive communion.

50 Thus all the children of Israel did; as the Lord commanded Moses and Aaron, so they did. **51** And it came to pass, on that very same day, that the Lord brought the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt according to their armies.

And after all those years of slavery and plagues in Egypt...

...they are being brought out.

But the story is not over yet, salvation is only the beginning of a journey of faith!