

## Exodus 10:21-ch.12 Set Free

**In the year 1863 President Abraham Lincoln the Emancipation Proclamation.**

A) That document that set free 3.1 million slaves –

B) Lincoln said that he realized the incredible importance and enormity of that document that at the time of the signing – his hand was trembling

C) Through that signing Lincoln came to be known as the Great Emancipator

**Well 3,300 years ago around the year 1450 B.C. -- Yahweh, God, the GREAT GREAT EMANCIPATOR emancipated his people.**

A) He set free about 2.5 3million people from the bondage they had been living under in Egypt for the better part of 400 yrs

B) The Emancipation of the Israelites out of Egypt is a picture of an even greater Emancipation that has taken place:

C) The Setting Free of Humanity from the Slavery of Sin and Satan.

D) We will see a powerful picture of that tonight – get to Chapter 12

**But we left off last week – 9th plague – pick up in V.21 tonight of chapter 10**

21 Then the Lord said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, darkness **which may even be felt.**” 22 So Moses stretched out his hand toward heaven, and there was thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three days. 23 They did not see one another; nor did anyone rise from his place for three days. V23b

24 Then Pharaoh called to Moses and said, “Go, serve the Lord; only let your flocks and your herds be kept back. Let your little ones also go with you.”

**Now we have noted that the plagues that the Lord brought on Egypt were not Random – but they were pointed.**

A) They were directed at the gods of the Egyptians – Pt being – God would say over and over again – I want you to know there is no God like me. – One true God

B) The 9th plague was directed at Ra the most revered of all the Egyptian gods.

**C)Ra was the Egyptian Sun god –**

1)The Egyptians believed that every single night when the sun went down Ra went and wrestled with the demon of darkness

**D)If the Sun came up the next morning it meant that Ra won –**

1)he was all powerful.

**E)Up to this point – Ra track record was Undefeated**

**Yahweh essentially says: He hasn't faced me yet - I'm not just going to send you Darkness**

**A)I'm going to send it for 3 straight days. –**

**B)your world is going to be rocked because you're going to get up and realize that your god has not won because your god just faced me**

1)I am the one true God – above all Gods –

**Note V.22-23 describes it as a thick darkness so dark they couldn't even see one another – so no one left their homes for 3 straight days**

**A)The Jewish Historian Josephus describes it as a time where the humidity was so thick – it was hard to breathe – there was no combustion**

**B)So you couldn't even light a candle or a fire – stuck in darkness**

**C)Interesting – the Bible describes Hell as a place of Outer darkness – It will probably be similar to this – Horribly Humid So dark can't see anyone –**

1)Only hear the Screams the weeping and the gnashing of teeth

**Note: V23b But all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings.**

**A)I wonder if there light was the Glory of God.**

**B)The Bible describes his glory as a brilliant, unapproachable, and illuminating light. This radiant light symbolizes His divine presence,**

**C)Was there a little glimpse of his Glory in Goshen - The Israelites had God's presence with them**

**1)The Bible declares that God is light and in him is no darkness at all**

**D)Well once again Pharaoh has a breaking moment V.24**

24 Then Pharaoh called to Moses and said, “Go, serve the Lord; only let your flocks and your herds be kept back. Let your little ones also go with you.”

**Another compromise: this time - Don't take your flocks – Leave behind your resources**

A) Last week – Go but worship – but stay in the land – Ok Go but don't go too far

B) Go – put don't take your kids –

1) this time Go but leave your flocks – resources

C) Satan is the King of Compromise – he does the same thing to us – Ok follow Jesus but don't get too fanatical –

1) Don't be all in – Don't give your lives fully – your kids – your resources to God

**Go ahead and be a Christian. Pursue religion but leave your wealth, your money in Egypt.**

A) Okay join the church like joining the health club.

B) Go every now and then but, don't get too crazy!

C) Sometimes people grimace when the subject of the tithe – comes up – but have you ever thought about this –

D) God asks for 10% - yes that can seem like a lot – but he lets you keep 90%

**When in Reality according to the Bible it all belongs to God!**

A) So Pharaoh says go but leave the livestock behind

25 But Moses said, “You must also give us sacrifices and burnt offerings, that we may sacrifice to the Lord our God. 26 Our livestock also shall go with us; not a hoof shall be left behind. For we must take some of them to serve the Lord our God, and even we do not know with what we must serve the Lord until we arrive there.”

**Moses is reminding us of a important and vital lesson: When God calls us to a place or a task, we will not know what is involved in serving him until we get there.**

**So we need to be ALL IN – go all the way – everything belongs to the Lord committed to the Lord**

27 But the Lord hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he would not let them go. 28 Then Pharaoh said to him, "Get away from me! Take heed to yourself and see my face no more! For in the day you see my face you shall die!" 29 So Moses said, "You have spoken well. I will never see your face again."

### **Chapter 11 is a transition chapter – the set up for the final plague we will see in chapter 12**

And the Lord said to Moses, "I will bring one more plague on Pharaoh and on Egypt. Afterward he will let you go from here. When he lets you go, he will surely drive you out of here altogether. 2 Speak now in the hearing of the people, and let every man ask from his neighbor and every woman from her neighbor, articles of silver and articles of gold." 3 And the Lord gave the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians. Moreover the man Moses was very great in the land of Egypt, in the sight of Pharaoh's servants and in the sight of the people.

### **The Lord is working in the hearts of the Egyptians –**

A) They were starting to look on the Israelites and Moses favorably –

B) And after working as slaves in Egypt for a long long time – working for free – God is setting them up with provision for their Journey – BACK PAY

C) As well as giving them the resources that will eventually be needed for the building of the tabernacle

### **Now here Moses describes the final plague**

4 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 handmill, and all the firstborn of the animals. 6 Then there shall be a great cry throughout all the land of Egypt, such as was not like it before, nor shall be like it again. 7 But against none of the children of Israel shall a dog move its tongue, against man or beast, that you may know that the Lord does make a difference between the Egyptians and Israel.' 8 And all these your servants shall come down to me and bow down to me, saying, 'Get out, and all the people who follow you!' After that I will go out." Then he went out from Pharaoh in great anger.

**In most cultures, firstborn sons are considered special, but in Egypt, they were considered sacred.**

A) We must remember that God calls Israel His firstborn son (Ex. 4:22)

**B)So at the very beginning of this conflict- Moses warned Pharaoh that the way he treated God's firstborn**

**1)would determine how God treated Egypt's firstborn (Ex. 4:22–23).**

**C)Remember when Moses was born killed many of the Jewish male babies, drowned in the Nile**

**D)and his officers had brutally mistreated the Jewish slaves,**

**E)So in essence slaying the firstborn, the Lord was simply paying Pharaoh back with his own currency.**

9 But the Lord said to Moses, “Pharaoh will not heed you, so that My wonders may be multiplied in the land of Egypt.” 10 So Moses and Aaron did all these wonders before Pharaoh; and the Lord hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he did not let the children of Israel go out of his land

**APP**

**Before we move on I have a question I want you to consider:**

**A)Pharaoh's stubbornness cost him his kingdom, and now it will sadly cost him his son.**

**B)So let me ask this question – what is your stubbornness costing you.**

**C)Chances are it has already cost you personally, but who else is it hurting – if it hasn't already it will eventually hurt someone you love**

**D)Think about that – if you are resisting God – is it worth it?**

**Chapter 12 divides into 5 sections**

1st God gives Moses the instructions for the Passover V.1-20

2nd Moses gives the Instructions to the Elders in Israel V.21 -

3rd **The Carrying out of the 10th plague**

4th Preparations for their Wilderness Journey

5th The Beginning of their Wilderness Journey

**1st God gives Moses the instructions for the Passover V.1-20**

Now the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, 2 “This month shall be your beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year to you.

**Passover marked a new beginning for the Jews and bound them together as a nation.**

**A)Prior to their deliverance the first month of the Jewish year was in the fall – the month of Tishri. - September October time frame**

**B)But now the Lord was saying NY was going to be in the spring the month of Nisan**

**C)We immediately understand that the calendar of the Jews is now to center upon redemption.**

**1)It's going to be a new beginning for the children of Israel.**

## **2 COR 5 WE ARE A NEW CREATION IN CHRIST JESUS**

**A)When the Lord liberates you from bondage, it's the dawning of a new day and the beginning of a new life**

**B)Physical Birthday and Spiritual birthday: Ever meet a Christian who is like 40 yrs old – they say I am 5 yrs old today - Puzzled ?**

**C)Then it dawns on you – talking Spiritual birthday – BORN AGAIN**

**This was the nation of Israel's spiritual birthday**

**A)Today, Jews recognize both new years.**

**B)Tishri is the first month on the civil calendar and Nisan the first month on the sacred or religious calendar.**

3 Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying: 'On the tenth of this month every man shall take for himself a lamb, according to the house of his father, **a lamb** for a household. 4 And if the household is too small for **the lamb**, let him and his neighbor next to his house take it according to the number of the persons; according to each man's need you shall make your count for the lamb. 5 **Your lamb shall be without blemish**, a male of the first year. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats. 6 Now you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month. Then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it at twilight. 7 And they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses where they eat it. 8 Then they shall eat the flesh on that night; roasted in fire, with unleavened bread and **with bitter herbs** they shall eat it. 9 Do not eat it raw, nor boiled at all with water, but roasted in fire—its head with its legs and its entrails. 10 You shall let none of it remain until morning, and what remains of it until morning you shall burn with fire.

11 And thus you shall eat it: with a belt on your waist, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. So you shall eat it in haste. **It is the Lord's Passover.** -WHY?  
12 'For I will **pass through (OR PASSOVER)** the land of Egypt on that night, and will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the Lord. 13 Now 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 the plague shall not be on you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.  
14 'So this day shall be to you a memorial; and you shall keep it as a feast to the Lord throughout your generations. You shall keep it as a feast by an everlasting ordinance.

**So what the Lord was telling the people of Israel is that their new start their new birth as a nation was going to center around a Lamb.**

**A)The Passover feast is an incredible picture of Jesus and his Sacrifice for us.**

**Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us.** 1 Corinthians 5:7

**B)Make a few observations:** V.3 'On the tenth of this month every man shall take for himself a lamb, according to the house of his father, a lamb for a household.

**First observation: Jesus road into Jerusalem for his triumphal entry on the 10th of Nisan**

**A)Amazing fulfillment of the Prophecy in Daniel 9 where Daniel predicted the very day that Messiah would show up – 483 yrs before**

**V.5 A lamb without Blemish – Inspected**

**A)During the Passover week Jesus was repeatedly inspected and questioned by the religious leaders – they couldn't trap him**

**B)He was inspected by Pilate – he declared – I find no fault in this man**

**V.6 The Lamb was to be killed on the 14th of Nisan**

**A)Jesus had to die – he was crucified on the 14th of Nisan**

**B)Listen the lambe Being alive didn't help matters – in order for there to be salvation it was going to require the death of an innocent lamb**

**C)It wasn't the *life* of the lamb that saved the people from judgment but the *death* of the lamb.**

**"Without shedding of blood there is no remission" (Heb. 9:22; Lev. 17:11).**

**In a similar way it was not the life of Jesus that saved us – if anything the life of Jesus condemns us – perfect man – HE DID IT**

**A)Some people admire the teachings of Jesus – the Life of Jesus – watch the Chosen and think – that guy is cool**

**B)I like that Jesus –**

**C)But If Jesus only lived and didn't die and Rise again ...dead – We are still lost in our sin**

**D)Without his death and REZ -his life is just an example I can't live up to**

**E)He died our death for us and suffered the judgment of our sin (Isa. 53:4–6; 1 Peter 2:24).**

**V.7 The blood of the lamb had to be applied to the doorpost - for God promised, When I see the blood, I will pass over you” (Ex. 12:13).**

**12 ‘For I will pass through the land of Egypt on that night, and will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the Lord. 13 Now 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 the plague shall not be on you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.**

**In order for the Substitutionary death of the lamb to be in effect the blood had to be applied**

**A)Understand salvation that night had nothing to do with the purity of the people inside the house.**

**B)In fact, if you were a moral person, and you assumed the judgment would pass over because of your goodness – SORRY**

**1)YOU WOULD BE saying good-bye to your big brother. Death would strike.**

**C)Salvation came to folks who knew they needed the blood, and applied it to their house.**

**D)They trusted in God's promise to accept the blood of an innocent lamb as payment for their sin.**



Now did you notice there is a progression in the way the lamb is described in these verses – catch that ?

A)V.3 A lamb – V. 4 The Lamb – V.5 Your lamb

B)Have to make it personal.

**<sup>2</sup> And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world. 1 John 2:2**

**C)Propitiation = the satisfaction**

Yes he is the satisfaction for the sins of the whole world – but he is also for my sins

A)I have to APPLY THE BLOOD to my life – you have to apply... your life

B)CHS tells the story of a King who was known to be both the kindest and the most merciful man but also the most just man who ever lived.

C)Well it was discovered one day that someone had been stealing from the Kings treasury –

1)The King declared when that person was caught – punished with 1 lashes

Well the person wasn't caught and the stealing continued – so the King upped the punishment – 20 lashes – 30 lashes – finally 40 lashes – usually fatal

A)Well then it was discovered that the person who was stealing from the Kings treasury was his own 80 year old mother

B)Well now the King had a dilemma on his hands – If he showed her mercy and Kindness – people would understand – NO LONGER JUST.

C)He had promised to come down hard on the Crime – He had to keep his word

So this is what the King did: He called for all of his subjects to gather at the town square

A)There was the executioner armed with his leather whip

B)He called for his frail mother to be brought forth to the whipping post

C)She was bent over – his garment was ripped – so that her frail back was exposed

To everyone's shock the King declared – let the Punishment begin – 40 lashes  
The Crowd gasped shocked – that he was going to punish his own mother  
A)Just as the executioner raised the whip the king Yelled – halt

B)The executioner breathed a sigh of relief – But what happened next shocked everyone

C)The King stepped off of his throne and went down and stood by his mother-  
then he proceeded to take off his own upper garment –

1)Exposes his own bare back

D)And then he got down on over his mother and wrapped his body around hers/over hers completely covering her frame with his body

E)And then he looked at the Executioner and said – Now administer the lashes

In that one act the King displayed a perfect love, mercy, and Justice

A)Friends in a similar way that is what Jesus has done for us

B)But in order to come under that ACT OF MERCY AND JUSTICE – YOU HAVE TO APPLY THE BLOOD!

<sup>26</sup> God presented him to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so that he would be just and justify the one who has faith in Jesus. Romans 3:26

### **V.8-11 The Lamb was to be fully consumed**

A)Roasted and not boiled in water so it would remain in tact -no bones broken

B)The lamb was to be fully consumed – any leftovers were to be burned in the fire

C)The lamb was so special it was not to be treated like ordinary food

We don't partially partake of Christ atoning work – we have to fully partake.

A)Can't nibble – little bit of Jesus – little of this – that – mixture

B)No we trust fully in the work of Christ ALONE

C)Jesus declares he is the Bread of life – eat of him – fully satisfied

### **V.14 The feast was to be set up as an Memorial**

**A) A reminder for Generations of the Salvation that God brought through the sacrifice of a lamb**

**B) Kids ask questions – Reminder to them**

**C) Jesus gave us a new Memorial – Passover night before the cross – gave everything new meaning – what it pointed to all those years**

**1) His body – His blood**

### **The Bread: this bread is my body broken for you**

**A) Unleavened bread – No sin**

**B) My blood shed for you – remission of sins – New Covenant**

**C) No longer DO but Done**

**Notice also that they were to eat it in Haste 11 And thus you shall eat it: with a belt on your waist, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. So you shall eat it in haste. It is the Lord's Passover.**

**There is a lesson in the imagery here**

**A) See Any moment, at any moment in that evening after midnight, at any moment the Lord is going to come.**

**B) At any moment the Lord is going to send the angel of death and the first born will be killed and those who are under the blood will be saved.**

**C) It could happen at any moment. Eat it and be ready because when it happens and you're going to get out of Egypt.**

### **APP**

**In the same manner you and I are told to live in such a way as to anticipate the coming of Jesus Christ.**

**A) We're told to live that way. The bible repeatedly says that the lord could come back at any moment and we should be ready for that return**

**B) We are told to live with a similar type of anticipation that they had during this Passover.**

**B)Jesus says in Luke Chapter 12, "Let your waist be girded or put a belt around your waist.**

**C)Let your lamps be burning and you yourselves like men who wait for their master when he will return."**

**Now in V.14-20 We read that the Lord instituted a 2nd feast to go along with the feast of Passover – the feast of Unleavened bread**

15 Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread. On the first day you shall remove leaven from your houses. For whoever eats leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that person shall be cut off from Israel. 16 On the first day there shall be a holy convocation, and on the seventh day there shall be a holy convocation for you. No manner of work shall be done on them; but that which everyone must eat—that only may be prepared by you. 17 So you shall observe the Feast of Unleavened Bread, for on this same day I will have brought your armies out of the land of Egypt. Therefore you shall observe this day throughout your generations as an everlasting ordinance. 18 In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at evening, you shall eat unleavened bread, until the twenty-first day of the month at evening. 19 For seven days no leaven shall be found in your houses, since whoever eats what is leavened, that same person shall be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether he is a stranger or a native of the land. 20 You shall eat nothing leavened; in all your dwellings you shall eat unleavened bread.' ”

**A)Leaven in Scripture is always a type of sin –**

**B)A little leaven – leavens the whole lump**

**C)Leaven rises in doe – like pride rises in the heart**

**Following the feast of Passover was the feast of Unleavened bread – V.15-20**

**A)In preparation for this feast the leaven is to be purged not just from their diets but also from their homes**

**B)This is a picture of Sanctification**

**C)Catch this: Passover was a symbol of our deliverance. Our salvation And notice Passover occurs first –**

**D)then the Feast of unleavened bread follows for 7 days. Picture of our sanctification**

**In other words we are not called to clean up our lives before coming to Christ**

**A)We come to Christ and then we allow his Holy Spirit to do that work inside of us**

**B)Ongoing work of Sanctification – he shows us what needs to go – change –**

**C)Justification is the miracle of the moment – Sanctification is the process of a life time**

### **2nd Moses gives the instructions for the Passover to the Elders of Israel**

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, **Hyssop was a leafy branch that was highly absorbant – this how they applied the blood** 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. Door post in the form of a Cross

**V.22 Take a bunch of Hyssop** - not a twig, but a bunch!

**A)Immerse yourself in Christ.**

**B)faith involves application. It’s more than just mental assent.**

**C)A believer becomes a stakeholder. You integrate your identity and hopes and goals with Jesus. And the more you absorb the better!**

V.22b And none of you shall go out of the door of his house until morning. 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. 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. 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.

### **Note there were two great responses to the instruction**

**1st was Worship – Worship is putting God on the throne of our lives – He is enthroned on the praises of his people**

## **2nd Obedience – Worship is first**

**A)Obedience follows true worship obedience is always the byproduct of true worship**

## **3rd The Carrying out of the 10th plague**

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. 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.

**That night the destroyer came on every bloodless house in Egypt.**

**A)Seven million people lived in Egypt. Guys that is more than double the population of all of Egypt**

**B)The first born in every house died - That's an unprecedented scale of death.**

**C)And there's historical evidence for this judgment.**

**1)In Egypt where mummification and the preservation of the dead were emphasized**

**D)archeologists have found mass graves dating back to this time period.**

**E)It was as if a plague killed more people than Egypt could handle.**

**Interesting note in history about Pharaoh's son –**

**A)It is believed that Amenhotep II was Pharaoh at this time – He was succeeded by his son Thutmose IV**

**B)But archeologists discovered in Great Sphinx at the Pyramid of Giza and you'll notice a large stone tablet between its paws.**

**C)This slab records the dream of, where the young king Thutmose tries to legitimize his right to the throne.**

**D)If he was the first born there would be no need to do that – but if the first born son died in the plague and he was the 2nd option –**

**1)Then you could understand the struggle to legitimize his rule**

#### 4th Preparations for the Journey

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

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.

**Look back at V 11 'And thus you shall eat it: with a belt on your waist, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. So you shall eat it in haste. It is the Lord's Passover.**

**What we have here is the Picture of a 1<sup>st</sup> Century Back packer -**

**A) Sandals on the feet – Waist girded – speaks of READINESS**

**B) WAIST GIRDED – Long robes – awkward – work or to run**

Pull the robe up & tie it w/ a sache

**C) The idea of having your waist girded had to do w/ **Readiness FOR SERVICE !!!!!****

1) Free to move & work – not encumbered – not weighed down by stuff

1Kings 18: 46 *Then the hand of the LORD came upon Elijah; and he girded up his loins & RAN ahead of Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel.*

**Eph. 6:14 *Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth,***

**A) Ready for battle – Ready to serve – not caught off guard or unprepared**

A young man applied for a job as a farmhand. When asked for his qualifications, he said, **"I can sleep when the wind blows."** This puzzled the farmer, but he took a liking to the young man and hired him.

**A few days later, the farmer and his wife were awakened in the night by a violent storm.**

They quickly began to check things out to see if all was secure. They found that the shutters of the **farmhouse had been securely fastened**. A good supply of logs had been set next to the fireplace. The farm implements had been placed in the storage shed, safe from the elements.

**The tractor had been moved into the garage.** The barn had been properly locked. All was well. Even the animals were calm.

**It was then that the farmer grasped the meaning of the young man's words, "*I can sleep when the wind blows.*"**

Because the farmhand had performed his work loyally and faithfully when the skies were clear, **he was prepared for the storm when it broke**. Consequently, when the wind blew, he had no fear. He was able to sleep in peace.

**Readiness = Rest**

#### **5th The Beginning of their Wilderness Journey**

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.

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. 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.

#### **V. 37 – 1<sup>st</sup> stop is Succoth – Booths or tents – it was tent town - This was the Beginning of the Children of Israels Pilgrimage**

**A) Most people Know that from Egypt to Kadesh Barnea was only an 11 day journey – distance wise**

**B) Yet God's intial plan was that they would spend about a yr. In the Wilderness – 3 months at mount Siani – ( where given the Law ) Tab instructions**

**C) We will see how this maps out as we work our way thru Exodus**



See it was one thing for the Lord to get His people out of Egypt – that was Easy – (few Plagues Etc. )

A) Easy thing to get His People out of Egypt / but it was another thing to get Egypt out of His People

B) That was going to take some time – that was going to be a Process – that God was seeking to work in them – On this Journey

C) Seven stops that God was going to bring them to – teach them something about themselves or something about Him

Stop #1 You are pilgrims here – Dwell in tents –

A) Don't be looking to settle down – build permanent structures  
TENT TOWN

B) What was True for them is also true for us

C) Egypt is a type of the World / flesh/ easy to get us out of the World  
God did that when He sent His Son !!!( Jesus did the Work)

D) But getting the world out of us to the point where we learn to walk in the Spirit & not by the flesh that is a whole another thing

1) Process that we call Sanctification !!!

God wants us to realize that this world is not our home –

A) Pilgrims and strangers or sojourners 1 Peter 2:11

A Vagabond: Has no home, a Fugitive: is running away from home.

A Stranger: Is far from home. A Pilgrim: Is purposefully heading toward home. Warren Wiersbe

B) Strangers far from home – don't get comfortable – Suitcase

C) Pilgrims purposely headed toward a homeland

It was said of the Heroes of the faith in Hebrews who believed in the promise of God

11 they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. <sup>14</sup> For those who say such things declare plainly that they seek a homeland. <sup>15</sup> And truly if they had called to mind that *country* from which they had come out, they would have had opportunity to

return. <sup>16</sup> But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly *country*. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them. **Hebrews 11:11-16**

<sup>9</sup> By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as *in* a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; <sup>10</sup> for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker *is* God. **Hebrew 11:9-10**

**Two ways to view life – Merry go round**

**A) pretty nice music – round and round never getting anywhere**

**B) Or you can see it for what it is – A journey**

**C) Journey with Jesus – Pilgrimage – walking with Jesus**

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. 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.

**v. 46 – Make sure that not one of its bones would be Broken**

**Why? Christ – not a Bone Broken – ( On cross – dead already )**

**Blood is produced in the bone Marrow –**

**Bone not Broken spoke of the Fact that – there is No Limit to His Forgiveness**

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.”

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.

**No foreigners shall partake – unless circumcised**

**Communion:**

**Warning unworthy manner – Communion is not for everyone**

**Close tonight simple question who is Jesus to you?**

**A Lamb – The Lamb – Your Lamb**

Once upon a time in a kingdom far, far away, there lived a great king. He was simultaneously the most powerful man in the Kingdom as well as the kindest and gentlest man in the whole realm. The kingdom was known for its peace, harmony and goodwill. Neighbors cherished one another and years would pass without a single crime being committed.

One day, however, the chief servant of the Merciful King came into the throne room with ill tidings. "There is a thief in the realm of your kingdom, Sire," said the servant. The king was astonished! "Find that thief! And when you do, bring him to me. He will be punished with 10 lashes!" Those in the room were astonished as well. It had been so long since a crime had been committed, they could hardly imagine who would have done such a thing.

A week went by and the servant again made his way into the throne room. "I have bad news for you, Sire," quietly reported the servant. "The thief has not been found and he continues to rob from your people." In anger, the king raised his voice and said, "Find the thief and when you do he will receive 25 lashes!" The people began to murmur among themselves, "Who could withstand such a punishment? Who could possibly be committing such a crime?"

As time went on, the servant once again came back into the throne room with yet another bad report. "Your Majesty, the thief has not been found. We have searched in vain for him. Your people are still being robbed." The king was enraged. "Find that wretched thief! And when you do his punishment will be fifty lashes!" Now the people were filled with dread. They were not even sure the king himself could withstand such a punishment! And if he could not, then certainly no one else could. Who could be doing such a thing?

Soon afterward the servant again approached the king in his throne room. His face was pale and his voice timid and hollow.

"Your Highness," spoke the servant, "the thief has been found."

"Bring him to me this instant," cried the king. The crowd that had poured into the throne room slowly parted, revealing the thief who now stood trembling in the middle of the room. To the utter shock and dismay of all, it was the king's aged mother. There she stood, trembling and crying. Her small and frail body was shaking with fear and shame. She was, perhaps, the very last soul that any one would have suspected of such a crime. And there stood the king, in shock and deeply wounded.

The crowd began to wonder and murmur among themselves: "What will the Merciful King do? Will he set aside the law and display his love and mercy by forgiving his mother for her crimes? Or will he display His sovereignty and justice by giving her exactly what she deserved. Will he choose mercy or will he choose justice?"

The king raised his hand to quiet the crowd. "Bring the whipping post," he said.

The crowd was dumbfounded. Would the king truly have his mother receive such a punishment? Even the king could scarcely survive such a flogging! This frail woman would not last even a few strokes!

The old woman was tied to the post. Her garment was rent, exposing her back to the whip-master. Her ribs could be counted for her frailty. "Administer the lashes," said the king. And not a sound could be heard as the whip was raised.

But just as the whip-master was about to unleash his first stroke, the king cried, "Halt!"

The crowd sighed in utter relief, but the feeling did not last for long. The king stood from his throne. He slowly removed the crown from his head, laying it upon the regal seat. As he began to walk down the stairs toward his mother, he laid aside his royal robe and finely woven tunic. Coming to his mother, he wrapped his enormous body around her, completely enveloping her under his frame.

The king spoke: "Now, administer the lashes."

Thus in one act did the king display pure mercy and perfect justice.

The guard objected, "But I can't. If I bring down this lash, I'll hit you." The king said, "I've given you an order. Do it." And so the guard did, but every single lash went into the king's body, and not one touched the mother. And so the king fully lived up to his reputation of being the fairest king ever to live, and also the most loving.

I'm not sure Spurgeon's Saxon king was completely historical. But I am sure of this: His wisdom and sacrifice shows us a picture of what God did for us on the cross. God couldn't send an angel or lesser god to die for us, like other religions teach. No one but God himself could take on the punishment for our sins. God absorbed the penalty of his own wrath into himself so that he could give us forgiveness.

In Romans 3:26, Paul writes that at the cross, God demonstrated his righteousness so that he could both satisfy the full demands of his justice *and* save his people. Justice and love. Fairness and mercy. The Bible uses the term "propitiation" to describe the satisfaction of God's wrath, or the cause for God's anger being taken away. Paul says that it's because of God's grace, through the work of Christ Jesus, that God's wrath against us has been taken away.