



Easter Prelude Part 1 - *The Passover Connection*

Message to Conversation Guide

1. In what sense can the Old Testament be compared to an Art Gallery? When it comes to historical art that art points back to an actual event. Discuss how in the Old Testament the types and shadows point toward something that had not occurred yet.
2. In the Passover Story the final judgment is death upon the first born of Egypt. Read the verses below and determine who the author of plague of death is (the devil, grim reaper, some malevolent force or God himself.)

Ex 11:4-6

4 So Moses said, "This is what the Lord says: 'About midnight **I will go** throughout Egypt. 5 **Every firstborn son in Egypt will die**, from the firstborn son of Pharaoh, who sits on the throne, to the firstborn son of the female slave, who is at her hand mill, and all the firstborn of the cattle as well. NIV

Ex 12:12-13

12 "On that same night **I will pass through** Egypt and strike down every firstborn of both people and animals, and **I will bring judgment** on all the gods of Egypt. I am the Lord. 13 The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, **and when I see the blood, I will pass over you**. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt. NIV

Ex 12:21-23

21 Then Moses summoned all the elders of Israel and said to them, "Go at once and select the animals for your families and slaughter the Passover lamb. 22 Take a bunch of hyssops, dip it into the blood in the basin and put some of the blood on the top and on both sides of the doorframe. None of you shall go out of the door of your house until morning. 23 **When the Lord goes through the land to strike down the Egyptians**, he will see the blood on the top and sides of the doorframe and will pass over that doorway, and he will not permit the destroyer to enter your houses and strike you down. NIV

Ex 12:29-30

29 **At midnight the Lord struck down all the firstborn** in Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh, who sat on the throne, to the firstborn of the prisoner, who was in the dungeon, and the firstborn of all the livestock as well. 30 Pharaoh and all his officials and all the Egyptians got up during the night, and there was loud wailing in Egypt, for there was not a house without someone dead.

3. Read and discuss the verses below that verses that speak of God's wrath and judgement.

1 Thessalonians 1 :9-10

9 for they themselves report what kind of reception you gave us. They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, 10 and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—**Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.** NIV (also see **2 Peter 2:9** & **2 Cor. 5:11**)

Rom 1:18

18 **The wrath of God is** being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness, NIV

John 3:36

36 Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for **God's wrath remains on him.**"NIV (see **Matt 10:28**, **Prov. 9:10**)

4. The impending judgment of death upon the people of Egypt has a solution. What is that solution?

Ex 12:3, 5-8

3 **Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb** for his family, one for each household. 5 **The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats.** 6 **Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the members of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight.** 7 **Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the door frames of the houses where they eat the lambs.** NIV

Ex 12 :13

13 **The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt.** NIV

1 Cor 5:7

7 **Get rid of the old yeast, so that you may be a new unleavened batch—as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.** NIV

John 1:29

29 **The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"** NIV