

# Exodus 12

Saved by the Blood

- Death of the Firstborn Announced
- Purpose of the Judgments

**Exodus 11:9** ... the Lord said to Moses, "Pharaoh will not heed you, **so that My wonders may be multiplied in the land of Egypt.**"

- God knew from the start Pharaoh would not listen
- **God used Pharaoh for His purpose:**
  1. To display His wonders to the children of Israel
  2. That God's people would remember their deliverance forever

**That the world would know that God calls a people to himself**

**Romans 2:17** ... the Scripture says to the Pharaoh...

- "For this very purpose I have raised you up, **that I may show My power in you**
- **That My name** may be declared in all the earth."

**...22** What if God, wanting to show His wrath and to **make His power known**, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath prepared for destruction, 23 and that He might **make known the riches of His glory on the vessels of mercy**, which He had prepared beforehand for glory, 24 even us whom He called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles?

- Why did God patiently endure Pharaoh's rebellion knowing he would never repent:
  1. To make his power known to unbelieving Egypt
  2. To make his riches/great mercy known to His chosen people Israel

**That the world would know that God calls a people to Himself**

**Exodus 11:7** [Israel's firstborn will be *passed over*] that you may know that **the Lord does make a difference between the Egyptians and Israel.**

- God will judge Egypt/ God will pass over Israel

**This will be THE event Israel is to remember regarding God's Faithfulness**

## I. Passover Instituted: Redemption

1 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.

- Moses, Aaron and children of Israel still in the land of Egypt
- **Make a new calendar.**

**Your New Year begins this month, the month of your redemption**

- **God is a God of Newness**

**Revelation 21:5** ...He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make **all things new.**"

**Psalms 96:1** Oh, sing to the Lord a **new song**! Sing to the Lord, all the earth. 2 Sing to the Lord, bless His name; Proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day.

**2 Corinthians 5:17** Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a **new creation**; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

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.

- **Tenth day of the first month on new calendar:**
  1. Take a lamb/goat as a pet *to cherish*
  2. Male without spot/blemish
  3. Keep it for **4 days**; i.e. until you are attached to it...

The separation of the lamb was to take place some four days before the time of its slaughter. Probably it was kept in the house, according to the Jewish tradition it was so, and they would hear it bleating, and be reminded of the purpose for which it was to be slain. [Spurgeon]

**6b...**Then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it at twilight.

- After becoming attached to it...kill it/mourn for it

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.

- Put the blood on the wooden doorframe
- *Vertically and Horizontally*
- **Picture of the Cross:**
  1. Vertical Relation with God
  2. Horizontal relationship with each other
  3. Door in the center
- Jesus is the door to the Father

**John 10:7** "Most assuredly, I say to you, **I am the door** of the sheep. 8 All who ever came before Me[a] are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. 9 I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.

**Hebrews 10:19** [Because Jesus made a way though the cross we have...] boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, 20 by a **new and living way** which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh

**John 14:6** "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

**Romans 5:1** Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have[a] peace with God through

our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 **through whom** also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

- **Both Jew/Gentile may enter by the blood...whosoever**

**Ephesians 2:17** [Jesus] came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. 18 For **through Him** we both **have access** by one Spirit to the Father.

- Blood placed vertically/horizontally on the wood

8 Then they shall eat the flesh on that night; roasted in fire, with unleavened bread and with bitter herbs they shall eat it.

- **Blood given to God**
- **Eat the Lamb**
  1. Roast it on fire: Fire of God's Judgment
  2. Bitter herbs: Bitterness of the Cross
  3. Unleavened bread
- Further instruction also all types:

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..

- Must be cooked: Fire picture of Judgment
- Must be roasted...not boiled
- **Completely consumed:** Burnt Sacrifice

**Be prepared to leave quickly!**

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

- **So shall you eat in haste:** Ready to move
  1. Belt
  2. Sandals
  3. Staff

They were thus to exercise an act of faith. Why were they to eat in haste, but that they expected soon to be gone? They were to stand like travelers who are starting upon a journey, believing that God was about to set them free. Oh, that we would always exercise faith in all our devotions, for without faith it must ever be impossible to please God. [Spurgeon]

- **Call it the Lord's Passover instituted:**
  1. As a memorial to Israel's deliverance from Egyptian bondage
  2. As a memorial to God birthing the Nation of Israel
  3. As foundation of a new relationship between Israel and God

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.

- **I will** pass through Egypt that night
- **I will** strike the firstborn of Egypt. Favored son
- **I will** strike both man and animal
- **I will** execute judgment on:
  1. Those who worshiped false-gods of Egypt
  2. Demonic entities behind false-gods of Egypt

All those false gods had been smitten in the different plagues; and now, inasmuch as the Egyptians regarded the firstborn in the family with veneration, the last stroke was about to be struck, and Pharaoh and all his subjects would stagger under the tremendous blow. [Spurgeon]

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.

- **Blood will be a sign;** point to something else
- *Type* pointing to the *Anti-type*. **Shadow of the reality**

**Colossians 2:17** ...are a shadow of things to come, but the substance is of Christ.

**When I see the blood I will pass over you in judgment**

**Hebrews 9:22** ...according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission [forgiveness].

- More detailed instructions...

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. 15 Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread. On the first day you shall remove leaven from your houses.

- This day and week on your New Calendar are to be remembered
  1. **Commandment is without end** [Explains Ezekiel sacrifice in 1000 yr. reign]
  2. **Seven days:** Eat bread without leaven [yeast]

**Bread without Leaven:** Picture of Jesus the Bread of life. Sinless Son of God

- **Leaven:** [Yeast] Picture of sin:
  1. Starts small
  2. Spreads by corruption/contamination of sugar [sweetness] in dough

**James 1:15** "Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death"

3. **Permeates the whole:** Individual, Family, Church

**Galatians 5:9** A little leaven leavens the whole lump.

**Matthew 16:6** "Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the Sadducees."

**1 Corinthians 5:6** [To those who allowed sin in congregation] Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? 7 Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our **Passover**, was sacrificed for us. 8 Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

### **Christ our Passover**

- **Bread:** Picture of Jesus the **Bread of Life**

**John 6:35** "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst."

- **Unleavened Bread:** Picture of Jesus without Sin

**1 John 3:5** ...you know that [Jesus] was manifested to take away our sins, and **in Him there is no sin.**

**1 Peter 2:22** "Who committed **no sin**, Nor was deceit found in His mouth"

**Hebrews 4:15** ...we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, **yet without sin.**

- **Leaven/Yeast:** Picture of sin
  1. Remove all leaven from you house on the first day of Passover week
  2. Eat unleavened bread for 7 days

**15b...**For whoever eats leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that person shall be cut off from Israel.

- Warning: Whoever eats bread with yeast "shall be cut off" from God's people

### **Picture of the seriousness of allowing sin in our lives: Separation**

**Isaiah 59:2** ...your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear.

**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.

1. **Holy Convocation:** First Day and Last Day

### **No manner of work but to prepare and eat**

**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.

**Feast of Unleavened Bread celebrates God's victory in our lives  
Over the bondage of sin**

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.”

- Evenings of 14<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup> day of the first month eat the Unleavened Bread

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.

- **Hyssop:** Picture of purification

**Psalms 51:7** Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

**Leviticus 14:4** ... the priest shall command to take for him who is to be **cleansed** two living and clean birds, cedar **wood**, **scarlet**, and **hyssop**.

**John 19:29** Now a vessel full of sour wine was sitting there; and they filled a sponge with sour wine, **put it on hyssop**, and put it to His mouth.

- **Hyssop:** Purification through sacrifice. Applied by faith.

**Blood at the affirmation of the Old Covenant: Keep the Law**

**Hebrews 9:18** Therefore not even the first covenant was dedicated without blood. 19 For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water, scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, 20 saying, "This is the blood of the covenant which God has commanded you." [Cf. Exodus 24:8]

- Old Covenant could only *cover* sins:

**Blood at the affirmation of the New Covenant: Grace**

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

- New Covenant *takes away* our sins

**John 1:29** [The Lamb of God] The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

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.

- **First Passover**

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.'"

- **Day of Remembrance:** God's Deliverance
- Resurrection Day for us

27b...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.

- **Bowed their heads:** Not in submission Pharaoh but God

SUMMARY Passover Instituted

## II. The Tenth Plague: Death of the Firstborn

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.

- **The Lord struck** Egypt at Midnight
  1. Firstborn from Least to Greatest and Firstborn Livestock
  2. Every house experienced death.
  3. Every house was deserving of death...

**Romans 3:23** ...all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God

**Why does God let them die? NO, why does he save any?**

- **If we reject God's grace there is no longer any hope:**

**Hebrews 10:26** For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, 27 but a certain fearful expectation of

judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries. 28 Anyone who has rejected Moses' law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. 29 Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace? 30 For we know Him who said, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. And again, "The Lord will judge His people." 31 **It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.**

## **SUMMARY Tenth Plague: Death to the Firstborn**

- **Passover instituted:** Remembrance of God passing over homes covered by the blood
- **Picture of Jesus sacrifice for our sins:**

**1 Corinthians 5:7** ...purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. **For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us.**

- **Jesus is our Passover**
  1. God's wrath passes those covered by Blood of Jesus
- **Jesus:** Perfect Lamb sacrificed at Passover

**Matthew 26:2** ... "You know that after two days is the Passover, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified."

**As Jews gathered in Jerusalem 2000 years ago for Passover Jesus was dying for their sins and ours**

- **Today we remember Jesus death at communion**
  1. **Unleavened Bread:** Jesus Body
  2. **Wine:** Jesus Blood

**1 Corinthians 11:26** ...as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.

- **Exodus 12: Children of Israel** [Jacob] celebrate the first Passover and Feast of Unleavened Bread
  1. 15<sup>th</sup> day on their new Jewish Calendar. Celebrating New Life
  2. Typically in March or April when we celebrate Resurrection Sunday

### **10<sup>th</sup> and Final Plague on Pharaoh and Egypt: Death of the Firstborn for Pharaoh not heeding God's instruction**

- **Families who feared God:**
  1. Take in an unspotted/unblemished lamb for a pet
  2. After 4 days kill the lamb
  3. Make a brush out of Hyssop [Purification]
  4. Put blood on the wood of the door: Both *vertically/horizontally*

## **Picture of the Cross/Jesus the Door and only way to the Father Picture of the greatest command to Love God and Love others**

**Matthew 22:36** "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?" 37 Jesus said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.'" [Vertical relationship with God] 38 This is the first and great commandment. 39 And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' [Horizontal relationship with man] **40 On these two commandments *hang* all the Law and the Prophets."**

- Jesus fulfilled the Law and Prophets as He hung on the cross

### III. The Exodus

31 Then [Pharaoh] 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."

- **Pharaoh's son now dead:** All of his pride, arrogance, self-righteousness, ego gone
- Pharaoh calls Moses/Aaron in middle of night
  1. Get up and get out
  2. You, Children of Israel, Flocks and Herds

**Exodus 11:1** ...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.

**And bless me also. Bless me by leaving!**

- We feel so blessed after you leave
- **Bless me:**
  1. Blessing is given by the greater
  2. Pharaoh acknowledges Moses as God's man

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.**"

- People of Egypt encouraged Israel to leave quickly
- **We shall all be dead:** What would God do next?

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.

- Unleavened dough bound up in their clothes and carried on shoulder

**Exodus 12:11** [Eat the Passover] 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.

- **Left quickly before dough had risen:** Those who disobeyed now had no choice

**Children of Israel Leave Egypt with a *lot of dough***

1. **Unleavened dough**
2. **Egyptian dough:** Silver, Gold, 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.

- The Lord can give us favor in the sight of the world

**Proverbs 3:3** Let not mercy and truth forsake you; Bind them around your neck, Write them on the tablet of your heart, 4 And so find favor and high esteem In the sight of God and man.

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.

**Journey begins:** Rameses to Succoth

- **600,000** men plus woman and children [Two million?]
- **Mixed multitude:** Later source of trouble
  1. Egyptian/Jewish union
  2. Other foreigners...

**Later in Book of Numbers a source of trouble:**  
**They would have to choose Egypt's gods or the Living God; i.e. return or stay**

- **Mixed multitude in Churches:** Wheat/Tares

I have never believed that a troublemaker in church is really a child of God. [JV McGee]

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.

- **Baked unleavened cakes:** No other provisions

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.

- **End of a nightmare** prophesied to Abraham 430 years earlier:

**Genesis 15:12** Now when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and behold, horror and great darkness fell upon him. 13 Then He said to Abram: "Know certainly that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, and will serve them, and they will afflict them four hundred years.

**...All the armies of the Lord went out from the land of Egypt.**

- **Armies:** Make no mistake...we are here to make war

**2 Timothy 2:3** You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. 4 No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier.

- **Spiritual Warfare:** Prayer, Love, Patience, Faith...not violence
- Love your enemy and pray for those who persecute you. This is victory.

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.

### Remembering the Lord's Deliverance

- **Solemn Observance to the Lord:** Calvary of Old Testament
- **Night Vigil:** Carefully recognized by every Jew in every generation
  1. Remembering our deliverance from the Bondage of Devil/World
  2. Term "**Out of Egypt**" repeated 56 times after this in Scripture

**SUMMARY The Exodus:** The Journey Begins. From Bondage to Freedom/ Freedom to war.

## IV. Passover Regulations

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.

- **Ordinance of the Passover**
  1. No foreigner/traveler/temporary hired servant who comes/goes may eat it
  2. Only permanent servants who get circumcised may eat it
- **Only those making a commitment by:**
  1. **Circumcision:** Sign of Covenant with God, picture of cutting off flesh
  2. **Permanence:** Count the cost of following God. Good soil

**1 Corinthians 11:27** Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. 28 But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup.

- Non-Jews must become Jews to eat the Passover

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.**

- **Passover Lamb:**
  1. Don't take it out of the house it was cooked at
  2. Don't break one of its bones

**John 19:32** Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who was crucified with Him. 33 But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. 34 But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out. 35 And he who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you may believe. 36 For these things were done that the Scripture should be fulfilled, "**Not one of His bones shall be broken.**"

**Numbers 9:11** On the fourteenth day of the second month, at twilight, they may keep it.

They shall eat it with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. 12 They shall leave none of it until morning, nor break one of its bones. According to all the ordinances of the Passover they shall keep it.

47 All the congregation of Israel shall keep it.

- **Required:** Without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sin

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.

- **Stranger and family may eat if:**

1. All males gets circumcised
2. He and family choose to stay with Israel; i.e. God's people

**...he shall be as a native of the land**

**Genesis 22:18** In your seed [Abraham] **all the nations** of the earth shall be blessed

- **No uncircumcised may eat:** You must become a Jew and follow the God of Israel

49 One law shall be for the native-born and for the stranger who dwells among you."

**If you want to be a Jew... be a Jew all the way**

- **Assimilate:** Get circumcised, stay with the people, and take Passover
- **Don't attempt to join us and change us!**

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.

- **According to their armies:** Allusion to what is to come...

**SUMMARY Passover Regulations:** Only those making a commitment by both circumcision and permanence may eat of the Passover meal