

January 31st – Our Passover Lamb

“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.”

(Exo. 12:7)

When God delivered His people Israel from their Egyptian bondage, He showed many signs and wonders to Pharaoh and the people of Egypt. Among them, the Nile turned to blood, pestilence was rampant, and frogs even overtook the land. The greatest of the ten plagues was saved for last – God vowed to kill the firstborn among the Egyptians. The plague was overwhelming, and as a result Pharaoh finally agreed to release the Israelites from their slavery.

As God prepared to send His judgment on the people, He gave some clear commands. He instructed all the Israelites to take an unblemished lamb, kill it, and place the blood of the lamb on the doorposts and the lintels of their homes. Why? Because God Himself was going to pass throughout the camps of Egypt and Israel. Only those houses that were covered by the blood of a spotless lamb were going to escape judgment. In those cases, the Lord would “pass over” the house.

When the Lord passed thru the camp, the death rate was 100% among the firstborn of Egypt, but the Israelites avoided God’s wrath because of the blood. As Christians, we also have a Passover Lamb. No, we don’t have to slaughter a lamb and smear blood across our doors. But, when John the Baptist saw Jesus, he said, “Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world” (John 1:29). Through His own blood, Jesus spares all believers from the wrath of God.