Cornerstone Wednesday Night Bible Study Series

Study: Deuteronomy "Together Forever"

Instructor: Pastor Damian Mericka

Week 21: Second Discourse (Part 14)

# **Study Notes (Deuteronomy 16:1-8)**



# **Chapter 16:1-8 Passover- A Shadow of Things to Come**

- <u>o</u> Why the Jewish Feasts matter -> they show us Jesus!
  - Colossians 2:16-17; Hebrews 10:1
- o God institutes Passover
  - Overview. In Deuteronomy God is shaping out through Moses the time, manner, and location whereas in Exodus we find a bit more detail on the particulars of the how.
    - See <u>Exodus 12:1-20</u>. Here God is instituting the Passover while Israel is still enslaved in Egypt. God's deliverance was a sure thing because of His declaration; the circumstances will catch up. This is a faith principle for us today.
    - Exodus focused on what this would look like in Egypt;
      Deuteronomy what it would look like in the Promised Land.
  - Detail. We are going to look at this as the shadow it is, and how it is fulfilled in Christ.
    - Vv.1 The month is in sync with our observance of Resurrection.
    - Vv.2-8 The meal details are as follows:
      - <u>o</u> A lamb of their own flock (without Blemish)

#### Exodus 12:5 -> Hebrews 4:15

- Our Unleavened Bread: further their homes and towns would need to have leaven cleared out of them during this observance. Leaven symbolized sin: the haste of departing Israel was to illustrate God delivering them / us out of sin.
- <u>o</u> They were to only offer and eat the Passover sacrifice at the location God would choose.
  - Pre Temple era was in the home.
  - Temple era was in Jerusalem.
  - Post Temple era (AD 70 forward) Judaism does not include the Passover lamb sacrifice in their meal and is referred to as the Seder.
- <u>o</u> Eating the lamb allowed the participants to identify with and receive the lamb's death. This is further illustrated for us today with the observance of Communion.

### See -> 1 Corinthians 11:24-26

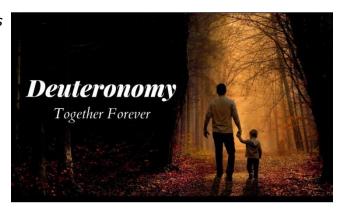
"And in the wilderness, where you have seen how the LORD your God carried you, as a man carries his son, all the way that you went until you came to this place." -Deuteronomy 1:31

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# **Deeper Questions for Application**

- 1) What value does learning about the Jewish Feasts have for believers in Jesus today? Which Feast are we looking at today?
- 2) Compare and contrast the Passover from the Exodus and Deuteronomy text.
- 3) What month was Passover to be observed and how long was the feast to last?
- 4) What are the particulars about the lamb to be offered and the bread for Passover? What did spots or blemishes on the lamb and leaven in the bread represent?
- 5) Does the location of observing the Passover matter? Why?
- 6) Share how Passover and Communion are similar. How does eating the meal connect us with the Passover lamb? What difference has Jesus made?

\*Type your answers and send them to me at <a href="mailto:damianmericka@live.com">damianmericka@live.com</a> or attach through facebook messenger. \*For Next Time read Deuteronomy Chapter 16:9-22