

Exodus 12

6/18/17

Sunday Morning

Review:

1. We have come to the 10th & final plague on Egypt
2. Egypt had never experienced anything like it before or since then
3. There was not a house that was not touched by either the blood of a lamb or the plague
4. This is all b/c of Pharaoh's stubbornness
 - a. But God was in control of pharaoh's rebellion

Proverbs 21:1 The king's heart is *like* channels of water in the hand of the LORD; He turns it wherever He wishes.

5. As we look at the verses before us, there are a couple of things we need to remember
 - a. #1. Moses & Aaron were almost apologetic, the first time, when talking to Pharaoh about letting people go to worship
 - b. Pharaoh put more work on the people by not providing straw
 - c. The people got mad & blamed Moses & Aaron for causing more work
 - d. Moses went back to God & said – "see I told you I couldn't do this!"
 - e. Then God said I'm going to do 4 things for Israel –

Exodus 6:6 "Say, therefore, to the sons of Israel, ' I am the LORD, and #1. I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will deliver you from their bondage. #2. I will also redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments.

⁷ 'Then #3. I will take you for My people, and I will be your God; and you shall know that I am the LORD your God, who brought you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.

⁸ 'And #4. I will bring you to the land which I swore to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and I will give it to you for a possession; I am the LORD."

*God will do 3 of the 4 things in the next few verses

V.1 Now the LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, **V.2 (NP)**

V.2 "This month shall be the beginning of months for you; it is to be the first month of the year to you.

1. "it is to be the first month of the year to you"
 - a. This was their New Year!
 - b. Everything will be new –
 - c. They are leaving Egypt as a nation – the world has a new nation in it
 - d. The 1st day of Nisan is their New Years day
 - i. This year – their New Year started on our March 28th 2017
 - ii. This first month of was first called **Abib** (green ears)
 1. When they came back from Babylonian captivity they changed the name of month was called **Nisan**
 2. **Nisan** means – "month of flowers"
 - iii. It is the first day of their New Year according to their **ecclesiastical** calendar
 - iv. That calendar is used by Jews, as for determining religious holidays
 - e. **Israel has 2 calendars**
 - f. Their **civil** calendar has a different New Year – the first 2 days of **Tishri** are **Rosh Hashanah**
 - i. Rosh Hashanah is the Jewish New Year
 - ii. Rosh Hashanah means – "head of the year"
 - iii. It falls somewhere in our September & October
 - g. The beginning of each month is based on a new moon (Lunar calendar)
 - i. They say it is luni-solar calendar
 - h. This year isn't 2017 – it is the year 5777
 - i. That is reckoned from the traditional date of the Creation corresponding to 3761 B.C..
 - j. We & most of the world use the Gregorian calendar which is based off the sun (based on solar cycles)

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V.3 (NP)

V.3 "Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying, *'On the tenth of this month* they are *each one to take a lamb for themselves*, according to their fathers' households, a lamb for each household.

1. "On the tenth of this month"
 - a. On the 10th of Nisan they were to take a lamb or a kid
2. "each one to take a lamb for themselves"
 - a. They took the lamb into their personal care
 - b. That way they could observe if it had a physical problem
 - c. It was kept 4 days to become their personal lamb
 - d. To children it would become as a pet – to all it would have value

V.4 'Now *if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his neighbor nearest to his house are to take one according to the number of persons* in them; according to what each man should eat, you are to divide the lamb.

1. "if the household is too small for a lamb...he & neighbor nearest...take one according...number of persons"
 - a. It is interesting that the household was **never** too large for the lamb
 - b. That is b/c that lamb represents Christ

John 1:28 These things took place in Bethany beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

²⁹ The next day he saw Jesus coming to him, and said, "Behold, **the Lamb of God** who takes away the sin of the world!

V.5 *Your lamb shall be an unblemished male a year old*; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats.

1. "Your lamb shall be an unblemished male a year old"
 - a. It could be a lamb or a kid
 - b. The lamb representing Christ needed to be flawless – b/c He was **Hebrews 9:14** how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

V.6 (NP)

V.6 'You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month, then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel is to kill it at twilight.

1. "the whole assembly"
 - a. The whole assembly was responsible for the death of the lamb/kid
2. "kill it at twilight"
 - a. Literally – "between twilights"
 - b. Remember that their days start at sundown
 - c. Depending how this understood between 3 to 5 pm or 6 to 7 pm
 - d. Killed in public – by owner
 - e. This is not a Levitical festival – no priest required

V.7 'Moreover, they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses in which they eat it.

1. "take...blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel"
 - a. This blood represents the blood of Christ

1 Peter 1:18 knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers,
¹⁹ but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.
 - b. Putting blood on the outside door frame & header doesn't make sense
 - i. Moses had learned to not question God so much
 - ii. The people had learned to listen to Moses

Hebrews 11:28 By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of the blood, so that he who destroyed the first-born might not touch them.

V.8 'They shall eat the flesh that same night, roasted with fire, and they shall eat it with unleavened bread and bitter herbs.

V.9 'Do not eat any of it raw or boiled at all with water, but rather roasted with fire, both its head and its legs along with its entrails.

1. "They shall eat the flesh"
 - a. What was going on outside the house & what was going on inside the house were not the same thing
 - b. They were eating inside – is a picture of fellowship w/ Christ & His people

- c. That didn't contribute to their salvation in any way
- 2. "roasted with fire"
 - a. The **fire** represents judgment – Christ took our judgment on the cross – they were judged there
 - b. Not raw or boiled – sin must always be judged!
 - c. The fellowship w/ Christ & His people is based on our sins being judged on the cross
- 3. "with unleavened bread"
 - a. "matzah" – Initially unleavened bread speaks of the haste w/ which they would leave Egypt
 - b. Leaven speaks of sin in Scripture
 - i. Leaven causes putrefaction (rotting of organic matter)
 - 1 Corinthians 5:6** Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump *of dough*?
 - ⁷ Clean out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, just as you are *in fact* unleavened^(positional). For Christ **our** Passover also has been sacrificed.
 - ⁸ Let us therefore celebrate the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.
 - c. His life was a pure life – no sin therefore no leaven
 - d. Our lives must be clean also if we are to fellowship w/ Him
- 4. "and bitter herbs"
 - a. The bitter herbs were a reminder of their lives under slavery
 - b. And the bitterness & bondage to sin

V.10 'And you shall not leave any of it over until morning, but whatever is left of it until morning, you shall burn with fire.

V.11 'Now you shall eat it in this manner: with your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it in haste—it is the LORD'S Passover.

- 1. "...loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand"
 - a. They were to be ready to move out of Egypt when God ordered
- 2. "it is the LORD'S Passover"
 - a. The word means to leap over

- b. The Passover was celebrated when the Children of Israel had been in the wilderness for one year –
 - i. It is recorded that it was celebrated when they entered the promise land –
 - ii. We have a record of it being celebrated under certain kings
 - iii. It was celebrated after their return from Babylonian captivity
 - iv. In the days of Jesus
 - v. Even today, more Jews celebrate the Passover than any other Jewish holy day –
 - vi. It has been celebrated for 3500 years – It is the oldest continuous religious feast in the world

V.12 'For I will go through the land of Egypt on that night, and will *strike down all the firstborn in the land of Egypt*, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments—I am the LORD.

- 1. "strike down all the firstborn in the land of Egypt"
 - a. He didn't say that He would strike everyone but the Jews
 - i. He said very first born of man & beast in land of Egypt
 - ii. Unless blood on the door jamb
 - b. He also didn't say that I would pass over the house if the people inside believed hard enough
- c. We are fast losing the understanding of how salvation is procured
- d. Example – (766) 533-7377
 - i. He ask what it took to be saved
 - ii. Quoted

John 1:12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, *even* to those who believe in His name,

John 3:18 (NASB77)

¹⁸ " He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

John 20:31 (NASB77)

³¹ but these have been written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.

- iii. He said, "believing isn't enough"
- iv. He then used **James 2** to validate what he said
James 2:19 You believe that God is one. You do well; the demons also believe, and shudder.
***This verse has nothing to do w/ salvation**
- v. Only one thing stopped the death angel **V.13 (NP)**

V.13 *'The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live; and when I see the blood I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.*

- 1. "The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live"
 - a. Each household was responsible for putting blood on their entry
- 2. "when I see the blood"
 - a. It didn't matter what was going on in the house
 - b. The blood was the one & only issue!
 - c. I don't care who tells you that you must repent of your sins – they are wrong
 - d. It doesn't matter who tells you that you must believe w/ all your heart they are wrong
 - e. I don't care who calls it cheap salvation – let them tell that to Christ
 - f. I don't care who says, "there's no free lunch" – they better hope there is a free lunch (salvation) – b/c they don't have enough to pay for it
- 3. *Christ went to the cross to procure our salvation
Acts 4:12 "And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men, by which we must be saved."