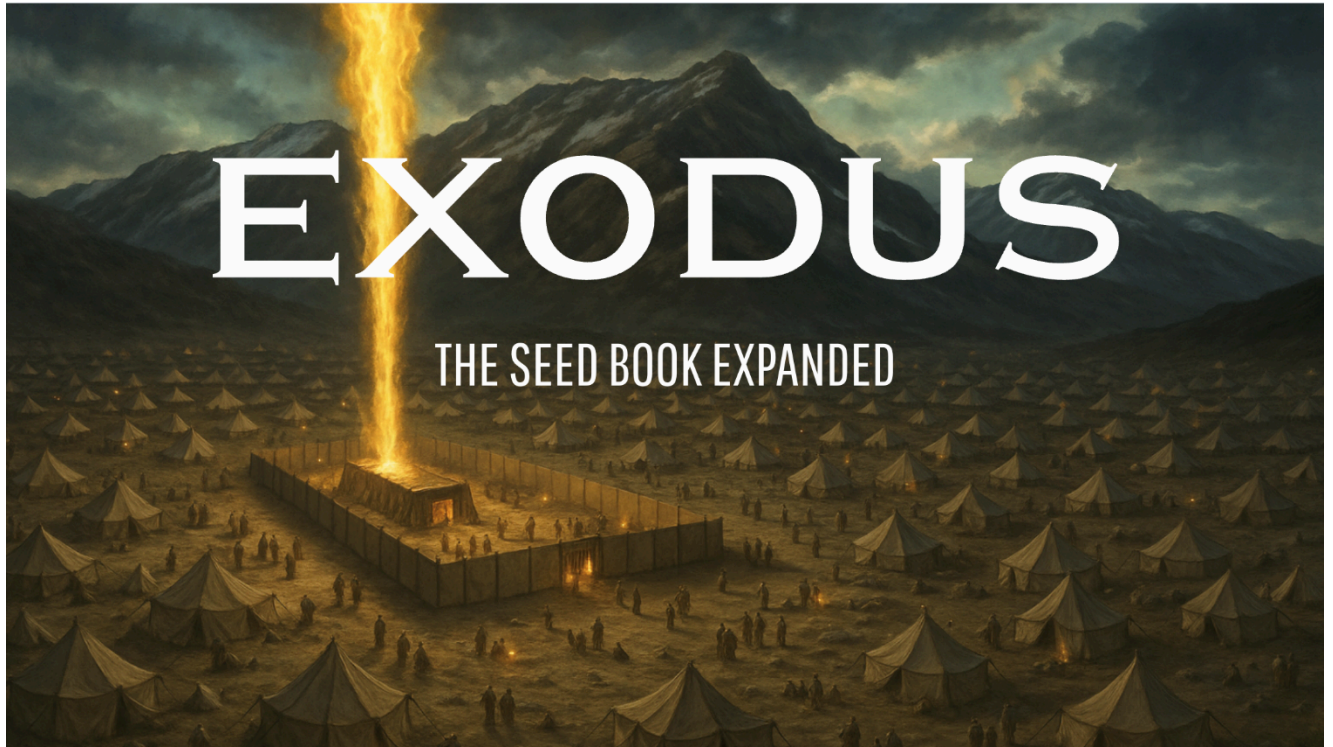


# Exodus 12 (TAC)

Tuesday, August 26, 2025

9:23 AM



Good Evening TAC,

Let's start by affirming our commitment to the Text of the Word of God:

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### Yoked Warriors Creed

1. This is my Bible. There are many like it, but this one is mine.
2. My Bible is my closest companion. It is my very life. I must master it as I must master my life.
3. My Bible, without action, is useless. Without my Bible, I am useless. I must apply my Bible in truth. I must aim straighter than my enemy who is trying to kill me. I must put him to death before he eliminates me.
4. My Bible has taught me what counts in this war is not the number of Scriptures we fire off, the noise of our bursts, nor the smoke we make. We know that it is the application that counts.
5. My Bible is living and active, even as I, because it is my life. Thus, I will learn it as a brother. I will learn its Pashat truths, its strength of Remez, its Darashic parts, its Sodical insights and its steely resolve. I will ever guard my Bible against the ravages of twisting its truth and damaging doctrines as I will ever guard my legs, my arms, my eyes and my heart against damage. I will keep my Bible well read, well lived, clean, and ready for application. We will become part of each other.
6. Before God, I swear this creed. My Bible and myself are the defenders of my marriage, my family and this church. We are the masters of our enemy. The Word of God is the Savior of my life.
7. So be it, until victory is God's and there is no enemy, but all that is left is right order with God and man!

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Now that we have all expressed our unity with one another and to the Word of God, let us celebrate because...

We have finally arrived at Exodus 12 which includes the judgement of the gods of Egypt! Perhaps more even more interestingly, the chapter begins an answer to a very important question that dates all the way back to Genesis 22. Let's review the all-important question.

#### o Genesis 22:7 (ESV)

7 And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but **where is the lamb** for a burnt offering?"

Tonight we will begin the approach to answering that question. Truthfully, the seed that started in Genesis is expanding in Exodus and will find the fullest fulfilment in the Newer Testament.

Pray

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Exodus 12 (NIVUK84)

**1 The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, 2 “This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year.**

The very first verses of Exodus 12 are so monumental that they literally change the reckoning of time for the nation of God. You might think of it as a new calendar for a newly redeemed nation. This, in and of itself, is monumental in highlighting the importance of this portion of Israel's story. We are going to explain the shift from an old calendar to the new calendar that accompanies the redemption of Israel, but before we do that, we want to highlight Adonai's propensity to make things new.

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**DOING SOMETHING NEW**

LAW	PROPHETS	WRITINGS
<p>Exodus 12:1-2 (ESV)</p> <p>12 The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, 2 “This month shall be for you the <b>beginning of months</b>. It shall be the first month of the year for you.</p>	<p>Ezekiel 18:31 (ESV)</p> <p><sup>31</sup>Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a <b>new heart and a new spirit!</b></p>	<p>Psalms 51:10 (ESV)</p> <p><sup>10</sup> Create in me a clean heart, O God, and <b>renew a right spirit</b> within me.</p>
<p>John 3:3 (ESV)</p> <p><sup>3</sup> Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is <b>born again</b> he cannot see the kingdom of God.”</p>	<p>Revelation 21:5 (ESV)</p> <p><sup>5</sup> And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making <b>all things new</b>.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”</p>	<p>Galatians 6:15 (ESV)</p> <p><sup>15</sup> For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a <b>new creation</b>.</p>

The Law, Prophets, and Writings of the Older and Newer Testament vividly display Adonai's propensity to make all things new or renew the objects of His affection. It is in this transformational power of God that we have all come to hope.

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In our text tonight, the chapter begins with a change in the calendar to mark the date when God brings the final judgment on the nation of Egypt, while simultaneously using this event to mark the creation of a new nation!

This calendar change marks a singular event in biblical history, one that is unparalleled and will never be repeated. It commemorates the birth of God's nation, Israel, and signifies the momentous occasion when their calendar was forever altered to begin its cycle in the same month that Israel exited from Egypt and manifest itself as God's nation. This change ensures that the significance of this event will be remembered throughout all time.

This change marked their liberation from slavery & the beginning of the kingdom of God expanding throughout the world through freed sons of the Most High God.

All of this highlights the importance in God's mind of marking a new beginning that features new birth and redemption from slavery.

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This slide illustrates the recurring theme in scripture that God can bring new life from what once seemed hopeless. This profound truth should inspire you to celebrate the moments when God has done this in your life. These events are not just miraculous markers but are also meant to be the foundation upon which you expand His reign and influence.

We understand that the sudden calendar reorganization might seem unexpected, but it plays a crucial role in helping us pinpoint several significant events in the Bible. By aligning key dates with Exodus 12, we can now identify these pivotal moments with greater accuracy, which would not have been possible without this new creation calendar adjustment.

Imagine if President Trump suddenly signed an executive order declaring July as the first month of the year, with January becoming the seventh. This change would align the start of the year with the month of America's birth. Consider the significance of July 4th: Thomas Jefferson, who penned the Declaration of Independence, died on this date in 1826. Additionally, two pivotal battles, Vicksburg and Gettysburg, were fought on July 4th, 1863, helping to preserve the United States. These events highlight July's importance to the USA, making it a fitting choice for the first month of the calendar to commemorate the nation's birth and preservation annually. Now, imagine a similar calendar shift for Israel, but on an even more profound level. To grasp this change, let's start with a visual aid from our studies in Genesis.

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As you can see, the month in which Exodus 12 takes place is the month of Nisan (or Aviv), which used to be the 7th month and is now considered the first month.

In this month, we are going to learn that on the 14th day, the Israelites are going to be required to slaughter a lamb, and then that same night, the Israelites will be born into a new nation and depart Egypt.

Then, after the 14th day of Nisan, we find out that on the same day, the feast of Unleavened Bread begins and lasts another 7 days until the 21st of Nisan.

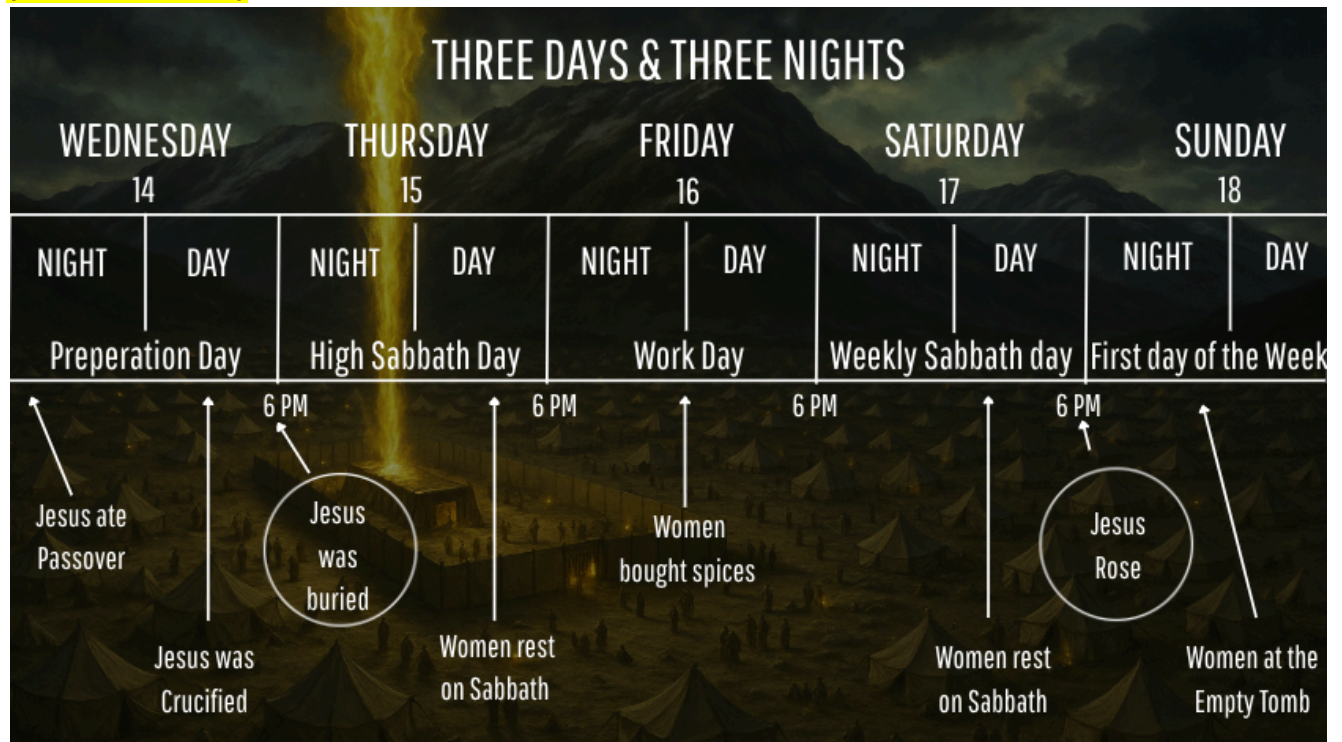
To make matters more interesting, we also learn from Leviticus that the Feast of First Fruits occurs subsequently to the Feast of Unleavened Bread, it is celebrated right after the sabbath that follows Unleavened Bread.

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To understand why this is all important, we want to illustrate to you the most significant event in Israel's history (or anyone's, for that matter) that also occurred on Passover and First Fruits, culminating in new life being brought out of death...

Take a look at this next slide...

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As you are looking at this slide, understand what is going on here: Jesus was not killed on a Friday; he was crucified on the 14th of Nisan which fell on a Wednesday that year!

To understand how we come to this conclusion, you would have to read several passages in your own time, but for now, we will give them to you in short form...One of the keys to understanding this is that there is more than one Sabbath during the week of Jesus' Passion

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# Triaging the Sabbaths and Jesus Death

## Exodus 12:3

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## Leviticus 23: 3,6

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- the Feast of Unleavened Bread, which occurs during and immediately after Passover, is to be a "Special or High Sabbath," which means that during the month of Nisan, **you would have more than one Sabbath occurring in a singular week.**

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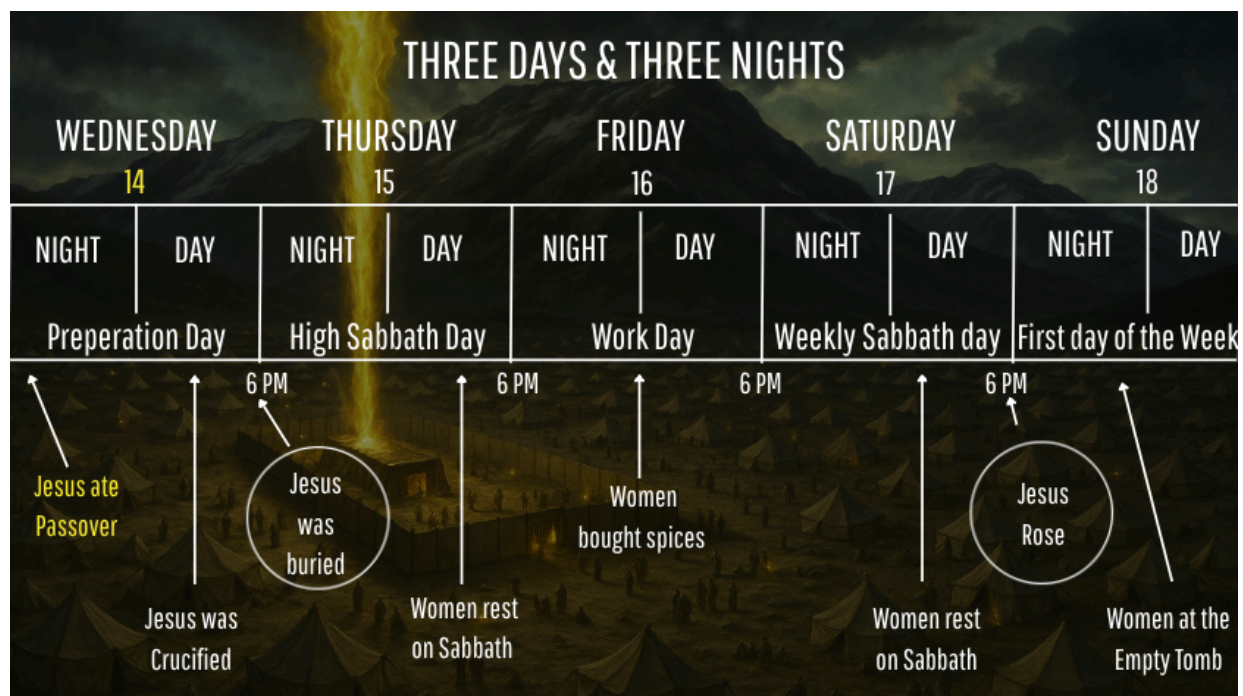
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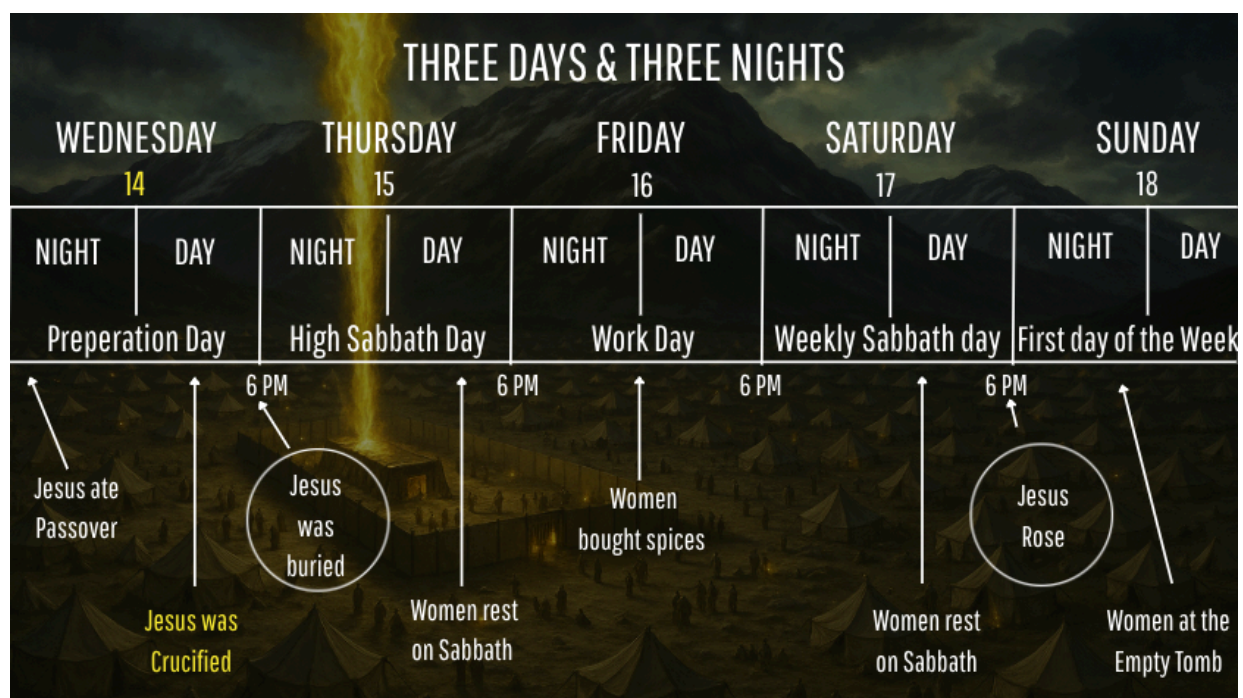
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In Luke 22:15, we read that Jesus sat down to eat the Passover with his disciples, and then that night, he was arrested. Keep in mind that Jews count days starting from evening at 6 pm, and the day lasts until 6 pm the next day. Therefore, Jesus ate the Passover meal on the 14th of Nisan, which started at twilight, exactly as Exodus 12 states.

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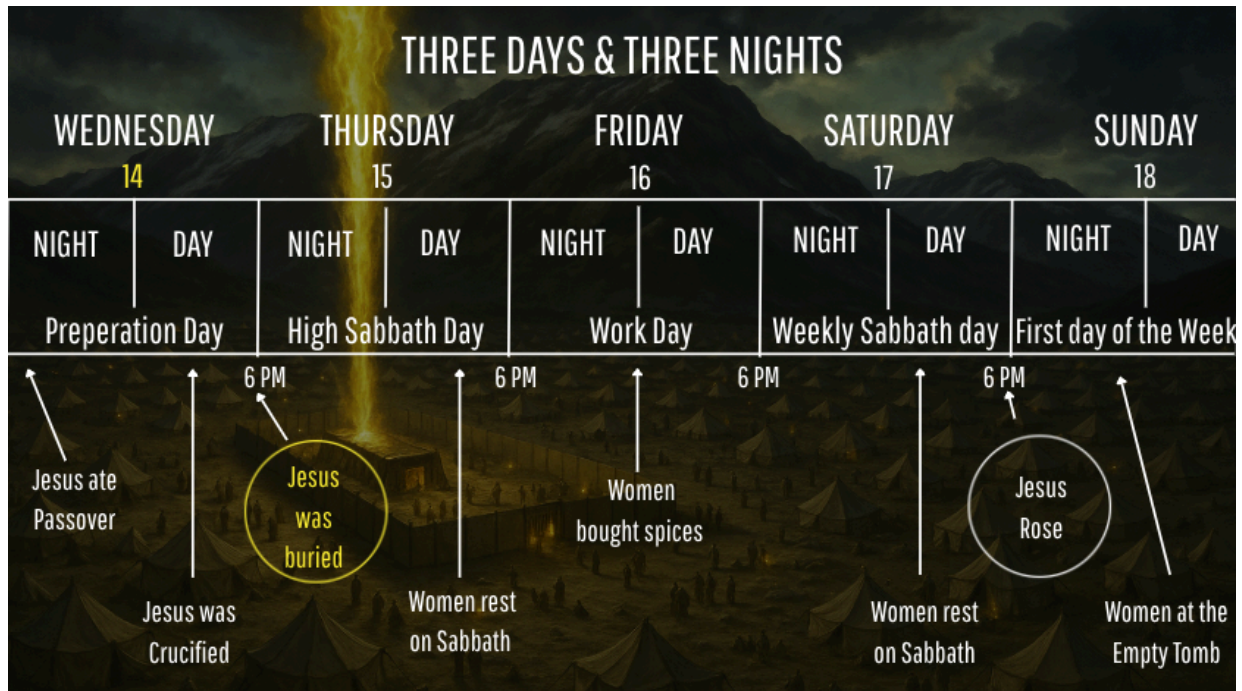


The following morning, Jesus is sentenced, and John 19:32 states that he is crucified on the 14th of Nisan, just before evening, because that evening would have marked the beginning of the 15th of Nisan, which would have been the first day of the "Special Sabbath" for the Feast of Unleavened Bread.

Take note that this Sabbath was not the weekly Sabbath, which is still to come on Saturday; this Sabbath was the High Sabbath or Special Sabbath, which would have occurred on Thursday, the 15th of Nisan.

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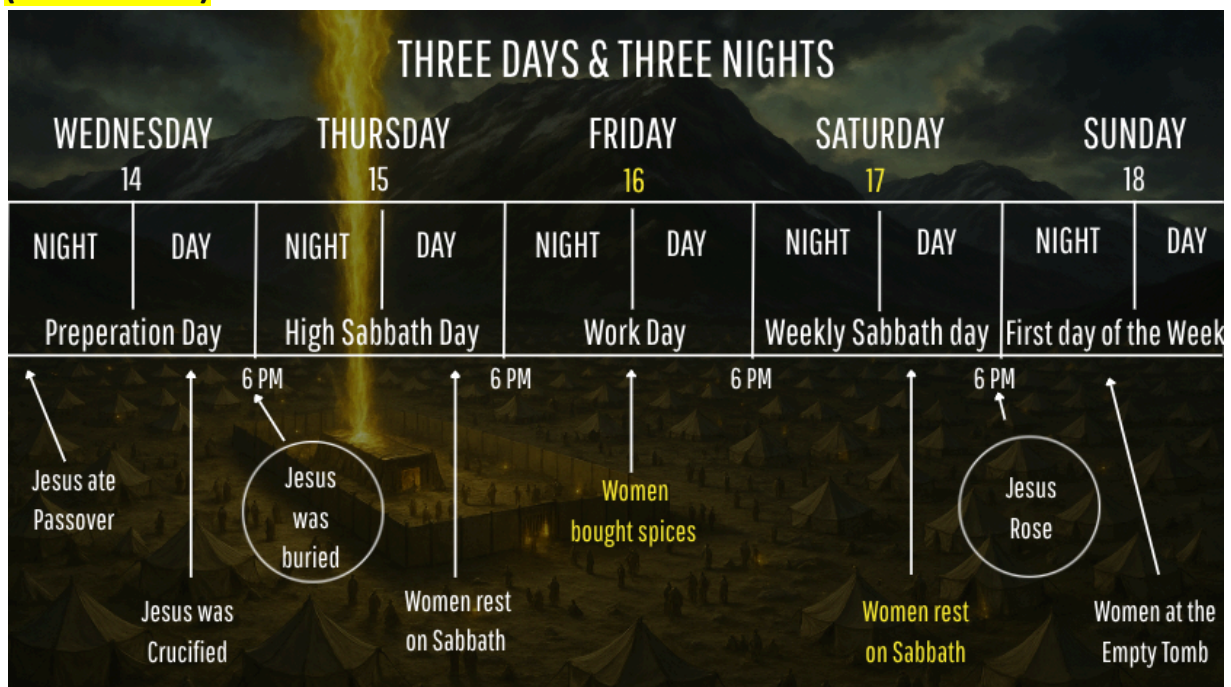




Matthew 27:62 tells us that Jesus was already laid to rest before the 15th of Nisan.

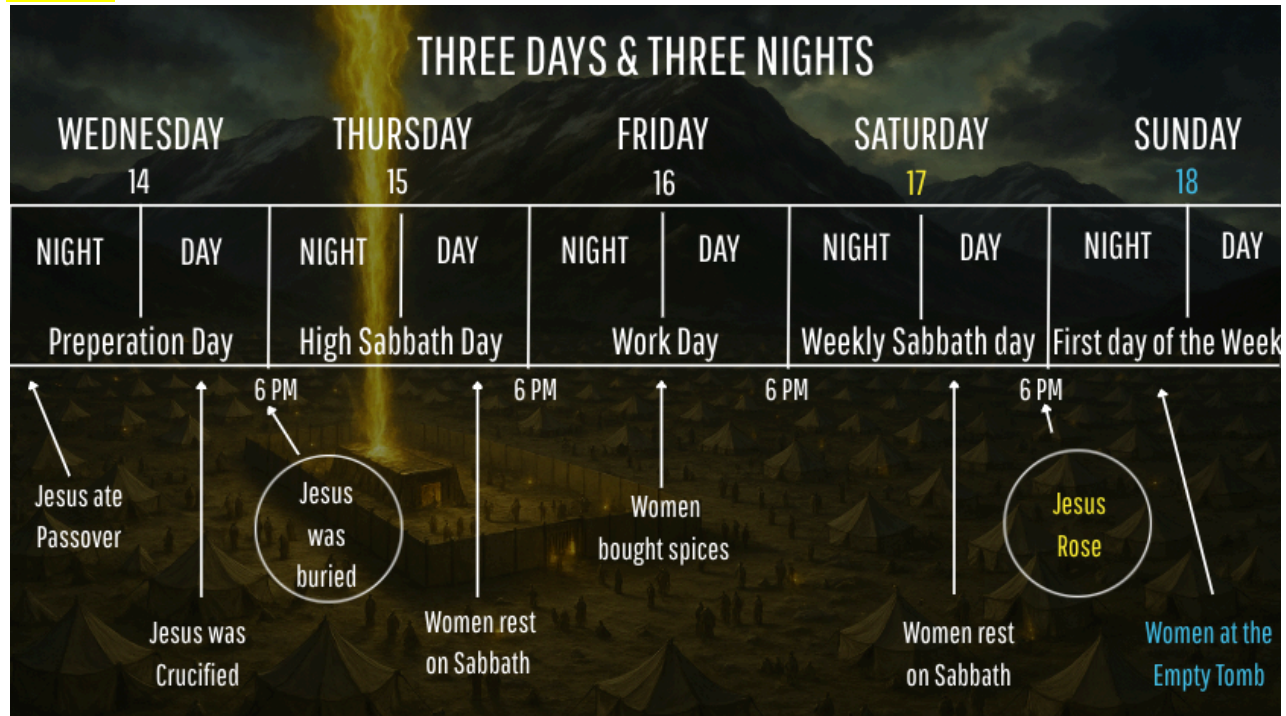
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Luke 23:55 informs us that the women who had seen Jesus' tomb, returned on Friday, the 16th of Nisan, to bring spices to the tomb, and then they would have rested on the regular weekly Sabbath, which was to take place on the 17th of Nisan.

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In Matthew 28:1, we learn that after the normal weekly Sabbath, the women returned to the tomb to find it empty, which means that Jesus had already risen from the dead!

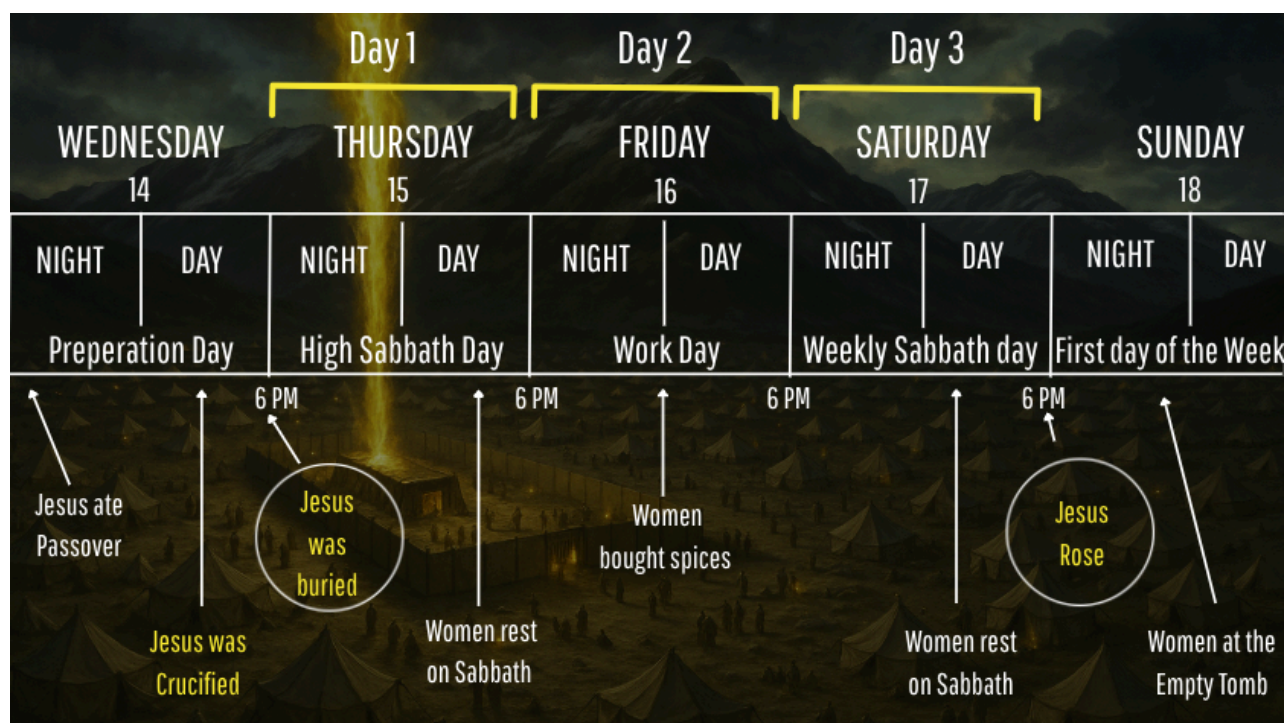
Being that Jesus was only supposed to be dead for 3 days and 3 nights and that he was definitely crucified on a Wednesday, simple math would tell us that he resurrected on the 17th at the close of Sabbath in the Evening! This is exactly 3 days and 3 nights.

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Do the math with us really quickly:

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- Jesus was killed during the day on Wednesday the 14th.
- He was laid in a tomb, and then there was night and day, Thursday the 15th of Nisan, that's Day 1.
- Then there is night and day, Friday the 16th of Nisan, Day 2.
- Then there is night and day on Saturday, the 17th of Nisan, which is Day 3. This is the day that Jesus was resurrected near the end of the daylight hours. The next day, which is Sunday, the first day of the week, is the day the women visit the tomb very early in the morning and found that Jesus had already risen!

To tie all of this together, Jesus was slain by Israel for Israel on the 14th of Nisan, which in Exodus 12 is the day that the Passover lamb would have been slaughtered and its blood sprinkled on the doors of the homes of the Israelites so that they would be saved from judgment. Then, while the Feast of Unleavened Bread is taking place, Jesus is in the tomb and then resurrects on the 17th day of Nisan.

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According to Leviticus 23, the day Jesus was revealed as resurrected would have been the Feast of First Fruits! You have to be amazed at the sovereignty and

majesty of Adonai in planning these details in Exodus, which would have occurred around 1,600 years before the time of Jesus!

God arranged these events so that they would happen on the same days, almost 16 centuries apart! Both the Passover and the Death and resurrection of Jesus show us that God had designed the Passover to inform his people that he is the God who has the ability to bring life out of death and cause new things to be born. This is true of the nation of Israel and the Messiah of the nation.

The nation of Israel was created out of death and judgment and became a new entity on Passover. Jesus, the King of Israel, faced death and judgment and brought new life to the Nation of Israel on Passover by his blood...

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It's fascinating to note that, similar to Thanksgiving, the Feast of First Fruits in Leviticus 23 doesn't have a fixed date on the calendar. Thanksgiving is always celebrated on the third Thursday of November, which means its date changes each year. Interestingly, in the year Jesus was crucified, the Feast of First Fruits coincided with the day he was revealed as resurrected, which happened to be on the day after the weekly Sabbath on the 18th! This is remarkable given that the time between Unleavened Bread and firstfruits is different from year to year.

To give you a perspective of how Jews would have connected these events, take a look at Paul here in 1 Corinthians 5:

- o **1 Corinthians 5:6–7 (ESV)**

- 7 Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new batch, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.

Also, take a look at:

- o **1 Corinthians 15:20 (ESV)**

- 20 But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

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Paul understood from Exodus 12 and Leviticus 23 that Jesus was the ultimate Passover lamb that was slain on Passover, and the fact that he was revealed as

resurrected on the actual feast of First Fruits was intended to convey the message that there would be many more who would follow in his footsteps.

The exodus of Israel from Egypt symbolizes the dawn of a new era, where the redeemed sons of God emerge. Similarly, Jesus' resurrection marks the beginning of a new world, where the sons of God are revealed and charged with bringing heavenly order to earth. Interestingly, the book of Genesis contains a prototype for these events. The book of Exodus expands on this "seed book," but Adonai had already foreshadowed these events as far back as the Noahic flood. In fact, the first mention of the 17th of Nisan occurs during this time.

Take a look at our next slide.

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	EVENT	MONTH/DAY	REFERENCE
7 days	Noah enters the Ark	2 / 10	7:7-9
	7 days later: rain begins	2 / 17	7:10-11
	40 days later: heavy rain stops	3 / 27	7:12
	110 days later: water recedes		7:24
150 DAYS	Ark Rests on Ararat	7 / 17	8:4
	74 days later: mountain tops visible	10 / 1	8:5
	40 days later: raven sent	11 / 11	8:6-9
	Dove #1 sent & returns	11 / 18	
	Dove #2 sent returns with leaf	11 / 25	8:10
	Dove #3 sent; does not return	12 / 2	8:12
163 DAYS	22 days later: water receded		
+ 57 DAYS	Noah saw dry land	1 / 1	8:13
377 DAYS	Land completely dry; ark exitedNT	2 / 27	8:14-19

What you are seeing on this slide are all the dates given in relation to the flood event in the story of Noah.



As you can see in the middle column, the month and day are given for each consecutive event, and in the right column, the corresponding scripture reference is listed.

As the box indicates— it was on the 17th day of the 7th month that Noah's ark came to rest on Mt. Ararat.

While this may not seem connected to Exodus or the Crucifixion of Jesus, understand that there was a significant calendar change that just occurred in Exodus 12...

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To help you, we want to show you our visual aid one more time...

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On the original calendar, the 7th month was Nisan. In our text tonight, Nisan is now being re-instituted as the 1st month...

This helps us understand that Noah's Ark actually came to rest on Mt. Ararat on the 17th day of the month of Nisan, which is the same day that Jesus resurrection

was revealed and the same day the Israelites would have been on their way out of Egypt, celebrating Unleavened Bread and First Fruits!

The intentional wisdom and planning of Adonai is endless! An ark saved Noah and his family from the death and judgment of the entire earth, and on the 17th of Nisan, the Ark came to rest in a post-judgment world as the first act of a new creation and life! You should be able to see what God is intending to convey through the combination of these events...

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On the 14th-17th of Nisan, Noah, Israel, and Jesus all participated in passing through death and judgment to experience new life and a new creation!

It seems that our God likes repeating patterns that convey a singular message. History is HIS-STORY. In all three cases, what was presumed to be judgment was actually the grace of God, bringing about a new creation. Noah was saved through what looked like death. Israel was saved through what looked like death, and Jesus brought salvation through what was literal death!

**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. 4 If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbor, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat.**

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By this point in our teaching, you should be able to understand the parallels between the Passover lamb in Exodus and the Messiah as the Passover lamb that was slain in the Gospels.

As we continue in our chapter tonight, we are going to make every attempt possible to show you the correlation between this chapter and the gospels by helping you see the practical aspects that are at play in this story.

What is happening here is that God is issuing a decree that the Man or the head of a household is responsible for determining the amount of Lamb that is needed for his family.

This puts the emphasis on the Fathers having the primary role of knowing the hunger level of each member in their household and preparing accordingly. You would think that this would primarily be the role of the mother or the wife of the house, but it is not.

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It is no different within a spirit-filled family... It is the Father's responsibility to know the level of appetite for the Messiah that each person within his household has and prepare accordingly!

- o Proverbs 16:26 (NET)

16:26 A laborer's appetite works on his behalf,  
for his hunger urges him to work.

The practical instruction that did not allow an Israelite family to waste any part of the lamb can be seen as instruction for each of us. We are to cultivate enough hunger within our families to consume all of the Word. In this way your appetite works on your behalf, your hunger for the Word will urge you to do Adonai's work.

**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 people of the community of Israel must slaughter **them** at twilight.**

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For starters, take note of what is happening in the Peshat of this verse, and then we will proceed to a more Remez level of interpretation. The Israelites were instructed to inspect the lambs, and then they had to keep the Lambs from the 10th of Nisan to the 14th of Nisan.

You have to imagine the level of care that this took on the part of the Father... The lambs that they selected had to be perfect...

How difficult would this have been if every family in the nation of Israel were looking for a perfect lamb on the same day?

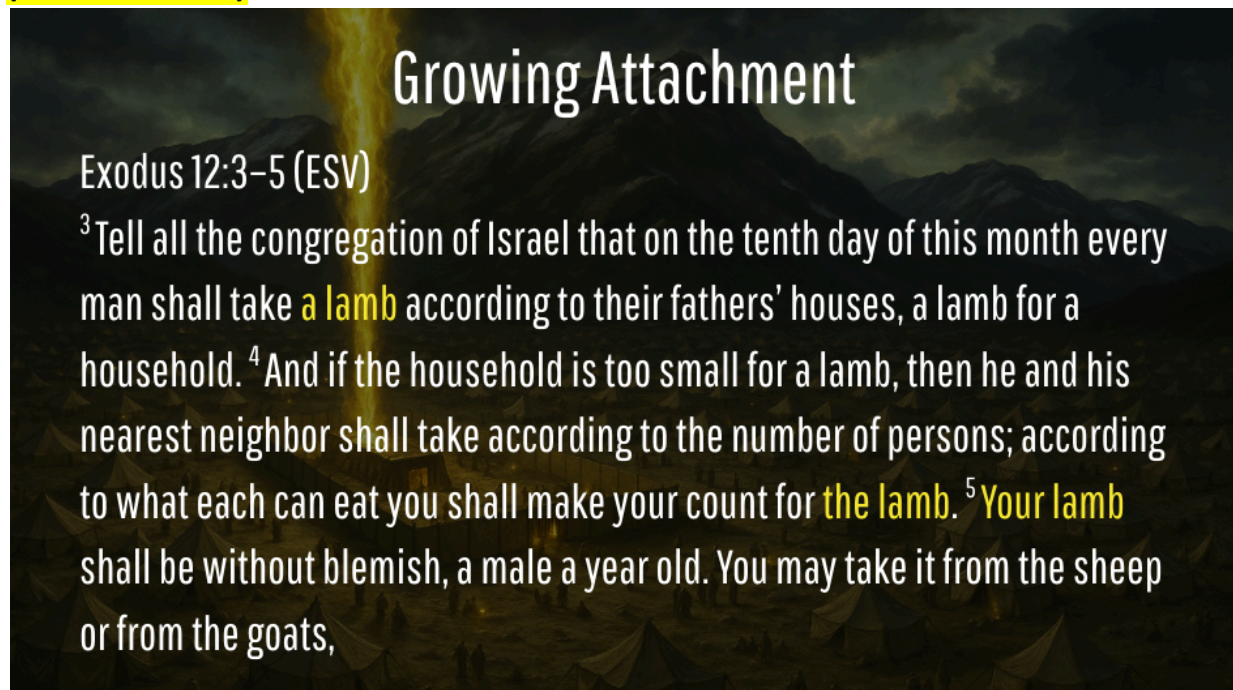
Again, this speaks to the level of seriousness a Father would have had when preparing for the salvation of his household... He had to know how much each family member would eat and then find a perfect lamb... Close enough would not

have worked; if the lamb was not perfect, then their firstborn son would be dead by morning!

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Next, you should notice that they had to keep the young lamb in their homes for at least three days, which meant that the entire household had time to inspect and develop an attachment to the lamb before they slaughtered it on the 14th. The language present within the ESV translation captures the attachment that must have been growing during this period:

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Take a look at the progression of words in yellow. The lamb starts off in the process as "**a lamb**" then proceeds to "**the lamb**" and finally becomes "**Your lamb**". On a practical level every Passover since Exodus has involved this experience for Jews worldwide. On a spiritual level, this is the progression that every sincere God-seeker goes through with Jesus as the lamb of God. Jesus starts off in many peoples experience as a way. Then after further investigation becomes The Way and finally becomes Your Way. Church, the progressively personal language in these verses illustrates the personal attachment that should grow throughout your lifetime to the Perfect Lamb of God that has become YOUR Lamb!

Now, to dig in a little deeper, let's re-read vs 6

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**6 Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the people of the community of Israel must slaughter **them** at twilight.**

We want to show you a Hebrew interlinear because the actual Hebrew is dramatically different than nearly every English translation

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3rd Person Masculine Singular Pronoun  
HIM vs. IT

וְהָיָה	לָכֶם	לְמִשְׁמֶרֶת	עַד	אַרְבַּעַת	עָשָׂר	יָוֶם	לַחֹדֶשׁ	הַזֶּה
and · he it shall be	for · you	until for · keeping	P	four	ten	day[s]	the · this of · the · month	the · this of · the · month
C · Vap3MS	P · RS2MP	P · NCFSA	P	UCFSA	UC-SA	NC-SA	P · A · NC-SA	A · RD-MS
וְשָׁחְטוּ	אֹתוֹ	כָּל	קְהֵל	עֵדֶת-יִשְׂרָאֵל	בֵּין*	הָעֶרְבִים:		
and · (they) shall slaughter	[obj] · him it	all (of)	the assembly of	the community of · Israel	between	the · evenings		
C · Vap3-P	PO · RS3MS	NC-SC	NC-SC	NC-FSC · NP-SA	NC-SC	A · NC-DA		

The NIV said "Israel must slaughter them at twilight". However, the Hebrew does not use the pronoun them. In fact, the Hebrew word is "Oto" and it is a 3rd person, masculine, singular pronoun. This Hebrew word would usually be translated as "Israel must slaughter HIM at twilight". Clearly, the context suggests that more than one lamb is being slaughtered but the Hebrew text enigmatically uses the masculine pronoun "Him". This peculiarity should have caused generations of readers to wonder why Moses was led to write it in such a manner.

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## Peculiar Wording

In Exodus 12:6, "אֹתוֹ" (oto) is a direct object marker with a pronominal suffix meaning "it" or "him" [1][2]. This word is part of the phrase "וַיִּשְׁחָטוּ אֹתוֹ" (veshachatu oto), which means "they shall slaughter it"[3]. The verse describes the instructions for the Passover sacrifice, where "אֹתוֹ" refers to the lamb or goat that is to be slaughtered[3][4]. The placement of "אֹתוֹ" after the verb "וַיִּשְׁחָטוּ" (and they shall slaughter) and before the subject "כָּל קְהַל עֲדַת־יִשְׂרָאֵל" (all the congregation of the assembly of Israel) is a relatively rare word order in Biblical Hebrew, which can emphasize the object[5].

[1] Staats, G. (2010). The Person and Work of Christ Jesus through Hebrew and Aramaic Grammar in the Torah, the Prophets, and the Writings of the Hebrew Scriptures: A Study of the Life and Ministry of Jesus Christ (an Old Testament Emmaus Walk) (p. 208). Gary Staats.

[2] Staats, G. (2010). A Study of Exodus 12 (p. 19). Gary Staats.

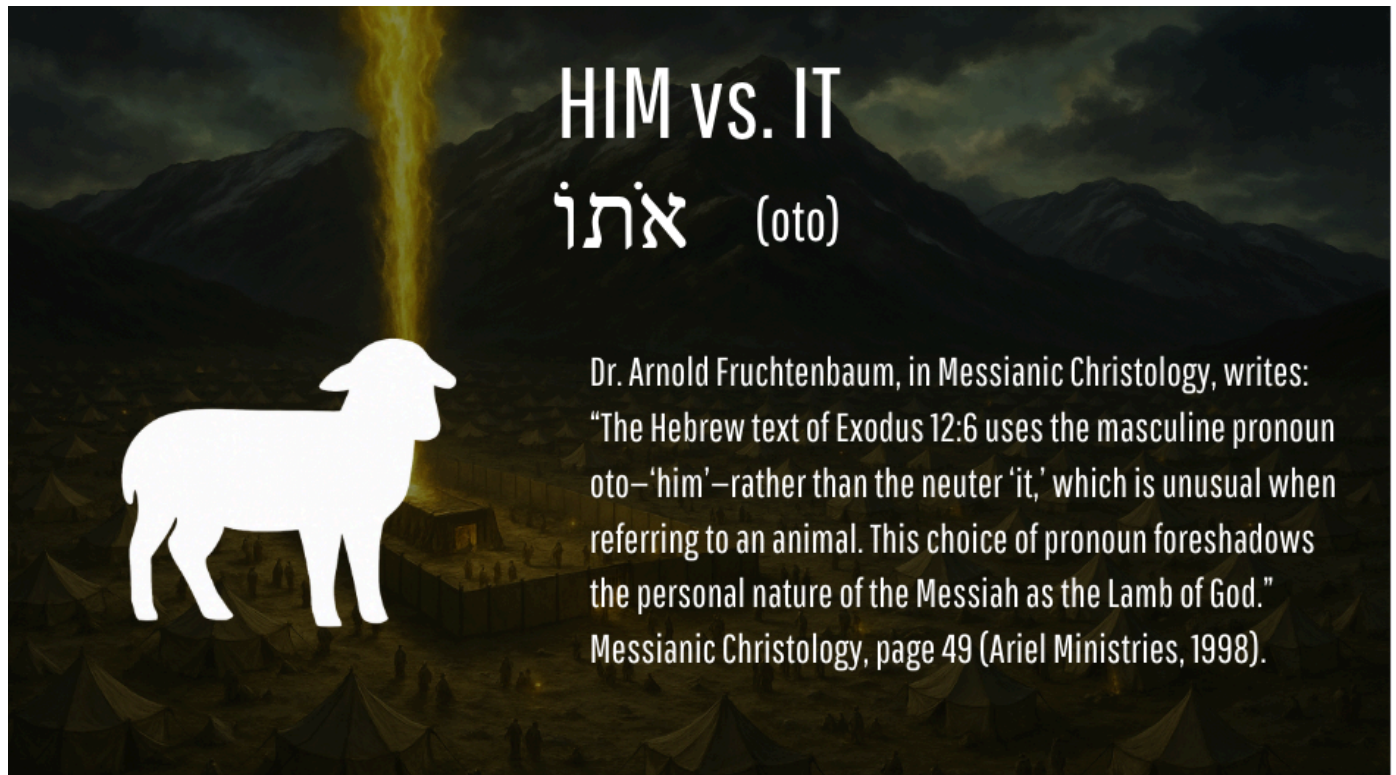
[3] Waltke, B. K., & O'Connor, M. P. (1990). An introduction to biblical Hebrew syntax (p. 199). Eisenbrauns.

[4] Rocine, B. M. (2000). Learning Biblical Hebrew: a new approach using discourse analysis (pp. 90–91). Smyth & Helwys Pub.

[5] Driver, S. R. (1892). A Treatise on the Use of the Tenses in Hebrew and Some Other Syntactical Questions (p. 280). Oxford University Press.

If linguistics are not your "thing" then understand that the construction of the sentence is peculiar and may serve as a sign to the reader to make deeper inquiries. Some literal translations say, "Israel must slaughter it at twilight" but "it" is neutral and the Hebrew would better be translated as "Israel must slaughter (him) at twilight". Dr. Arnold Fruchtenbaum noticed this peculiar construction and wrote about it in his work on Messianic Christology. We want to share with you a quote from that work:

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To be clear, what Dr. Fruchtenbaum is saying is that the use of the word "oto" is a hint that a singular masculine lamb must be slaughtered by Israel... In other words, Exodus 12:6 is an intentional hint placed there by the Holy Spirit that indicates the slaughtering of many lambs at Passover was anticipating the arrival of the slaughter of a singular masculine lamb for the nation of Israel written into the text 1600 years before his arrival.

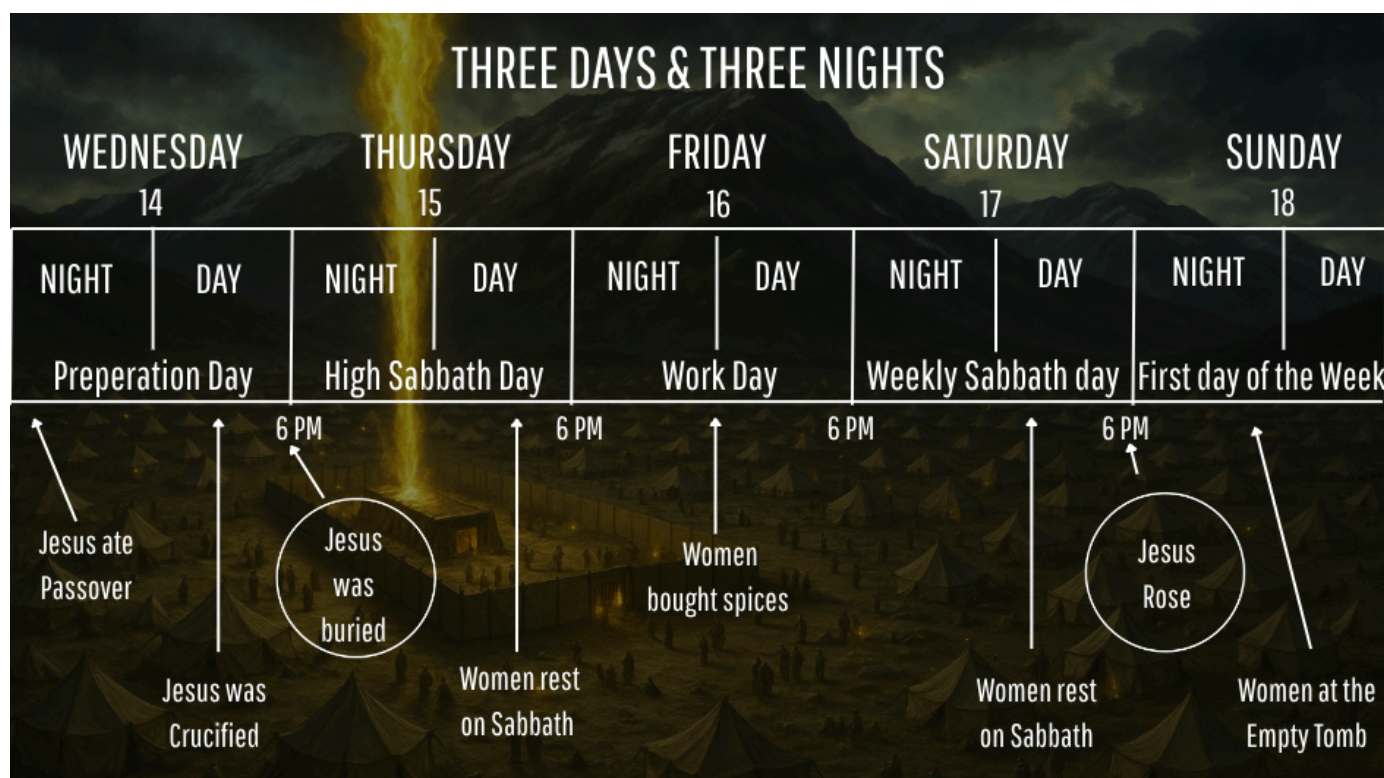
We think that it is striking that the Hebrew of Exodus 12 adds this detail when the word "them" probably would have been more easily understandable, being that God is speaking to an entire nation about multiple lambs being slaughtered. But instead, the text says "him" in the singular!

With that in mind, take note of the preparatory details given about the lambs in Exodus, because the same thing also happens to Jesus in the Gospels!

To help you understand what we mean, please review this slide again:

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The Passover lambs were to be inspected and taken in on the 10th of Nisan and then continually inspected until the 14th, during which time there would have been a growing attachment and familiarity with the lamb as it was in the house.

Do you ever wonder what Jesus was doing from the 10th of Nisan until the 14th of Nisan? If you read Matthew 12-26 along with John 12, you would realize that on Saturday, the 10th of Nisan, Jesus would have been in the temple while the Jews were selecting their lambs for the Passover. Then he continues to return to the temple or the "House of his Father" on Monday, the 12th of Nisan, and Tuesday, the 13th of Nisan!

Jesus is the Passover Lamb that was taken into the house on the 10th of Nisan and inspected by Israel until the 14th!

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Jesus was slain for the house of Israel so that they could find new life out of death! Men, Fathers.. With everything we have shared so far, are you developing a growing level of seriousness about what it means to be a man who is dedicated to the salvation of his family?!



You must know the appetite that each member of your house has for the lamb!  
You must make sure that he is represented as perfect to the family.

You must ensure that he moves on from just being "A" lamb to "your" lamb and "their" lamb.

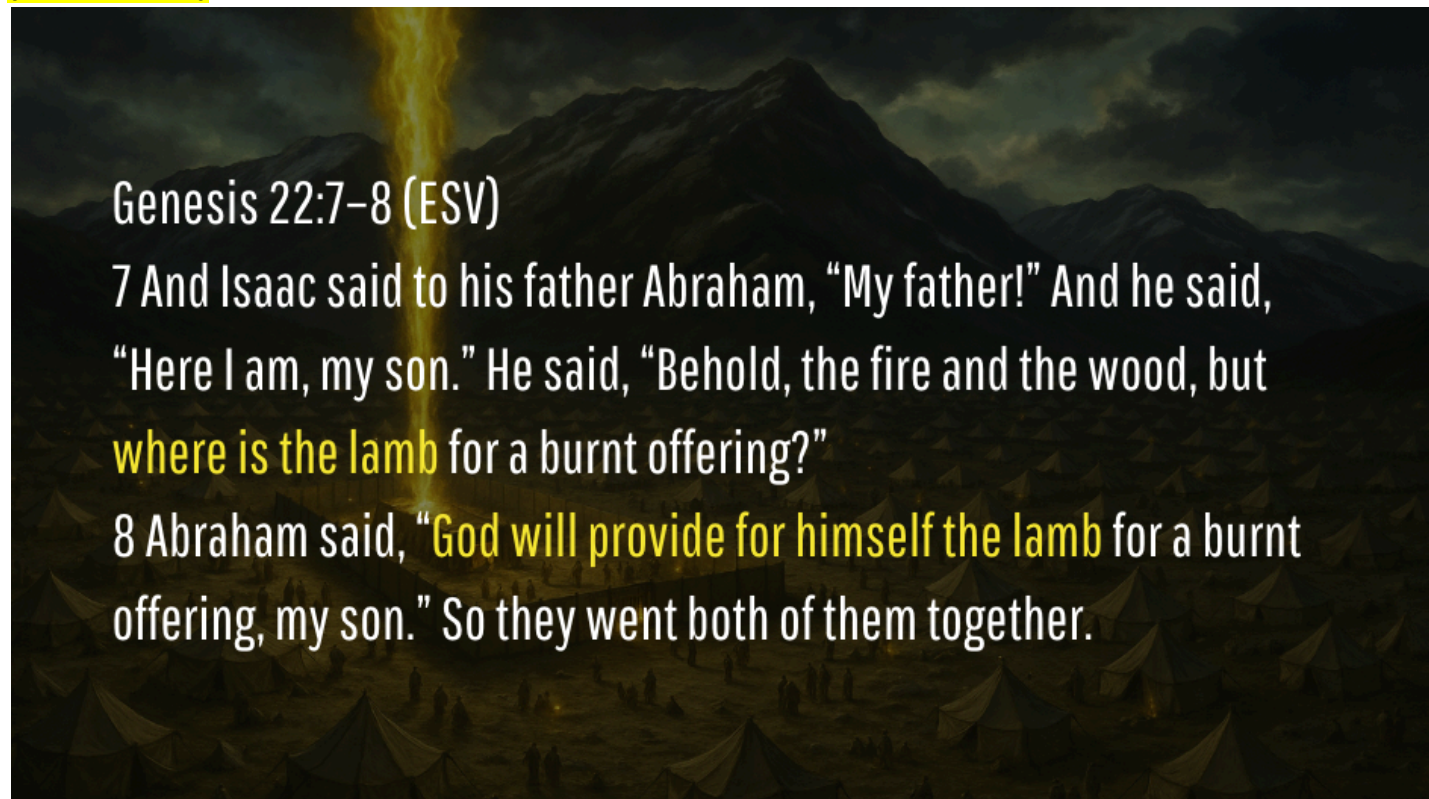
**7 Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the door-frames of the houses where they eat the lambs.**

We told you in the introduction that we would begin to answer the all-important question first asked in Genesis 22—"where is the lamb?"

Let's read a portion of Genesis 22 again and see the prophetic pattern as it has developed since our studies in Genesis.

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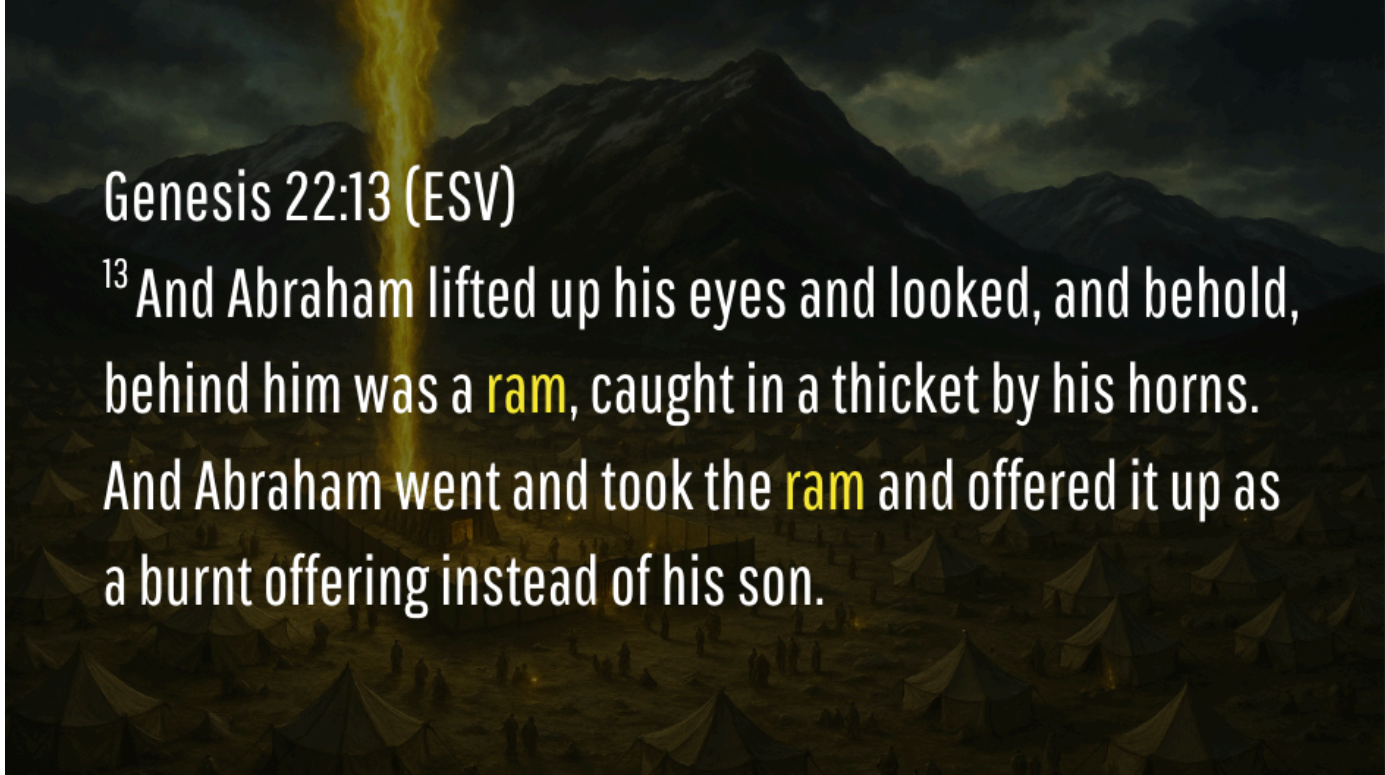
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Isaac asks the question - "where is the lamb?" — Abraham answers it prophetically. Most interpret Abraham's statement to be prophetic of the events about to unfold on Mt. Moriah. In reality, God does provide a sacrifice for the

burnt offering—but what Abraham prophesies is not truly pertaining to his and Isaac's burnt offering. Let's read a few verses further down in Genesis 22.

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### Genesis 22:13 (ESV)

<sup>13</sup> And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a **ram**, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the **ram** and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son.

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Adonai did NOT provide a lamb like Abraham said he would—he provided a ram. Did Abraham prophesy incorrectly? Is there a language mistake? The truth is Abraham was speaking of a day far in Israel's history where God would actually provide a lamb just as Abraham said he would. And, not only can we see that now with the prophetic picture more realized—even Abraham knew he was not speaking about the ram he found on the mountain...

#### o John 8:55–56 (ESV)

<sup>55</sup> But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. <sup>56</sup> Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad."

Tonight, we see the prophetic pattern continue to develop—for the first time a lamb is used to atone to the nation of Israel. This is the first time that it was only



by the blood of the lamb that they could be saved. Tonight we see a lamb is used for the atonement of Israel—but what about THE lamb?

o **John 1:29–30 (ESV)**

<sup>29</sup>The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, **the Lamb** of God, who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup>This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’

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Jesus Christ is THE lamb that Abraham was speaking of. He is THE LAMB that was anticipated in our chapter tonight. This is why although older than Christ and ministering before him, John proclaims *“because he was before me”*.

Ever since Abraham told his son of a Lamb that God himself would provide—the Nation of Israel and the heavens were anticipating the day the God would finally provide what he had promised through Abraham.

**(READ REFERENCE AND YELLOW)**

## God will provide for himself the lamb...

- John 3:17 – “For God did not **send his Son** into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world.”
- John 5:36–37 – “the **Father has sent me**. And the **Father who sent me** has himself testified concerning me.”
- John 6:29 – “The work of God is this: to believe in the **one he has sent**.”
- John 7:28–29 – “...I am not here on my own authority, but **he who sent me is true**. You do not know him, but I know him because I am from him and he sent me.”
- John 8:42 – “Jesus said to them, **...God sent me**.”
- John 17:3 – “Now this is eternal life... Jesus Christ, whom **you have sent**.”
- Galatians 4:4 – “But when the set time had fully come, **God sent his Son**”
- 1 John 4:9 – “This is how God showed his love among us: **He sent his one and only Son**”
- 1 John 4:14 – “And we have seen and testify that the **Father has sent his Son** to be the Savior of the world.”

Adonai always fulfills his promises—God himself provided a ram for Isaac, and THE lamb for the Nation of Israel and the entire world.

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Isaac asks the question - "where is the lamb?" — Abraham answers it prophetically—Exodus 12 demonstrates it prophetically further—Christ fulfills it.

This should give you an appreciation for how significant these verse truly are for God's entire plan of salvation. The lamb is foretold by Abraham—hinted at in Egypt, revealed by John and ultimately the heavenly powers at the end of the age will still be answering and developing Isaac's question before the created order.

### (READ REFERENCE AND SUMARIZE)

## THE LAMB OF GOD

Revelation 5:6 (ESV)

6 And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a **Lamb** standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth.

Revelation 5:8–10 (ESV)

8 And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the **Lamb**, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. 9 And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, 10 and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth."

Revelation 5:12–13 (ESV)

12 saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the **Lamb** who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" 13 And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, "To him who sits on the throne and to the **Lamb** be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"

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Look, the Biblical story is patient and progressively reveals overlapping imagery meant to capture your attention and save your souls. The truth is that Jesus is the ram (as in King of the Sheep) but he is also more accurately the Lamb that Isaac asked about and that the Passover foreshadows. We pray that what started as "a lamb" becomes "the lamb" and finally "your lamb". Israel was foreseen to sacrifice **HIM** at twilight and both they and we will all benefit from the blood of the lamb that causes death to pass us over.

**8 That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast. 9 Do not eat the meat raw or cooked in water, but roast it over the fire—head, legs and inner parts. 10 Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it.**

The entire lamb had to be consumed! Not just the desirable parts...

Along with the Lamb, Bitter herbs and bread made without yeast were also to be eaten. Also, pay attention to the fact that specific instructions were given on how to prepare the Lamb. It was to be roasted thoroughly and could not be eaten raw or half-cooked. Practically speaking, you should be able to tie all of these details to a better understanding of what this part of the Passover process should produce in you!

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The Lamb is to be cooked over the fire; this should teach you something about what the Lamb would be taking our place in... The Lamb is exposed to the fire so that you would not be! Furthermore, the Lamb must be thoroughly cooked. There was no room for half measures or partial obedience in this matter.

If you or your family found parts of the Lamb undesirable and refused to eat it, then you were guilty of wasting the sacrifice and it had to be burned...

The Lamb of God is given to take our place in the fire; this points to the remarkable lengths to which Adonai would go to save the nation that He set out to redeem. Praise God there was a provision for the households that were not able to consume all of the Lamb, but think about what it really means....

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If any was left over, it meant that you did not pay sufficient attention to the exact needs of your household. What part of the Lamb would you want to have burned up or wasted because you didn't consume it or share it with your neighbor? Remember this is a perfect lamb, a precious lamb, and failure to consume it meant that it was not used by you nor anyone else... Can any of us really live with that?

This points to our need to treat every revelation from the Word of God with the same seriousness that Israel was taught to have regarding the lamb.

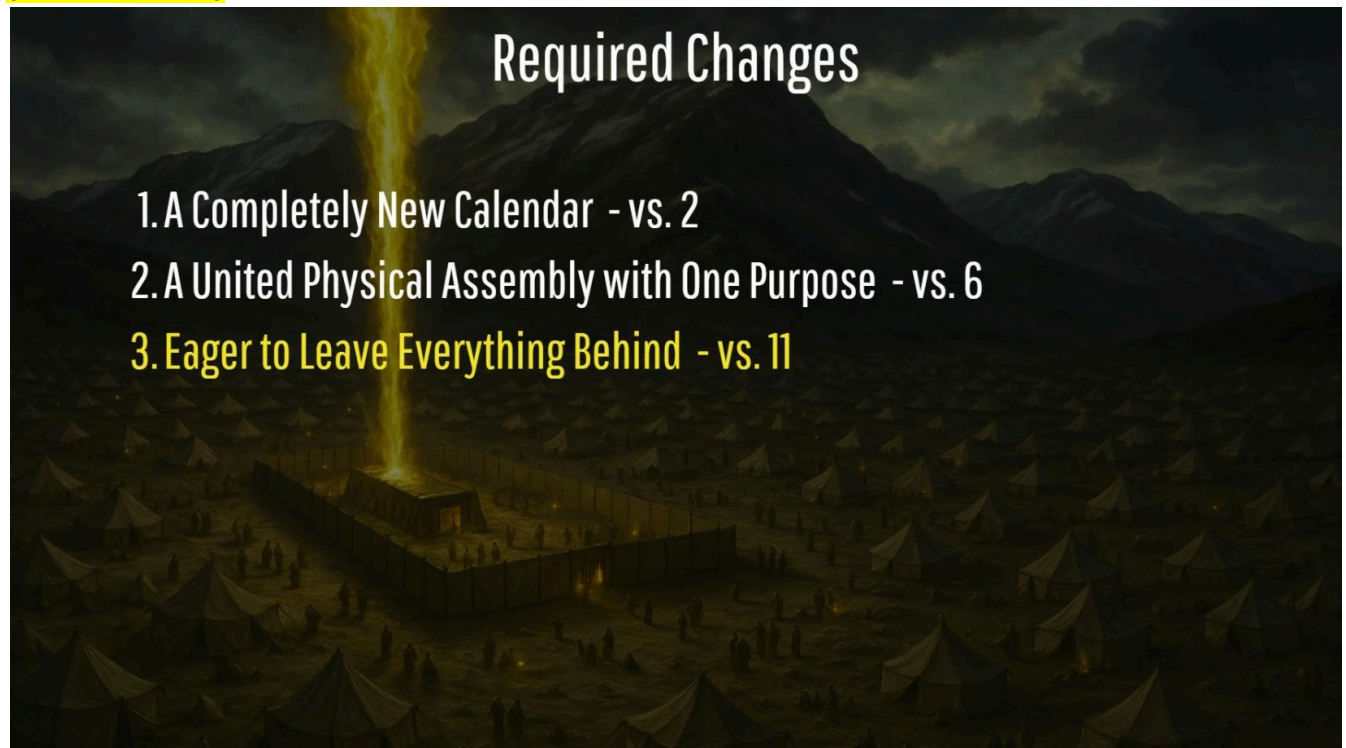


**11 This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the LORD's Passover.**

It is important here to discuss some of the changes that God is requiring Israel to go through as they are being delivered from slavery.

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You should consider the picture that the text is building here: first, we saw in verse 2 how they received a new calendar. They needed to change the way they viewed their time. Next, in verse 6, they were called to join a physical assembly and act in accord with what God had called that assembly to do. Now in verse 11 we see God commanding them to be ready to leave behind all their physical possessions, except what they could carry with them.

Wrestle with that for a moment, how would you respond if you were told that in order to be free from slavery, the way you view your time had to be renewed? Moreover, if you were told in order to be saved, you had to join an assembly and work in accord with what God was speaking to them? What if you were told that



you had to leave your house and any possession that could not be carried? How would you respond? This is exactly what God is calling the Israelites to do in this passage.

This is pointing to what Jesus said in Luke 14:33

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- o **Luke 14:33 (ESV)**

33 So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

In the same way that the Israelites needed to be dressed and ready to leave everything behind, so Jesus requires his disciples to renounce all they have. Do you really think that he requires any less of you?

**12 “On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn—both men and animals—and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD.**

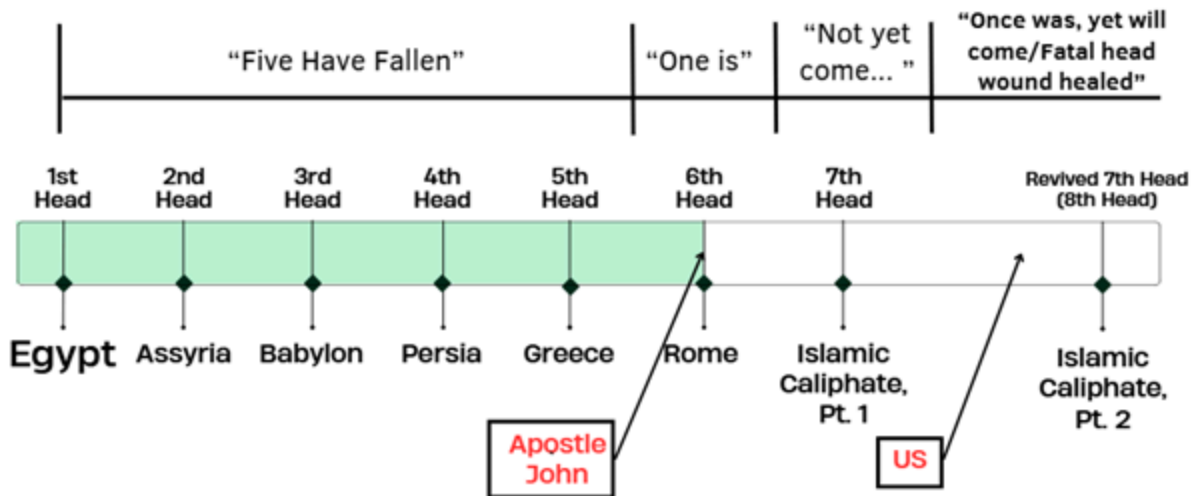
Our introduction to Exodus 11 went into this judgement on the lesser gods of Egypt as an interpretive key so we will not recover all of that ground now. However, it is worth reminding you that Egypt is the first Gentile power to oppress the nation of Israel. Do you remember this slide?

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# 7 HEADS/ 7 KINGDOMS

Revelation 13:1-7,17:7-11



In Revelation 13 & 17, we learned that the Dragon had given his authority to a beastly figure to make war on the people of God and to blaspheme God. This Beast is revealed to have seven heads, which represent seven gentile kingdoms that make up the beast. The nature of these kingdoms and their power is fully manifest in this end times beast.

We were able to determine who these seven nations are by examining the descriptors of the beast and by understanding the explanation of the seven kingdoms given to the Apostle John.

When we covered Exodus 7, we discovered that Pharaoh's interactions with a Dragon reveal Egypt as the first Kingdom of the beast, who derives authority from the Dragon in Revelation. This insight clarifies Pharaoh's motivations, showing that he is influenced by Satan and driven by God to oppose the People of Israel. In that light, we learned to view the Exodus as God's initial display of superiority over the first head of a 7 headed dragon that would be vanquished in the future. Do you remember this image?

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Understanding this imagery puts the judgment of the lesser gods into perspective. Moses and Aaron are seen as facing down imperial Egypt but also as the proxy of God in defeating spiritual powers that oppose God's authority to rule the nations. Adonai was able to preserve his people and defeat the rebellious spiritual powers all in the same event.

This also means that Egypt forms the prototype example of how God would deal with every other gentile representation of the beast that Satan uses to oppose God and that God raises up for His Glory... Jesus Christ will defeat the final and fullest representation of the Gentile Beastly powers in the book of Revelation. Moses was a blessing, and Jesus is a blessing on top of that blessing.

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The book of Exodus demonstrates that God's actions towards the Egyptian nation are neither coincidental nor reactionary. Instead, they are deliberate and meticulously planned. As the Creator who established the order of the universe, God exercises His authority to bring about de-creation, using the plagues to illustrate His supreme dominance over all that He has made. The same God who made the Egyptians world could also wreck the Egyptians world. Each of the Gentile empires that oppressed Israel would come to learn that truth and in the

last days a Beast will arise with all of their powers but will fall in the very same way to the Lamb of God who is revealed as the Lion of Judah.

The Passover event served as both a judgment on the lesser gods of Egypt and a means of salvation for the people of Israel. Similarly, the crucifixion of Jesus Christ mirrored this dual purpose: it was a judgment on Satan and simultaneously provided salvation for the entire human race.

To begin to understand that, take a look at this next slide.

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<u>SATANIC STRATAGEM</u>	<u>PROXY AGENT</u>	<u>REFERENCE</u>
1. CORRUPTION OF THE HUMAN RACE	1. BENE HA ELOHIM	1. GENESIS 6
2. CORRUPTION OF THE NATION	2. ABIMELECH	2. GENESIS 20
3. WORLDWIDE FAMINE	3. NATURE	3. GENESIS 50
4. MURDERING OF THE MALES	4. PHARAOH	4. EXODUS 1
5. MILITARY INTIMIDATION	5. EGYPT	5. EXODUS 14
6. UNNATURAL GIANT OBSTACLES	6. NEPHILIM	6.  Numbers 13
7. REPROBATE RELATIVES	7. ATHALIAH	7. 2 CHRON. 22
8. ARAB RAIDS ON GOD'S HOUSE	8. ARABS	8. 2 CHRON. 22
9. FOREIGN DOMINATION	9. SENNACHERIB	9. ISAIAH 36
10. XENOPHOBIC HATRED OF GOD'S PEOPLE	10. HAMAN	10. ESTHER 3
11. HEROD MURDERING OF THE MALES	11. HEROD	11. MATTHEW 2
12. OFFENSES OF RELIGIOUS PEOPLE	12. TOWNSPEOPLE	12. LUKE 4
13. SUPERNATURAL STORMS	13. NATURE	13. LUKE 8
14. THE CROSS	14. JUDAS	14. LUKE 22

What you should notice is that in each of these events, a proxy is being used, and it is never revealed who the true enemy is.

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# Satan tips his hand

Luke 4:5-7

5 The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. 6 And he said to him, "I will give you all their authority and splendor, for it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. 7 So if you worship me, it will all be yours."

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- Luke uses the word "devil" in parallel with the term "Satan" used in Mark.
- Satan is claiming to have authority over the Kingdoms of the World and is openly soliciting worship for the first time in recorded history
- He is not using a proxy but is doing it himself

It is not until the Son of God, the ultimate Passover lamb, is on the earth that we see that Satan was the one who was always behind the attempt to undermine God's plan. In the past, he used proxies to achieve his goal, and this is now the first time that we see Satan himself appearing to thwart God's plan...

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# Chronology defined by Jesus

- John 12:30-33 – Now the prince of this world will be driven out
- John 13:27 – Satan enters into Judas
- John 14:30-31 – prince of this world is coming. He has no hold on me
- John 16:11 – prince of this world now stands condemned

This slide is entitled "Chronology defined by Jesus" because these passages help us see when Satan personally made his move and revealed himself to be the antagonist in the biblical story.

All of this occurred in the final days of Jesus' life, during Passover, which bears a striking resemblance to the events described in the Book of Exodus.

At the cross, or said another way, when the Passover Lamb was slain, God used the cross to expose Satan and render judgment on him. Take a look at these next few passages.

- o **Colossians 2:15 (NIV)**

15 And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

Just like God judging the gods of Egypt during Passover, God judged Satan and all the spiritual powers aligned with him in the last Passover in the Bible that featured Jesus being slain as the ultimate Passover lamb.

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o **1 Corinthians 2:8 (NIV)**

8 None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

God, in his infinite wisdom, was able to draw Satan out and expose him along with his cronies. He presented his son as a lamb, which caused Satan to strike at his heel, but God used this Plan to judge Satan and publicly reveal him to the heavens as the one who will be thrown into the fire in the end.

o **Ephesians 2:1-3 (NIV)**

2 As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, 2 in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.

The work of the Passover in Egypt was to free the Israelites from captivity to Egypt and their gods, and the work of the Passover at the cross was to free you from captivity from Satan and all spiritual forces that seek to enslave you.

You should now be able to see that God uses these events to judge all who are against him, starting in the heavens and moving downward.

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o **Isaiah 34:4–6 (ESV)**

4 All the host of heaven shall rot away,  
and the skies roll up like a scroll.

All their host shall fall,  
as leaves fall from the vine,  
like leaves falling from the fig tree.

5 For my sword has drunk its fill in the heavens;  
behold, **it descends for judgment upon Edom,**  
upon the people I have devoted to destruction.

6 The LORD has a sword; it is sated with blood;  
it is gorged with fat,  
with the blood of lambs and goats,  
with the fat of the kidneys of rams.

For the LORD has a sacrifice in Bozrah,  
a great slaughter in the land of Edom.

Just like in Egypt, God's judgment is descending downward to strike all in the heavens who are against him and to strike those on the earth who are aligned with malignant spiritual entities! We are not capable of overstating the significance of Exodus 12:12 where at Passover, Adonai, judged the gods of Egypt. The Deuteronomy 32 worldview, that you have become familiar with, illustrates that nations are under the hegemony of lesser gods.

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The Passover, shows us that spiritual powers are judged in the heavens in the same moment that their pawns are decimated on earth. Their judgement is also accompanied by the salvation of those who obey Yahweh. Hopefully, this is beginning to open your eyes to verses like Ephesians 3:10 that declare, "through the church the manifold wisdom of God is being made known to rulers and authorities in heavenly places" Your lives and the deliverance you are experiencing is also a message to heavenly powers!

**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.**

Notice here that God says the blood will be a sign, and specifically, when He passes over, He will see the Blood, and if He does, there will be no destruction. To properly understand what this means, we need to examine Psalm 78, which is actually a biblical commentary on the book of Exodus.

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o **Psalm 78:38 (ESV)**

38 Yet he, being compassionate, **atoned** for their iniquity and did not destroy them; he restrained his anger often and did not stir up all his wrath.

In this passage, the word for 'atoned' is the Hebrew word *Kafar*, which means to cover up or cover over. The image being conveyed here is that the Blood of the Lamb is being applied to the household, and when judgment is passing over, God will see the blood because it is the thing that covers the household!

Take a look at this concept in the Book of Romans..



- o **Romans 5:9 (ESV)**

9 Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.

The blood does not mean that an individual is perfect; it means that the blood covers them, and it is what God sees if the person is atoned or "covered" by it.

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This by no means is a license to sin... If an individual wanted to leave the house in their folly or curiosity, then they would not be covered.

The Blood is a covering by which you can be saved, but you still need to be in the house!

- o **Leviticus 17:6–7 (ESV)**

6 And the priest shall throw the blood on the altar of the LORD at the entrance of the tent of meeting and burn the fat for a pleasing aroma to the LORD.

7 So they shall no more sacrifice their sacrifices to goat demons, after whom they whore. This shall be a statute forever for them throughout their generations.

The Blood has the ability to save you while you are wicked, **but you cannot remain in your wickedness!**

- o **Hebrews 10:29 (ESV)**

29 How much worse punishment, do you think, will be deserved by the one who has trampled underfoot the Son of God, and has profaned the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has outraged the Spirit of grace?

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The essence of the Blood is to serve as a protective covering, offering shelter and refuge. It is not meant to be misused as a mere doormat or rug to rest upon while taking salvation for granted. Treating the Blood with reverence and respect is crucial, as it is not a license for immoral behavior.

**14 "This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD—a lasting ordinance. 15 For seven days you**

are to eat bread made without yeast. On the first day remove the yeast from your houses, for whoever eats anything with yeast in it from the first day until the seventh must be cut off from Israel. 16 On the first day hold a sacred assembly, and another one on the seventh day. Do no work at all on these days, except to prepare food for everyone to eat—that is all you may do. 17 “Celebrate the Feast of Unleavened Bread, because it was on this very day that I brought your divisions out of Egypt. Celebrate this day as a lasting ordinance for the generations to come. 18 In the first month you are to eat bread made without yeast, from the evening of the fourteenth day until the evening of the twenty-first day. 19 For seven days no yeast is to be found in your houses. And whoever eats anything with yeast in it must be cut off from the community of Israel, whether he is an alien or native-born. 20 Eat nothing made with yeast. Wherever you live, you must eat unleavened bread.”

The first remarkable mention in this large section of verses is pertaining to the meal they are sharing during Passover. As you can see—not only were Israelites partaking in the meal, but aliens and natives!

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**For seven days no yeast is to be found in your houses.  
Anyone who eats anything with yeast in it must be cut off  
from the community of Israel, whether he is an alien or  
native-born.**

**Exodus 12:19**



Obviously, we meant that to be humorous because we have such serious things to share with you in this verse range. The entire progression of the chapters of Exodus as well as this verse range speak about an escalating level of deliverance, devotion, and dedication to the Lord. Consider this slide:

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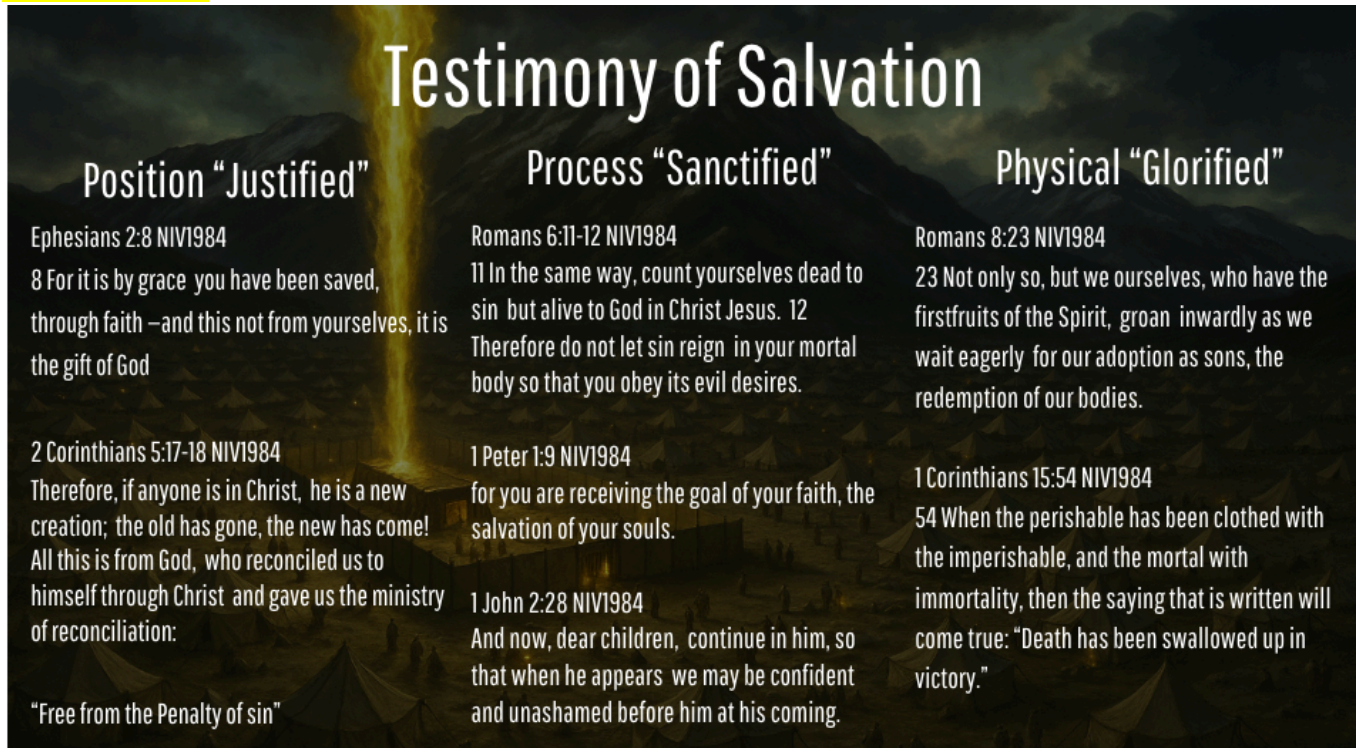


From Exodus 11 to 15, the nation is walking through judgment and into increasing levels of consecration. This should be typical of every persons' journey of salvation. Being covered by the blood is the beginning of the journey and was never meant to be viewed as the end of the journey. The reason that Unleavened Bread occurs immediately after the Passover is that the people of God must progress from the saving experience into the purification of their lives.

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This can not be sugar coated, an Israelite who was saved by the blood of the lamb could still be cut off from the community of Israel for failing to remove yeast from his household. The intention of Unleavened Bread was to ensure that they journey that began under the blood continued into increasing levels of devotion and purity with the Lord. What does the testimony of your Salvation look like?

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## Testimony of Salvation

Position "Justified"	Process "Sanctified"	Physical "Glorified"
<p>Ephesians 2:8 NIV1984 8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith –and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God</p> <p>2 Corinthians 5:17-18 NIV1984 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation:</p> <p>"Free from the Penalty of sin"</p>	<p>Romans 6:11-12 NIV1984 11 In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. 12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires.</p> <p>1 Peter 1:9 NIV1984 for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.</p> <p>1 John 2:28 NIV1984 And now, dear children, continue in him, so that when he appears we may be confident and unashamed before him at his coming.</p>	<p>Romans 8:23 NIV1984 23 Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.</p> <p>1 Corinthians 15:54 NIV1984 54 When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory."</p>

Israel was justified by the blood of the Passover lamb. They then underwent the process of being sanctified by the removal of leaven from their lives. Ultimately, Israel will be glorified. Your current position with the Lord may very well be justified by the blood of the lamb, but you must undergo the process of being sanctified in your daily living. Walking with the Lord in this manner will ensure that you are glorified on the day of resurrection. It is not enough to be freed from the penalty of sin; you must be transformed beyond the power of sin and be brought into a place that is free from the presence of sin. Without holiness no one will see the Lord and you do not want to be in the generation that left Egypt under the blood of the lamb but died in the desert under the power of sin.

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When you understand the bigger picture of what is going on here, then the Feast of Unleavened Bread and the timing of when it was to be observed becomes very beautiful.

1st of all, understand that being covered by the Blood was just the beginning! After being covered with blood, the Israelites were to spend the next seven days ensuring that there were no contaminants (yeast) in their homes.



This is being told to them because it is part of the first acts that they are to undergo as a new nation being saved by the Power and Mercy of Adonai! As a new nation that is being saved by the Blood of the Lamb, they are to make sure that there are no contaminating elements among them as the Lord is bringing them out of Slavery and into union with him!

Practically speaking, this should be very informative for you about the process of Salvation in the life of the believer! Salvation is only the beginning; after that, you must be sanctified by the removal of contaminating sin!

The next thing that should stand out to you is what we have already taught you about the Creation and De-creation of Egypt, because while God is almost done de-creating Egypt, he is beginning a new creation at the same time in the Nation of Israel!

Passover and Unleavened bread initiate a new creation in the Nation of Israel, and the specific process is designed to pattern the very act of creation itself, mirroring the process of God's works on the earth throughout human history!

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Before we show you the next slide, understand that there is a parallel between the 7 days of creation, the 7 feasts, and the 7 one-thousand-year segments of human history!

Take a look at this next slide.

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7 Days of Creation	Light and separation from darkness	Sky and separation that promotes life	Land, seas & stars to govern	Sun, moon & stars to govern	Fish, winged animals, sea monsters	Man made to fill, subdue, rule & consecrate	Made holy. God rests
	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7
7 Feasts of the Lord	Sacrificial lamb brings light into darkness	Removal of what does not belong	Reminder of God's provision and promises	Spirit filled apostles shined like stars (2nd temple period)	Signals that the DoA is near. Repentance & Anticipation	Redemption is brought & earth starts to be restored	70 nations brought in. God dwells with man
	Passover	Unleavened Bread	Firstfruits	Pentecost	Trumpets	Day of Atonement	Sukkot
7 Millenniums	God fills what was TOHU and VOHU with his good image	God removes corruption in Noah's flood	God establishes: 1 man 1 people 1 nation & torah	1st & 2 <sup>nd</sup> temples were lights to world. Son of David stood in both	Dark ages when the word was withheld from common people	Beastly empire who messiah returns to crush	We reign with Messiah's kingdom on earth
	1,000 yrs	2,000 yrs	3,000 yrs	4,000 yrs	5,000 yrs	6,000 yrs	7,000 yrs

As you can see on this slide, there is a pattern in the 7 days of creation in Genesis

1. God intentionally deconstructed this pattern and used its antithesis to de-create Egypt, so that He could show His power to the known world, judge the gods of Egypt, while saving Israel.

Then, Yahweh began a new creation and gave them a feast cycle patterned after the seven days of creation! This would have been seen as God repeating His 7-day pattern of creation, but through the nation of Israel, so that they would bring new life to the earth!

Then, on the bottom row, you will see the pattern of the feasts stylized to portray the 7,000-year timeline from the Garden of Eden to the last age on the earth.

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In Genesis 1, the story begins with God creating the Garden of Eden from chaos and destruction. Then, like unleavened bread, He removes the wicked from the earth in the flood. Finally, as a first fruit, He creates Israel. The 1st and 2nd temples were established like stars on Pentecost and were sent to be a light. Like the Feast of Trumpets, there is an announcement that restoration is coming, and then, like the Day of Atonement, the Messiah will come and renew everything. At the very end, we have Sukkot when God dwells with his people!

All of these things can also be seen in the nation of Israel itself, in its garden-like state at the end of Genesis (favor under Joseph), and then its immediate de-creation (harsh slavery), which actually results in the de-creation of Egypt (plagues), and then Israel's re-creation to become a new nation (deliverance)!

**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.**

We need to move forward, but we want you to notice the prominence of the elders in this passage. The last time they appeared this way was in Exodus 4:

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o **Exodus 4:29–30 (ESV)**

29 Then Moses and Aaron went and gathered together **all the elders** of the people of Israel. 30 Aaron spoke all the words that the LORD had spoken to Moses and did the signs in the sight of the people.

When the judgments of God were about to begin, God instructed Moses to gather all of the elders to show them what God was about to do. The text says that after the signs, the Elders worshipped the Lord and believed! Now take a look at Revelation 5 because the same thing is happening!

o **Revelation 5:8–10 (ESV)**

8 And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four **elders** fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. 9 And they sang a new song, saying,

“Worthy are you to take the scroll  
and to open its seals,

for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God  
from every tribe and language and people and nation,

10 and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God,  
and they shall reign on the earth.”

At the revelation of what Jesus is about to do, the elders around him gather and bear witness to what is about to happen. This should highlight the importance of

the role of Elders in the Body, as they serve as the liaison between the men that God has appointed and the people!

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In all of these cases, when God is about to judge and save his people, the Elders are prominently featured as gathering around and being the first witnesses to what God is going to do!

**22 Take a bunch of hyssop, dip it into the blood in the basin and put some of the blood on the top and on both sides of the door-frame. Not one of you shall go out of the door of his 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 door-frame and will pass over that doorway, and he will not permit the destroyer to enter your houses and strike you down.**

The destroyer is something that we certainly want to get to, but before we do, take notice of the fact that it is the Lord that would be standing between you and the destroyer because the Lord would see the blood that is covering the house and would not permit the destroyer to harm you!

What is most important to recognize is that immediately after, the Feast of Unleavened Bread would begin! Verse 15 said that you were to remove the yeast on the first day of Passover, so that means that even if death passed over you, you could still be cut off if yeast was found in your house afterward!

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For more on this topic, we should read 1 Corinthians 11:31:

- o **1 Corinthians 11:31 (ESV)**

31 But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged.

His judgment only comes when you refuse to deal with the yeast in your house!

- o **1 Peter 4:17 (ESV)**

17 For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God?



When death passes over, do you still search your house carefully or are you pretty convinced that you are ok because death did not touch you?

o **1 Peter 1:17–19 (ESV)**

17 And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with **fear** throughout the time of your exile,

18 knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold,

19 but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

It should be more serious for us because we have seen the judgment and lived! We should always be repenting. If at first you don't find anything, then look harder. There is always something. If we judge ourselves now, we won't be judged later.

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Onto one more thing before we get into the Destroyer... Take a look at this next slide.

**(DO NOT READ)**

## Seven Passovers Throughout the Bible

Passover	Explicitly Observed	Exodus 6 Promise	Object of Judgment	Those Saved
Original in Egypt	Exodus 12:12-13	Bring you out	God's of Egypt	All under the blood
Two years after Exodus	Numbers 9:4-5	Free you	Faithless (Num 14:23)	Faithful (Num 14:24)
At Gikal	Joshua 5:10	Redeem you	Jericho (world - Josh 6:2)	Rahab
Hezekiah's in 2 <sup>nd</sup> month	2 Chronicles 30:15	Take you as my own	Religious	Common people
Josiah when finding the Law	2 Kings 23:21-23	I will be your God	Pagan Idols	All Israel (2 Chron 34:33)
Returned Exiles from Assyria	Ezra 6:19	Bring you into the land	Unfaithful exiles	Remnant/land (Ez 9:8)
Jesus' final before death	Matthew 26:26-29	Possession	Satan/Judas (Lk 22 Jh 12, 16)	Many (Matt 26:28)

You should be aware that there are exactly 6 recorded national Passovers that are mentioned in the Older Testament and then one detailed example in the last week of Jesus life in the Newer Testament. In all of these events, there is a party that is being judged and a party that is being saved. In the first Passover, the Israelites were saved, and it was the gods of Egypt who were judged. In the last Passover, it was many of us who were being saved while Satan was judged.

As a recipient of this message, consider the profound implications of turning away from the perfect lamb that was sacrificed for many, only to return to being in allegiance to the one who was judged. This is precisely why the Feast of Unleavened Bread follows Passover! It is designed to guide you on your journey out of Egypt, sanctifying you in the process and bringing you closer to the Promised Land. The Feast of Unleavened Bread is a blessing, not a burden!

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We are going to move on for time sake but it seems appropriate to comment on that latter part of Exodus 12:23 "**When the LORD goes through the land to strike down the Egyptians, he will see the blood on the top and sides of the door-frame and will pass over that doorway, and he will not permit the destroyer to enter your houses and strike you down.**"

The destroyer in this verse is singular in nature but the rest of the Bible lends clarity to the subject. Consider Psalm 78

- o **Psalm 78:49–51 (NIV)**

49 He unleashed against them his hot anger,  
his wrath, indignation and hostility—

**a band of destroying angels.**

50 He prepared a path for his anger;  
he did not spare them from death  
but gave them over to the plague.

51 He struck down all the firstborn of Egypt,  
the firstfruits of manhood in the tents of Ham.

Psalm 78 states that a band of destroying angels was unleashed on Egypt. If we are to combine this understanding with what we read in Exodus 12, there is likely an Angel who is called the "Destroyer" who is in charge of "a band of destroying angels"....

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With this in mind, take a look at Isaiah 54.

- o **Isaiah 54:16 (ESV)**

16 Behold, I have created the smith who blows the fire of coals and produces a weapon for its purpose. I have also created the **ravager to destroy.**

This text indicates that God is the one who has created a specific angel or angels for the distinct purpose of destroying things.

Take some time to read Numbers 16 and 1 Chronicles 21, as these passages reveal an angel sent by God to cause destruction. For now, let's focus on one final scripture related to this topic.

- o **Revelation 9:1–11 (ESV)**

1 And the fifth angel blew his trumpet, and I saw a star fallen from heaven to earth, and he **was given the key to the shaft of the bottomless pit.**

2 He opened the shaft of the bottomless pit, and from the shaft rose smoke like the smoke of a great furnace, and the sun and the air were darkened with the smoke from the shaft.

3 **Then from the smoke came locusts on the earth, and they were given power like the power of scorpions of the earth.**

4 They were told not to harm the grass of the earth or any green plant or any tree, but only those people who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads.

5 **They were allowed to torment them for five months, but not to kill them, and their torment was like the torment of a scorpion when it stings someone.**

6 And in those days people will seek death and will not find it. They will long to die, but death will flee from them.

7 In appearance the locusts were like horses prepared for battle: on their heads were what looked like crowns of gold; their faces were like human faces,

8 their hair like women's hair, and their teeth like lions' teeth;

9 they had breastplates like breastplates of iron, and the noise of their wings was like the noise of many chariots with horses rushing into battle.

10 They have tails and stings like scorpions, and their power to hurt people for five months is in their tails.

11 **They have as king over them the angel of the bottomless pit. His name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in Greek he is called Apollyon.**

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Although we cannot definitively confirm that this Angel, referred to as Abaddon and Apollyon, is the same Destroyer mentioned in Exodus, the depiction of an angel commanding numerous destructive beings certainly aligns with the description. This is outside of most Christians field of understanding as they tend to assign all destructive elements to Satan. However, the Scripture seems to indicate that Adonai has specifically designed servants that perform functions related to judgment and they are viewed as being held in reserve for the appropriate moment in history.

In Psalm 78, we see a vivid depiction of God's fierce wrath against Egypt. Similarly, last week, we witnessed Moses leaving Pharaoh's presence, filled with righteous anger. This illustrates how a Prophet is meant to embody the emotions of the Lord regarding a matter before judgment is executed. The Prophet's goal is to avert



judgment through encouraging repentance, but if repentance does not occur, the Prophet serves as a sign that the people were duly warned and failed to heed the Lord's instructions. These insights should guide and illuminate how you represent the Lord in your daily interactions with others.

**24 “Obey these instructions as a lasting ordinance for you and your descendants.  
25 When you enter the land that the LORD will give you as he promised, observe this ceremony.**

**26 And when your children ask you, ‘What does this ceremony mean to you?’  
27 then tell them, ‘It is the Passover sacrifice to the LORD, who passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt and spared our homes when he struck down the Egyptians.’ ” Then the people bowed down and worshipped. 28 The Israelites did just what the LORD commanded Moses and Aaron.**

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As we progress, it's crucial to recognize the significance of Passover, a celebration intended for all future generations. This observance not only serves as a reminder of the Lord's deeds for past generations but also encourages each new generation to commemorate it as if they were experiencing it firsthand. The reasons for this are manifold: without the deliverance from Egypt, every generation of Jews would still be in bondage. Additionally, Jews perceive themselves as perpetually connected to their ancestors and descendants, forming a single people who will rise together in the resurrection as a family. This continuity through the generations is beautifully expressed in the Haggadah.

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# Haggadah

The Passover Haggadah emphasizes the importance of each generation personally experiencing the Exodus from Egypt. This concept is encapsulated in the directive that "In every generation everyone is duty bound to see himself as if he came forth out of Egypt"[1][2]. This approach creates a paradoxical dynamic where Jews recall a past event while simultaneously experiencing it as a present reality, uniting memory and hope in a continuous identity[2]. The Haggadah achieves this through storytelling (le-sapper), which requires adapting the narrative for different audiences, ensuring each retelling is unique[3]. This practice reflects a deeper spiritual attitude of remembering both oneself and God, integrating one's identity with the divine initiative of redemption[2]. The development of the Haggadah itself mirrors Jewish history, evolving as Jews moved through different diasporic centers, adapting to changing cultural contexts while maintaining the core theme of redemption[4]. This tradition serves to reinforce the psychological shift from slavery to freedom, reminding Jews of their deliverance and ongoing relationship with God[5].

[1] Thiselton, A. C. (2000). *The First Epistle to the Corinthians: a commentary on the Greek text* (p. 877). W.B. Eerdmans.

[2] Offenheimer, B., & Reventlow, H. G., eds. (1988). *Creative Biblical Exegesis: christian and jewish hermeneutics through the centuries* (Vol. 59, p. 208). JSOT Press.

[3] Silber, D., & Furst, R. (2011). *A Passover Haggadah: Go Forth and Learn* (p. 8). The Jewish Publication Society.

[4] Stern, D. (2008). Foreword. In *JPS Commentary on the Haggadah: Historical Introduction, Translation, and Commentary* (p. xiii). The Jewish Publication Society.

[5] Cherry, S. (2007). *Torah through time: understanding Bible commentary from the rabbinic period to modern times* (p. 118). The Jewish Publication Society.

Imitating this practice within your own family is not without merit. Perhaps we could learn from the communal aspects of the Jewish people where continuity between generations and continual deliverance is both encouraged and expected. Consider Psalm 145!

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## o Psalm 145:4–7 (ESV)

4 One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts. 5 On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate. 6 **They** shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness. 7 They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

You should have the utmost seriousness about telling the next generation about all that the Lord has done... If you don't, who will???

**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.**

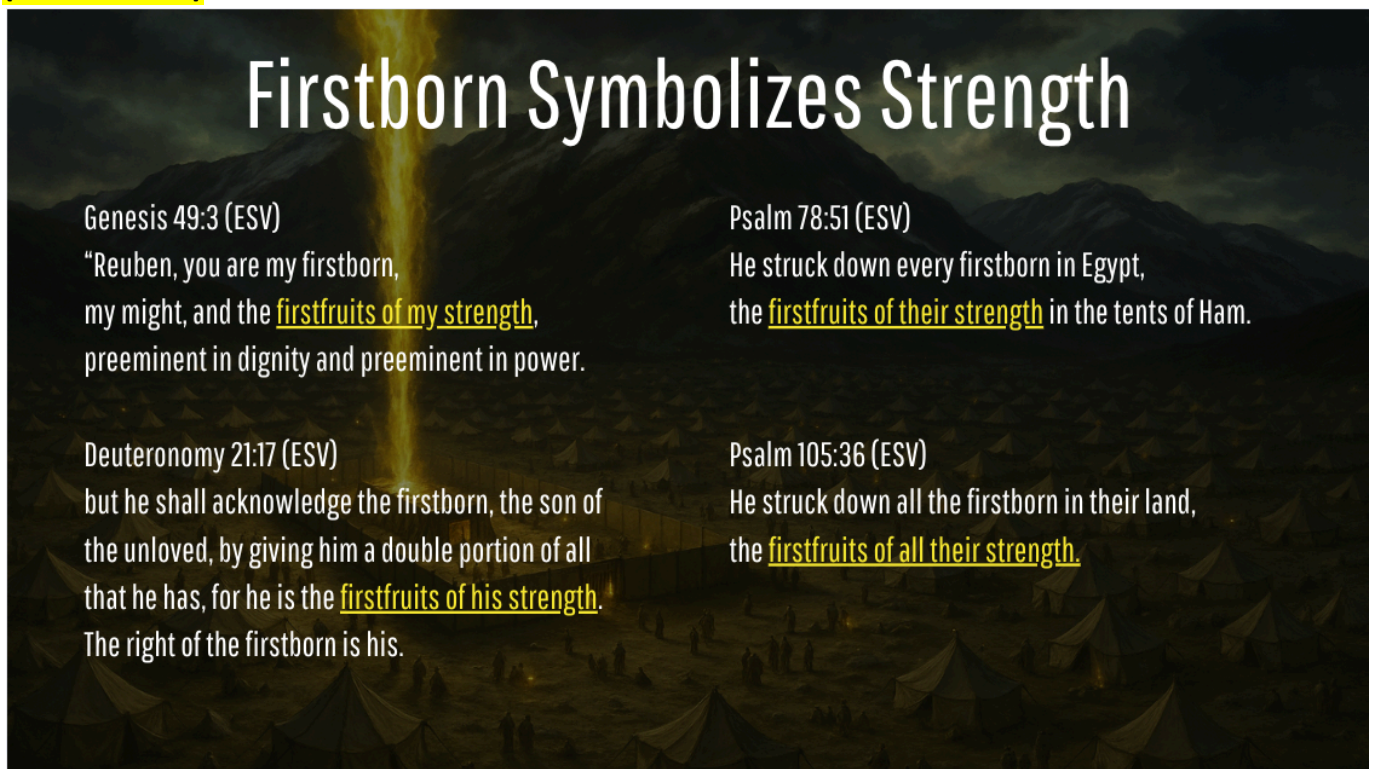
**30 Pharaoh and all his officials and all the Egyptians got up during the night, and there was loud wailing in Egypt, for there was not a house without someone dead.**

In the previous chapter, we discussed the all-encompassing nature of this plague. Imagine the dire situation for the firstborn trapped in the dungeon, with no chance to seek the protection of the blood. It was akin to being "Hitler in the bunker," ensnared in their own judgment. This plague did not affect humans alone; it also afflicted the remaining livestock. It was a sweeping judgment on the firstborn, both human and animal. However, what makes this narrative remarkable is that the next chapter will highlight the comprehensive redemption of both man and beast.

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Since this chapter is both the redemption of the firstborn and the judgements on the gods of Egypt, it is necessary to consider a few passages that will help you see the embedded symbolism in the action of killing the firstborn:

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# Firstborn Symbolizes Strength

<p>Genesis 49:3 (ESV) "Reuben, you are my firstborn, my might, and the <u>firstfruits of my strength</u>, preeminent in dignity and preeminent in power.</p>	<p>Psalms 78:51 (ESV) He struck down every firstborn in Egypt, the <u>firstfruits of their strength</u> in the tents of Ham.</p>
<p>Deuteronomy 21:17 (ESV) but he shall acknowledge the firstborn, the son of the unloved, by giving him a double portion of all that he has, for he is the <u>firstfruits of his strength</u>. The right of the firstborn is his.</p>	<p>Psalms 105:36 (ESV) He struck down all the firstborn in their land, the <u>firstfruits of all their strength</u>.</p>

In essence, Adonai sending the Destroyer to strike down the firstborn of Egypt would have been perceived by the ancient people as a direct assault on the very essence of Egypt's strength, which was believed to be derived from the lesser gods of Egypt. This truth would be contrasted with the ability of Adonai to redeem His people in the very same instance. Thus, there was a vivid illustration in the contrast between the lesser gods whose strength was cut off and the Most High God whose strength was displayed in the redemption of the firstborn sons of Israel.

We can not give a thorough treatment of this subject in our present timeframe, but it is worth considering that the Bene Ha Elohim procreated with human women. They were then imprisoned and witnessed all of their firstborn die in the Noahic flood. Then we see this event when the lesser gods are helpless as the firstborn of Egypt died.

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This may add insight and color to Satan's attack on the "only begotten Son of God" that ultimately exposed Him as the malevolent force behind the various rebellions throughout history. The idea would be that Satan relished the idea of killing the firstborn of God and ultimately exposed himself to judgment at the hands of the Almighty. (That would be a subject to go into at another time... for now, we need to move on)

**31 During the night Pharaoh summoned Moses and Aaron and said, "Up! Leave my people, you and the Israelites! Go, worship the LORD as you have requested. 32 Take your flocks and herds, as you have said, and go. And also bless me."**

We think that this passage is hilarious and quite a reversal from what Pharaoh has previously told Moses...

To catch what is going on here, you will have to recall what was taught in Exodus 10. To refresh your memory, take a look at:

- o **Exodus 10:27–29 (NIVUK84)**

- 27 But the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he was not willing to let them go.

- 28 Pharaoh said to Moses, "Get out of my sight! Make sure you do not appear before me again! The day you see my face you will die."



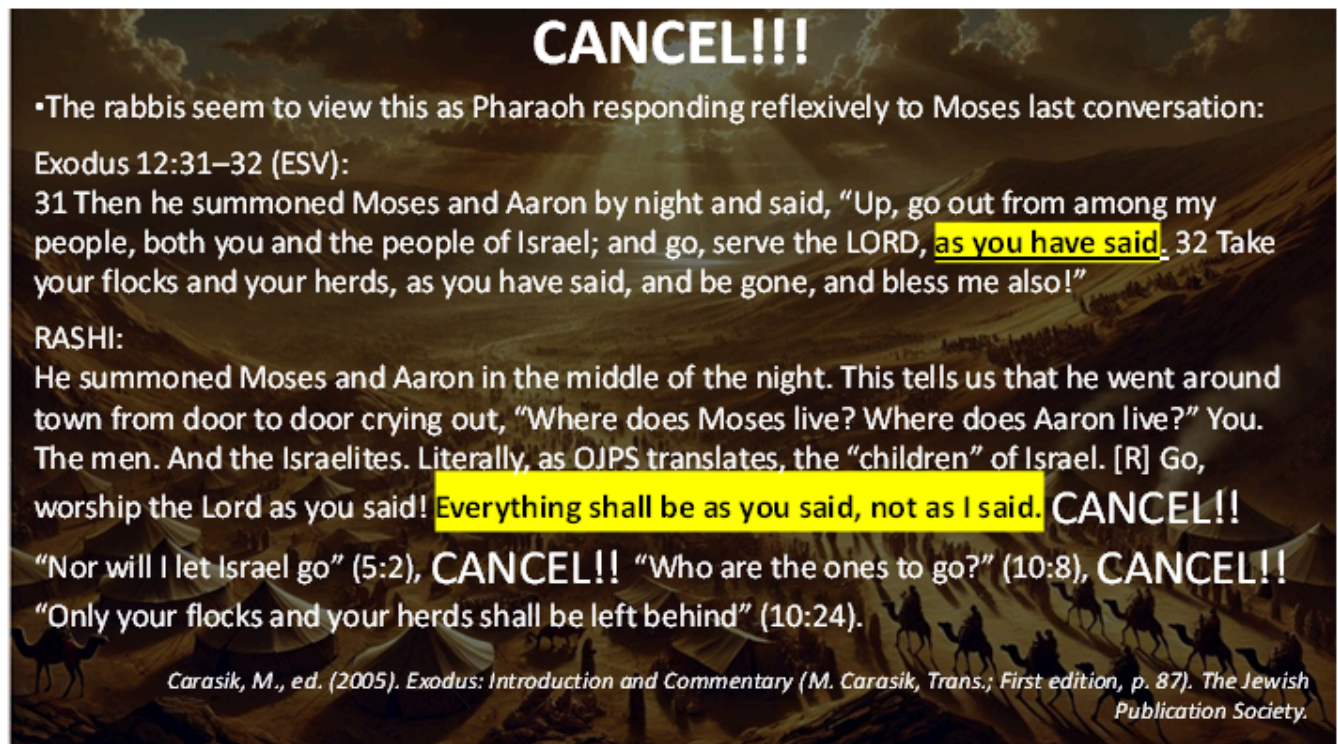
29 “Just as you say,” Moses replied, “I will never appear before you again.”

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In Exodus 12:32, Pharaoh, in a moment of humility, tells Moses, "As you say!" This is quite amusing because it seems Pharaoh recalls Moses' earlier sarcasm. Now, in an ironic twist, Pharaoh is not only humbled but also almost pleading for Moses' blessing.

We would like to share the Rabbis' perspective on the current situation. Their comments, while taking some creative liberties, are quite amusing and insightful.

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**CANCEL!!!**

- The rabbis seem to view this as Pharaoh responding reflexively to Moses last conversation:

Exodus 12:31–32 (ESV):  
31 Then he summoned Moses and Aaron by night and said, “Up, go out from among my people, both you and the people of Israel; and go, serve the LORD, **as you have said**. 32 Take your flocks and your herds, as you have said, and be gone, and bless me also!”

RASHI:  
He summoned Moses and Aaron in the middle of the night. This tells us that he went around town from door to door crying out, “Where does Moses live? Where does Aaron live?” You. The men. And the Israelites. Literally, as OJPS translates, the “children” of Israel. [R] Go, worship the Lord as you said! **Everything shall be as you said, not as I said.** **CANCEL!!**

“Nor will I let Israel go” (5:2), **CANCEL!!** “Who are the ones to go?” (10:8), **CANCEL!!** “Only your flocks and your herds shall be left behind” (10:24).

Carasik, M., ed. (2005). *Exodus: Introduction and Commentary* (M. Carasik, Trans.; First edition, p. 87). The Jewish Publication Society.

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Whether that is exactly as the scenario played out or not, it is a humorous turn of events. "Hey, Pharaoh, Do you know me now?" Let us just say that Adonai is able to abase the proud. Pharaoh messed around and found out! Just like other Gentile rulers would in the coming centuries, from Sennacherib to Nebuchadnezzar, the message would become clear. Israel is Adonai's firstborn nation and the Lord says, "Touch not my anointed ones and do my prophets no harm".

**33 The Egyptians urged the people to hurry and leave the country. “For otherwise,” they said, “we will all die!”**

o **Psalm 105:36–38 (NIVUK84)**

36 Then he struck down all the firstborn in their land, the firstfruits of all their manhood.

37 He brought out Israel, laden with silver and gold, and from among their tribes no-one faltered.

38 Egypt was glad when they left, because dread of Israel had fallen on them.

While it's true that God liberated the Israelites from the Egyptians, one could also argue that God liberated the Egyptians from the Israelites. The text of Psalm 105 actually presents Egypt as glad that Israel was liberated because the hand of God was so heavy upon the nation. Again, this is a timeless lesson that would be repeated when the Ark was in Philistine territories and in countless other events. The point is that it is futile to resist the will of Adonai, especially in relation to the destiny of Israel.

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**34 So the people took their dough before the yeast was added, and carried it on their shoulders in kneading troughs wrapped in clothing. 35 The Israelites did as Moses instructed and asked the Egyptians for articles of silver and gold and for clothing. 36 The LORD had made the Egyptians favorably disposed towards the people, and they gave them what they asked for; so they plundered the Egyptians.**

As we are leaving Egypt, we want to say that this is happening exactly as God said it would in Genesis 15, Exodus 3:21, and Exodus 11.

o **Isaiah 43:10–12 (ESV)**

10 “You are my witnesses,” declares the LORD,  
“and my servant whom I have chosen,  
that you may know and believe me  
and understand that I am he.

Before me no god was formed,  
nor shall there be any after me.

11 I, I am the LORD,

and besides me there is no savior.

12 I declared and saved and proclaimed,  
when there was no strange god among you;  
and you are my witnesses,” declares the LORD, “and I am God.

As we move to the next verses, we would just like to point out that Adonai likes to inform His people of the way a scenario will play out in advance of its resolution. This, in effect, makes them witnesses of what Adonai has said, so that when it comes about they are able to extol the supremacy of Adonai above all lesser gods! No one in this room should ever rule out God's ability to fulfill his promises, even if it takes 4 centuries!

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**37 The Israelites journeyed from Rameses to Succoth. There were about six hundred thousand men on foot, besides women and children.**

Many have undertaken the task of estimating the total size and scope of the Exodus. We are familiar with the strengths and weaknesses of the various approaches. Having said that, the scholar Finnis Dake took a conservative and responsible approach to his assessment. We would like to walk you through some of his conclusions to give you an idea of the magnitude of this event.

There were 600,000 men of war without reckoning the priestly tribe of Levi. There were also wives, children, older men and women, and a multitude of mixed peoples who were the descendants of the servants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. The Israelites inherited many servants (Gen. 14:14–15; 26:14–19, 25, 32; 32:16). These could greatly outnumber the Hebrews, as they did when the 70 souls of Jacob went to Egypt. Abraham alone had 318 trained soldiers who, along with those of Isaac and Jacob, continued to multiply through the years as did the Israelites themselves. Counting the descendants of servants with the Israelites, it is estimated that more than six million people made the exodus from Egypt.

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Take a look at the next slide, where we'll show you Dake's math:

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	Group	Estimated Number
1	Men of war (Ex. 12:37)	600,000
2	Wives of men of war	600,000
4	Children of men of war (estimating 4 to a family)	2,400,000
5	Levites a month old and upward (Num. 3:39)	22,300
6	Wives of Levites 30 to 50 years old (Num. 4:47-48)	8,580
7	Wives of younger and older Levites, and sisters	2,000
8	Children of Levites (estimating 4 each to 8,580 families)	34,320
	<b>Total Israelites</b>	<b>4,067,200</b>
9	Mixed multitude (estimating half as many as Israelites)	2,033,600
	<b>Estimated Grand Total:</b>	<b>6,100,800</b>

Dake, F. J. (1997). The Dake Annotated Reference Bible (Ex 12:37). Dake Publishing.

In the time of Genesis 14, Abram's greater household is estimated to have numbered over 1,000 people. Given that there were 318 men in his household, if we add Wives and children, this would certainly be over 1,000. This 1,000 would have greatly multiplied through Isaac and Jacob.

When Israel entered Egypt, 70 in all, thousands of servants went with them. Undoubtedly, the sons and grandsons of the 12 took wives from this group, making their children Israelites (like Joseph's), but it is reasonable to assume that a large portion of the thousands continued to develop alongside and attached to Israel, as they entered Egypt belonging to Israel and with Israel. They were also saved by Joseph right alongside the 70 heirs.

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According to Genesis 17's instructions and certainly by Exodus 12:43, their full inclusion would be solidified since for their sons to live through the plague, they would need to be circumcised and come under the blood of the Covenant and included within Israel.

This message is a beautiful reminder for those who seek inclusion in the forthcoming Israeli kingdom. It emphasizes that enduring the trials alongside Israel, symbolized by the Iron smelting furnace of Egypt, is essential to being part



of this kingdom. Without enduring these trials with Israel, there is no access to the kingdom or the blessings symbolized by the blood of the Lamb.

o **Romans 8:15–17 (ESV)**

15 For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” 16 The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

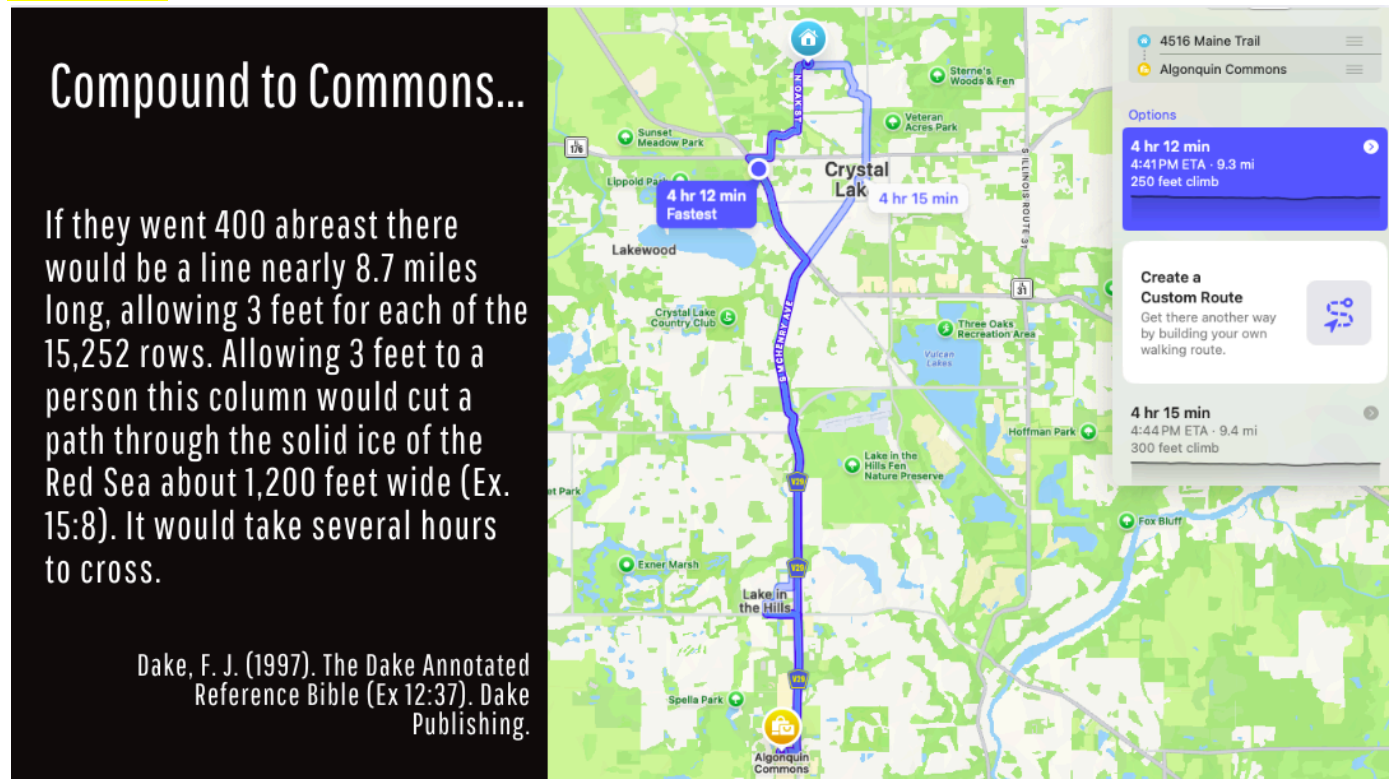
He is the king of Israel, and we must suffer like him for his people's sake! Before we move on, we would like to present a visual aid of what this mixed multitude might have looked like.

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When we cover a Biblical story like this one it is important to contextualize the details so that you can envision the event. Take a look at our next slide to help you visualize this in our region and time:

(READ AND EXPLAIN THE MAP: *this is like from the pastors houses to Algonquin commons*)



We are not sure what you imagined previously, but the volume of people involved in the Exodus was probably something nearly 1,200 feet wide that stretched for almost 9 miles! This event caught the attention of the larger region and would go on to be a story told all over the world. It was the day that judgment fell on the lesser gods of Egypt and the children of Israel were birthed as a nation on the global scene.

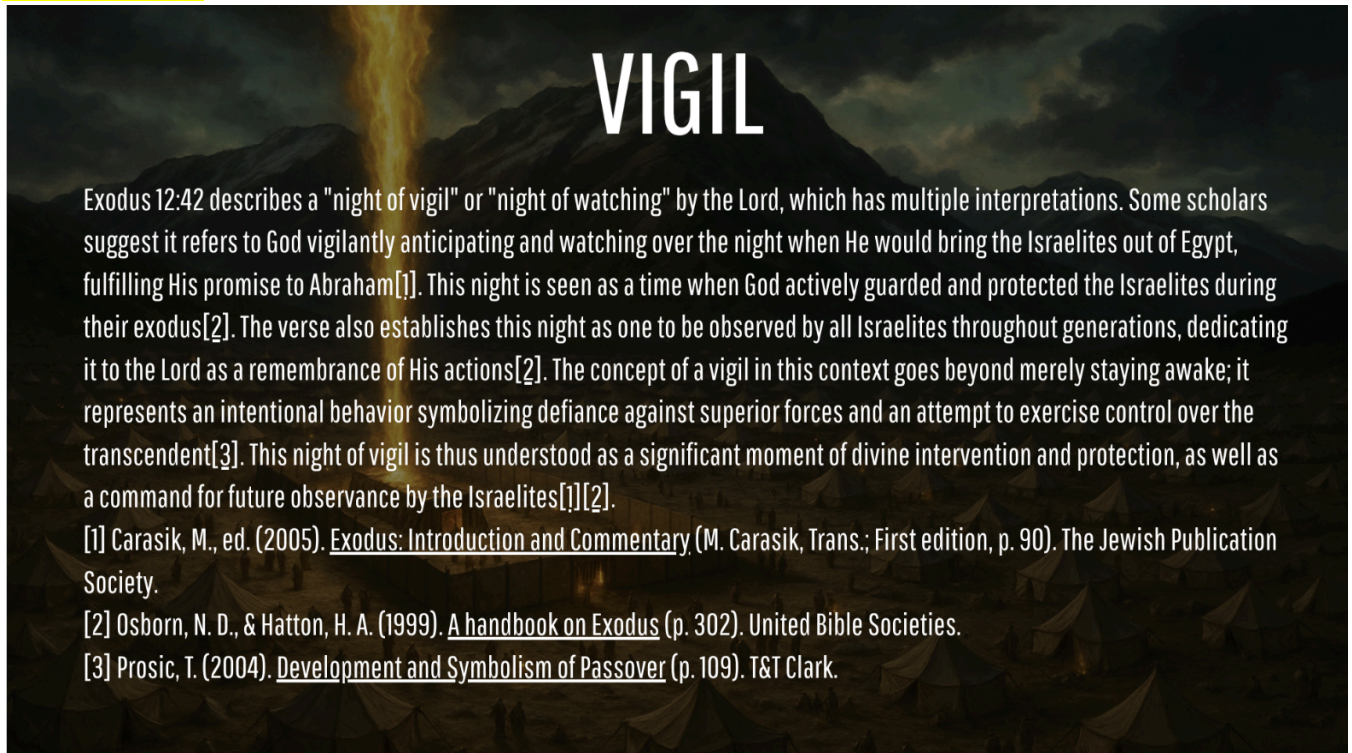
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**38** Many other people went up with them, as well as large droves of livestock, both flocks and herds. **39** With the dough they had brought from Egypt, they baked cakes of unleavened bread. The dough was without yeast because they had been driven out of Egypt and did not have time to prepare food for themselves. **40** Now the length of time the Israelite people lived in Egypt was 430 years. **41** At the end of the 430 years, to the very day, all the LORD's divisions left Egypt. **42** Because the LORD kept vigil that night to bring them out of Egypt, on this night all the Israelites are to keep vigil to honor the LORD for the generations to come.



We have already alerted you to the manuscript differences that relate to the reference to 430 years. It is our understanding that this is representative of the time in Canaan and Egypt. Instead of rereading that ground, we want to draw your attention to the phrase, "the LORD kept vigil that night" because it is beautiful:

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# VIGIL

Exodus 12:42 describes a "night of vigil" or "night of watching" by the Lord, which has multiple interpretations. Some scholars suggest it refers to God vigilantly anticipating and watching over the night when He would bring the Israelites out of Egypt, fulfilling His promise to Abraham[1]. This night is seen as a time when God actively guarded and protected the Israelites during their exodus[2]. The verse also establishes this night as one to be observed by all Israelites throughout generations, dedicating it to the Lord as a remembrance of His actions[2]. The concept of a vigil in this context goes beyond merely staying awake; it represents an intentional behavior symbolizing defiance against superior forces and an attempt to exercise control over the transcendent[3]. This night of vigil is thus understood as a significant moment of divine intervention and protection, as well as a command for future observance by the Israelites[1][2].

[1] Carasik, M., ed. (2005). Exodus: Introduction and Commentary (M. Carasik, Trans.; First edition, p. 90). The Jewish Publication Society.

[2] Osborn, N. D., & Hatton, H. A. (1999). A handbook on Exodus (p. 302). United Bible Societies.

[3] Prosic, T. (2004). Development and Symbolism of Passover (p. 109). T&T Clark.

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During the Exodus the LORD kept vigil over his people. This became an example of the way that the people were to keep vigil over the commands and desires of the Lord. This ought to remind you of another vigil on the eve of Passover in the first century:

- o **Matthew 26:36–38 (NIV)**

36 Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." 37 He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. 38 Then he said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me."

The night before the crucifixion of Jesus, he kept perfect vigil over the Lord's will. In many senses, he was enacting a more perfect Exodus that involved each of us being freed from the bondage to sin. Even Jesus had to be strengthened by an angel from heaven according to Luke 22:43 to accomplish this feat. One of the more difficult parts of the Gethsemane vigil is that Jesus was the lone figure who stayed awake and did not succumb to the weariness of the flesh. This highlighted the need of the disciples whose "spirits were willing but whose flesh was weak" to be further transformed into the likeness of Messiah.

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There is a 2nd Exodus forthcoming in history, that will feature the nation of Israel being delivered from many nations in the world. Perhaps, we are being told of this in advance so that we might all cry out for the kind of transformation that will allow us to keep vigil with Messiah as he again delivers His nation.

**43 The LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "These are the regulations for the Passover:**

**"No foreigner is to eat of it. 44 Any slave you have bought may eat of it after you have circumcised him, 45 but a temporary resident and a hired worker may not eat of it.**

A foreigner could theoretically go with them without eating Passover; it would just mean their firstborn died in the last plague. The only way to avoid the death of the firstborn would be to join and become Israel through circumcision, the blood of the Lamb, and the coming baptism.

This is why the decision in Acts 15 was so difficult to make... Without going into the argument, as we are not teaching on that chapter tonight, their summary was that Gentiles no longer needed to be circumcised, but everything else still holds for salvation. They still need to join Israel in the faith of Israel.

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For now, Colossians 2 best summarizes the reason behind the decision made in Acts 15.

- o **Colossians 2:11–12 (ESV)**

- 11 In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ,



12 having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead.

Our understanding is the circumcision is still required for Gentiles, it is just a different kind of circumcision! You are to be in physical union with Messiah, as inside of the body of Christ. This meets your physical requirement, but the inward circumcision of the heart is still very much your responsibility.

**46 “It must be eaten inside one house; take none of the meat outside the house. Do not break any of the bones.**

o **John 19:31–36 (ESV)**

31 Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away.

32 So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been 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 at once there came out blood and water.

35 He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe.

36 For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: **“Not one of his bones will be broken.”**

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Our hope is that this teaching will enable you to see Jesus as the Passover Lamb in a more profound and enlightening way than ever before. It is clear from the Newer Testament that every writer saw Jesus in this way.

**47 The whole community of Israel must celebrate it.**

**48 “An alien living among you who wants to celebrate the LORD’s Passover must have all the males in his household circumcised; then he may take part like one born in the land. No uncircumcised male may eat of it. 49 The same law applies to the native-born and to the alien living among you.”**

**50 All the Israelites did just what the LORD had commanded Moses and Aaron.**  
**51 And on that very day the LORD brought the Israelites out of Egypt by their divisions.**

The text explicitly details that this event perfectly fulfilled what had been said to father Abraham centuries before:

- o **Genesis 15:13–14 (ESV)**

13 Then the LORD said to Abram, “Know for certain that your offspring will be sojourners in a land that is not theirs and will be servants there, and they will be afflicted for four hundred years.

14 But I will bring judgment on the nation that they serve, and afterward they shall come out with great possessions.

The Exodus also begins the answer to a question asked by Abraham's promised son centuries before:

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- o **Genesis 22:7–8 (ESV)**

7 And Isaac said to his father Abraham, “My father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” He said, “Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?”

8 Abraham said, “**God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.**” So they went both of them together.

Not one of the things told to Abraham fell to the ground unfulfilled, every one of them came to pass. This was true in the original Exodus; also in the Passover crucifixion of Jesus, and it will be true in the final Exodus of God's people. Consider this truth from Hebrews:

- o **Hebrews 11:39–12:1 (ESV)**

39 And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised,

40 since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses....

Abraham now resides among the cloud of witnesses, observing his descendants as they leave Egypt, just as God had foretold. He witnessed the Lamb promised for the Passover and the Lamb that was yet to come. In a sense, Abraham is being further perfected through the fulfillment of God's promise to the Israelites, and this process will continue as we journey through the Book of Exodus.

Perhaps as Gentiles, we owe it to God and to Israel to be thankful for their endurance and make it our aim to join them in suffering so that we can be made one people who are under the Blood of the Lamb!