

Bible Study January 29, 2025

Exodus 12 The Passover

12: 1-28 Earlier plagues made a distinction between Israel and Egypt. This tenth plague called for the people of Israel to act through faith for the angel of death to “pass over.” God also instructed the Hebrew people and its leaders as to future celebrations of the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread.

Not only is the event significant from a saving of firstborns covered by the blood of the slain lamb, but it is also to signify the first month of the Hebrew calendar. The angel of death will bring death to the firstborn of all households not covered by the sacrifice of a lamb or young goat without blemish. The lamb is to be killed at twilight. (Note the crucifixion)

The lamb is to be roasted on the fire, symbolic of a sacrifice to the Lord. It is to be eaten with unleavened bread, as their departure will be in a hurry in the middle of the night. Discuss bread making

The Lord acts in this unique way, taking the firstborn of both man and beast, placing judgement on Egypt’s land, animals, people, king, and gods, to show “I am the Lord.”

Israel is shown that Yahweh is the only true God of heaven and earth. Read Romans 9:17-24

The blood of the lamb is placed on the doorway of the houses of Israel functioned as a sign that they were a part of God’s people and as a seal or means to appropriate the Lord’s protection.

14-20 instructs Israel how they will celebrate the Feast of Unleavened Bread in the Promised land. For seven days they are to eat unleavened bread, and on the first day anything that has leaven is to be removed from the house.

Eating leavened bread during this period was a serious sin. This was to be practiced not only in Egypt, but in the Promised Land. It was not only to be observed by Israel, but also by the sojourner or foreigners living among them.

The first Passover lamb to be sacrificed is in Egypt. The judgement of Egypt is just as real as the salvation of Israel. Hyssop, a brushy shrub used as a brush in cleaning ceremonies, is used to cover the doorframes with the blood caught in the killing basin. By doing this, the destroyer of the Lord, the angel of death, would pass over.

We are to teach the children what this means, just as we are to instruct our children in the meaning of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

28 “Then the people of Israel went and did so; as the Lord had commanded Moses and Aaron, so they did.”

Next week the Tenth Plague and the Exodus