

## **Bible Study February 5, 2025**

Exodus 12: 29-51    The Tenth Plague and the Exodus

Exodus 12: 29-32    Death of the Firstborn

The people of Israel marked the door frames of their houses with the blood of an unblemished 1 year old lamb or kid goat (represents the Jews and the Gentiles). Pharaoh's refusal to obey God's command to let His people go led to there being not a house where someone or something was not dead. Each "house", its "head of the household" was held accountable for those under his headship. Pharaoh caused death to come to Egypt. God and the Hebrew elders brought life to those who trusted God.

Exodus 12: 33-42    The Exodus

Israel was told to request silver and gold from Egypt, to fulfill what God promised Moses, but also what He had promised Abraham (Gen. 15: 14). The Egyptians had no hope and grieved as those who had no hope. The Egyptians lived under the fear of death. They wanted the Hebrew people to leave as they believed they would all die if they stayed. A mixed group left with Israel (vs. 38) because they believed. 600,000 men, in addition to women and children, flocks and herds left Egypt under the light of the Passover moon. They left without provisions as the Lord would provide. They left as the hosts of the Lord, and army which would enter the Promised land.

Exodus 12: 43-51    The Institution of the Passover

Only the circumcised of the Covenant were to partake of the Passover meal, the roasted lamb, bitter herbs, and unleavened bread. Baptism in the Church is the equivalent of circumcision in the Jewish covenant. No bones of the Passover lamb are to be broken (John 19:36).

Christ is our Passover. Through Him we experience liberation from sin, death, and the devil (I Cor. 5: 7-8). The Hebrews escaped from the burden of slavery in Egypt by passing through the Red Sea, just as we are set free from death and the burden of sin through faith in Christ and our baptism in Him. We are to celebrate both sacraments of the Church, baptism and the Lord's Supper, in remembrance of Him.