

Lesson 1: Passover in Egypt

Central Point: The Passover Lamb serves as a type for Jesus

(pas'-o-ver) (pecach, from pacach, "to pass" or "spring over" or "to spare". Begins with the creation of the Jewish calendar- Exodus 12:1-2, *"The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, 'This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year.'"*)

- **Please Read: Exodus 12:1-10**
- Imagine the smell of a multitude of lambs being cooked in the land of Goshen
- Notice that God required a perfect lamb without defect or blemish for the sacrifice

Right up to Jesus' sacrifice the Jews scrutinized, tested and examined Jesus for any flaw, defect or blemish in Jesus' life, character and doctrine. They finally go to a point where they gave up- Luke 20:40, *"And no one dared to ask him any more questions."*

Hebrews 4:15

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are — yet was without sin.

- **Question:** "Can a convicted criminal pay the punishment for another criminal?"
- A convicted criminal has to pay for his/her sins first; sin carries eternal punishment
- **Please Read: Romans 3:9-18, 23-26**
- Jesus never sinned so He qualified as our perfect sacrifice to take away our sins
- So the Passover Lamb symbolized a type of Jesus- perfect, sinless sacrifice
- **Rev 7:14**, *"they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb"*

Isaiah 53:7

He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.

John 1:29, "The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, 'Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!'"

- **Please Read: Exodus 12:12-13, 21-23**
- The people of God had faith that the blood on their doors would keep death out
- Hyssop: A long straight stock, downy leaf and white blossom
 - o Often tied together as a bunch by a scarlet- **Numbers 19:6; John 19:28-29**

The blood of the lamb was applied by dipping a bunch of hyssop in the blood and striking the two side posts and the upper post or lintel of the door. It typified the blood of Jesus sprinkled for believers. Notice that no blood was to be sprinkled on the threshold so that the feet would trample on it- **Hebrews 10:29**.

- As they ate their meal, God allowed the death angel to sweep through the land
- Only those who were under the blood of the lamb were kept safe from death
- **Please Read: Hebrews 2:14-18**

Hebrews 11:28, “By faith Moses kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel.”

- **Question:** “What is the significance of innocent blood?”
- **Please Read: Hebrews 9:18-28**

Leviticus 17:11, “For the life of a creature is in the blood, and I have given it to you to make atonement for yourselves on the altar; it is the blood that makes atonement for one's life.”

- **Question:** “Why did God instruct them to eat bread without yeast?”
- Yeast is the substance that causes bread to rise through a fermentation
 - o The Bible refers to “yeast” as a type of sin in **1 Corinthians 5:6-8**
- Bitter herbs were used with the meal; remind them of God's deliverance from slavery

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This was the Lord's Passover, and we see that He used the blood of the lamb as the means for bringing His people out of bondage to Egypt. Now the symbol of Egypt was the serpent. In the Bible, the serpent represents Satan- **Genesis 3:15; Revelation 12:9**. What God is saying with this exodus is that in His own appointed time, He will use the blood of the lamb to destroy Satan's power and set people free from bondage to him- **Colossians 1:13-14**.

- **Please Read: Exodus 12:29-42**

Remember that Egypt is a type of the “World System” that Satan dominates and had formerly held us in spiritual slavery through sin. The new birth represents our spiritual Exodus out of the kingdom of darkness. Our pathway out of spiritual ‘Egypt’, the world system that represented the life we once lived- an oppressive life dominated by Satan, Sin, Sickness and Poverty. Through Jesus Christ in His death, burial and resurrection we have been ransomed from sin through the blood of Jesus- **Romans 6:15-23**.