

THE GOSPEL IN THE PASSOVER

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Torah Reading

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Service Portion

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- “Beginning of Months”- called Abib or Nissan. This was/is the Biblical New Year, not Yom Teruah.

Exodus 12:3 (TLV)

“Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month, each man is to take a lamb for his family one lamb for the household.”

Exodus 12:4 (TLV)

But if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor are to take one according to the number of the people. According to each person eating, you are to make your count for the lamb.”

- Everyone needed a Lamb.
 - “*There is no one righteous, no not one*” **Psalm 14:3**
 - “*for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God*”. **Romans 3:23**
 - “*For God so loved the world that he sent his only son, that **whoever believes in him** shall not perish but have eternal life*” **John 3:16**

Exodus 12:5 (TLV)

“Your lamb is to be without blemish, a year old male. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats.

Exodus 12:6 (TLV)

You must watch over it until the fourteenth day of the same month.”

- The Lamb was to be without blemish.
 - *“For you know that is was not with perishable things such as silver and gold, that you were redeemed..but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect” I Peter 1:18-19*
 - *“God made him who had no sin to become sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God”. 2 Corinthians 5:21*

Exodus 12:6 (TLV)

“Then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel is to slaughter it at twilight.”

- We all killed the Lamb.
 - The root of most anti-Semitism is the false accusation that the Jews killed Jesus Christ. This horrendous teaching has caused more damage and misunderstanding toward the Jewish People than we can possibly imagine. But who actually killed Him? Did the Jewish people? Did the Romans? No. It was all of us, our sin killed him. In the Passover, all the people of the community killed the Passover lamb. Christ, *our* Passover lamb died for the sins of the *entire* world.
 - *“No man takes my life, I lay it down of my own accord” John 10:18*
 - *“God so love **the World**, that He gave his only begotten Son so that whosoever believes in Him would not perish but have everlasting life “John 3:16*

Exodus 12:7 (TLV)

“They are to take the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the crossbeam of the houses where they will eat it.”

- I am the Door; anyone who enters through Me will be saved [and will live forever], and will go in and out [freely], and find pasture (spiritual security) John 10:9 Amplified

Exodus 12:8 (TLV)

“They are to eat the meat that night, roasted over a fire. With matzot and bitter herbs

Exodus 12:9 (TLV)

Do not eat any of it raw or boiled with water, but only roasted with fire—its head with its legs and its innards.

Exodus 12:10 (TLV)

So let nothing of it remain until the morning.”

- Fire alludes to enduring God’s judgement and wrath.
 - *“Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin” ... Isaiah 53:10*
 - *Now the people complained about their hardships in the hearing of the LORD, and when he heard them his anger was aroused. Then fire from the LORD burned among them and consumed some of the outskirts of the camp. Numbers 11:1*
 - *For our God is a consuming fire. Hebrews 12:29*
- Sacrifice cannot remain until morning
 - *The Jews therefore, because it was the preparation, that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the sabbath day, (for that sabbath day was an high day,) besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. John 19:31*

Exodus 12:12 (TLV)

“For I will go through the land of Egypt on that night and strike down every firstborn, both men and animals, and I will execute judgments against all the gods of Egypt. I am Adonai.

Exodus 12:13 (TLV)

The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are. When I see the blood, I will pass over you. So there will be no plague among you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.”

- God pronounced judgment on all in Egypt, he made no distinction between the Israelites and the Egyptians. And He makes no distinction today between race, creed, color or gender: all are guilty and therefore all are to die. Jew or Gentile, rich or poor, slave or free...judgment is upon all. *“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” (Romans 3:23).* And that judgment is death. *“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Messiah Jesus our Lord” (Romans 6:23).*
- The blood averted judgment.

- *“You know that you were redeemed from the futile way of life handed down from your ancestors—not with perishable things such as silver or gold, **I**but with precious blood like that of a lamb without defect or spot, the blood of Messiah.”* I Peter 1:18-19
- Although the judgment of God was upon all in Egypt, he provided a way of escape. He instructed the Israelites to apply the blood of the Passover lamb on the door posts of their houses and then enter into them for protection. When the angel of death saw the blood, he ***passed over*** the house and the people inside were spared; thus the name ***Passover***. The blood averted the judgment of God and spared their families. In the same way, the blood of Christ applied to the doorposts of our heart causes the angel of death to ***pass over*** us. But now, we are spared from eternal death, not just physical death. Yeshua, alluding to this biblical event declared *“I am the door; whoever enters through me he will be saved.”* (John 10:9)
- One last point: If you think the above is just a coincidence, think again. The Passover ordinance was very strict in requiring that the Passover lamb could have no broken bones. John certainly makes this connection when he makes sure to record for us that those crucified on either side of Jesus had their legs broken by the soldiers, *“but when they came to Jesus and found that he was already dead they did not break his legs”* (John 19:33) Why? Because Jesus **is** the fulfillment of the Passover lamb and therefore none of his bones could be broken. In fact, he died on the cross while the other Passover lambs were being slaughtered.
- These are just a few examples of the rich typology and symbolism found in the Passover story. But this is only a primer, there is so much more. I encourage you to study these scriptures, study the Feasts of the Lord, learn about Jewish traditions and customs. Ask the Lord to **reveal** the New Testament **concealed** in the Old Testament! I guarantee, your faith will be deepened and enriched!