

The Passover

Exodus 12:1-28

Faith Portal Church

ADULT

Unit 11 Lesson 1

Supplemental Texts

Exo 11

Focus Verse

“That ye shall say, It is the sacrifice of the Lord's passover, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt, when he smote the Egyptians, and delivered our houses.” – Exodus 12:27

Introduction

God had indicated to Moses that the last plague was imminent, and that the Israelites should ask their Egyptian neighbors for silver and gold jewelry. This plague would strike the Egyptians around midnight (Exo 11:4), leading to the death of the firstborn in each family. Moses said that the plague would be so severe that there would be a great cry throughout Egypt.

Deeper Look

A One-Year-Old Lamb Without Blemish – Exo 12:1-20

As the deliverance of the Israelites approached, God ordered Moses and Aaron to remake their calendar, with the month of their redemption from Egypt as the first month of the year. On the tenth of this first month, each family would take a lamb—a male in its first year—without spot and keep it for four days until Passover, when the lamb would be killed. The Passover lamb had to be perfect. The blood of the lamb was to be applied on the two doorposts and on the lintel of each house where the lamb was to be eaten. The lamb had to be roasted and entirely eaten with unleavened bread and bitter herbs with no leftover that night. Jesus is our perfect Lamb that we must feed on to deliver us from sin and death (Matt 1:21; John 1:29; 19:14; 1 Cor 5:7). The people ate the lamb and applied its blood in faith for their salvation (Heb 11:28). We must receive Jesus by faith likewise (Eph 2:8). The Israelites would be spared when the Lord sees the blood. In the process, God instituted the Feasts of Passover and Unleavened Bread.

Moses Summoned All The Elders Of Israel – Exo 12:21-28

Moses called for the elders of Israel to observe the Passover as God had instructed Moses. The blood of the lamb was to be applied with hyssop, which was common in cleansing (Lev 14:6; Num 19:6,18; Psa 51:7). After this, everyone must remain inside until the morning. The Israelites were to make Passover sacrifice an ordinance forever. When Moses and Aaron told them what God had said, they bowed down and worshipped God, and they carried out all the instructions.

Questions

1. Why did God instruct Moses and Aaron to remake their calendar? What was the purpose of the lamb God instructed the Israelites to choose for each household?
2. Knowing the purpose of the lamb, what were the specifications of the lamb? Why were these specifications important to follow? What could possibly happen if a household decided to deviate from the specifications?
3. When the Israelites killed their lambs, how was the blood of the lambs to be used? What was the purpose of the blood? Looking back, what did the blood of the lambs prefigure?
4. Why did God tell the Israelites how to eat the Lord's Passover? See Exo 11:1. How should we present ourselves as we await the return of Christ?
5. What is the significance of using the blood as prescribed to the Israelites? What instruction must be obeyed thereafter to guarantee their protection when the Lord passed through Egypt? What does this mean to us spiritually? See Exo 11:4.
6. What do the feast of Passover and the feast of unleavened bread remind the Israelites? Why was it important for them to commemorate these feasts?
7. What is leaven? Most often, leaven is representative of sin, in the Bible. See Gal 5:9. How do sin and leaven compare?

Personal Meditation

We see Jesus embodied in the Passover. Jesus is our Passover Lamb (1 Cor 5:7). As God had said, the lamb must be without blemish, that is, spotless; and so was Jesus. He is perfect for our sin sacrifice because He was not at all tainted with sin (2 Cor 5:21; 1 Pet 3:18). Just as the lamb lived and bonded with the Israelites before being sacrificed, Jesus lived and bonded with us before He was sacrificed (John 1:14,29). Jesus can relate with us at any level if we would let Him. He is in touch with our grief, and He knows how it feels to be tempted (Isa 53:3-5; Heb 4:15). The lamb was killed, and its blood applied to the house in which they lived. Jesus is the Lamb of God sacrificed for our sin. His blood is applied upon our heart when we accept His atoning sacrifice. As the Israelites were instructed to remain in their house that night after applying the blood, so we must remain in Jesus for our continual deliverance and safety.

We must continue to abide in the presence of the Lord (Psa 91:1). Without Him, we become destitute (John 15:5). Following God's injunctions all the way is key to our spiritual victory!

DAILY STUDY

Monday	Exo 12:1-5
Tuesday	Exo 12: 6-10
Wednesday	Exo 12:11-14
Thursday	Exo 12:15-18
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