

**Sanctuary Messages Series**  
**Lesson 16: The Passover Lamb**  
**Bible Sermon Study Notes by Elijah Rodgers**

***Many were the wonders that The Lord God did in Egypt. He sent plague after plague to warn Pharaoh to let His people go. But time and time again Pharaoh hardened his heart against God. There were plagues of flies, lice, bloody rivers, frogs, hail, darkness, locusts, and painful sores, yet Pharaoh still refused to let God's people go. Finally, the warning was given for the 10<sup>th</sup> plague.***

Exodus 12:12 “For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I *am* the LORD.”

***Before this, God made a way to escape the doom. All who took heed to His command would be saved. Also, a feast was instituted in which the children of Israel would never forget the mighty deliverance that God wrought so that they could have freedom at last and no longer be in bondage.***

**What feast did God command the children of Israel to observe before leaving Egypt and what instructions did God give concerning it?**

Exodus 12:1-14, 21-23, 43-49

Exodus 12:1-14 And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, **2** This month *shall be* unto you the beginning of months: it *shall be* the first month of the year to you. **3** Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth *day* of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of *their* fathers, a lamb for an house: **4** And if the household be too little for the lamb, let him and his neighbour next unto his house take *it* according to the number of the souls; every man according to his eating shall make your count for the lamb. **5** Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take *it* out from the sheep, or from the goats: **6** And ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening. **7** And they shall take of the blood, and strike *it* on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it. **8** And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roast with fire, and unleavened bread; *and* with bitter *herbs* they shall eat it. **9** Eat not of it raw, nor sodden at all with water, but roast *with* fire; his head with his legs, and with the purtenance thereof. **10** And ye shall let nothing of it remain until the morning; and that which remaineth of it until the morning ye shall burn with fire. **11** And thus shall ye eat it; *with* your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat it in haste: it *is* the LORD'S passover. **12** For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I *am* the LORD. **13** And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye *are*: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy *you*, when I smite the land of Egypt. **14** And this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and ye shall keep it a feast to the LORD throughout your generations; ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance for ever.

Exodus 12:21-23 Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel, and said unto them, Draw out and take you a lamb according to your families, and kill the passover. **22** And ye shall take a

bunch of hyssop, and dip *it* in the blood that *is* in the bason, and strike the lintel and the two side posts with the blood that *is* in the bason; and none of you shall go out at the door of his house until the morning. **23** For the LORD will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when he seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, the LORD will pass over the door, and will not suffer the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite *you*.

**Exodus 12:43-51** And the LORD said unto Moses and Aaron, This *is* the ordinance of the passover: There shall no stranger eat thereof: **44** But every man's servant that is bought for money, when thou hast circumcised him, then shall he eat thereof. **45** A foreigner and an hired servant shall not eat thereof. **46** In one house shall it be eaten; thou shalt not carry forth ought of the flesh abroad out of the house; neither shall ye break a bone thereof. **47** All the congregation of Israel shall keep it. **48** And when a stranger shall sojourn with thee, and will keep the passover to the LORD, let all his males be circumcised, and then let him come near and keep it; and he shall be as one that is born in the land: for no uncircumcised person shall eat thereof. **49** One law shall be to him that is homeborn, and unto the stranger that sojourneth among you. **50** Thus did all the children of Israel; as the LORD commanded Moses and Aaron, so did they. **51** And it came to pass the selfsame day, *that* the LORD did bring the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt by their armies.

**Deuteronomy 16:1-7** Observe the month of Abib, and keep the passover unto the LORD thy God: for in the month of Abib the LORD thy God brought thee forth out of Egypt by night. **2** Thou shalt therefore sacrifice the passover unto the LORD thy God, of the flock and the herd, in the place which the LORD shall choose to place his name there. **3** Thou shalt eat no leavened bread with it; seven days shalt thou eat unleavened bread therewith, *even* the bread of affliction; for thou camest forth out of the land of Egypt in haste: that thou mayest remember the day when thou camest forth out of the land of Egypt all the days of thy life. **4** And there shall be no leavened bread seen with thee in all thy coast seven days; neither shall there *any thing* of the flesh, which thou sacrificedst the first day at even, remain all night until the morning. **5** Thou mayest not sacrifice the passover within any of thy gates, which the LORD thy God giveth thee: **6** But at the place which the LORD thy God shall choose to place his name in, there thou shalt sacrifice the passover at even, at the going down of the sun, at the season that thou camest forth out of Egypt. **7** And thou shalt roast and eat *it* in the place which the LORD thy God shall choose: and thou shalt turn in the morning, and go unto thy tents.

As Moses rehearsed to Israel the provisions of God for their deliverance, “the people bowed the head and worshiped.” The glad hope of freedom, the awful knowledge of the impending judgment upon their oppressors, the cares and labors incident to their speedy departure—all were for the time swallowed up in gratitude to their gracious Deliverer. Many of the Egyptians had been led to acknowledge the God of the Hebrews as the only true God, and these now begged to be permitted to find shelter in the homes of Israel when the destroying angel should pass through the land. They were gladly welcomed, and they pledged themselves henceforth to serve the God of Jacob and to go forth from Egypt with His people. PP 279.2

The Israelites obeyed the directions that God had given. Swiftly and secretly they made their preparations for departure. Their families were gathered, the paschal lamb slain, the flesh roasted with fire, the unleavened bread and bitter herbs prepared. The father and priest of the household sprinkled the blood upon the doorpost, and joined his family within the dwelling.

In haste and silence the paschal lamb was eaten. In awe the people prayed and watched, the heart of the eldest born, from the strong man down to the little child, throbbing with indefinable dread. Fathers and mothers clasped in their arms their loved first-born as they thought of the fearful stroke that was to fall that night. But no dwelling of Israel was visited by the death-dealing angel. The sign of blood—the sign of a Saviour's protection—was on their doors, and the destroyer entered not. PP 279

Answer: The Passover!

### **What does the word “Passover” mean?**

Passover = *exemption*

### **What did the passover feast commemorate?**

**Exodus 12:24-28** And ye shall observe this thing for an ordinance to thee and to thy sons for ever. **25** And it shall come to pass, when ye be come to the land which the LORD will give you, according as he hath promised, that ye shall keep this service. **26** And it shall come to pass, when your children shall say unto you, What mean ye by this service? **27** 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. And the people bowed the head and worshipped. **28** And the children of Israel went away, and did as the LORD had commanded Moses and Aaron, so did they.

#### Note:

*The Passover commemorated the deliverance of the children of Israel from Egypt, from slavery and bondage!*

*The Passover Feast was not only commemorative but also symbolic*

### **What accompanied the obedience of Moses and the children of Israel in obeying God requirements for the feast?**

**Hebrews 11:28** Through faith he kept the passover, and the sprinkling of blood, lest he that destroyed the firstborn should touch them.

### **Who does that Passover Lamb Symbolize?**

**1 Corinthians 5:7** Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:

(Jesus is our Passover Lamb)

John 1:29 “The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.”

### **What does the blood on the doorpost symbolize?**

**Ephesians 1:7** “In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace.”

**1 Peter 1:18** Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation *received* by tradition from your fathers;

**1 Peter 1:19** But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

### **What have we been redeemed from?**

**Colossians 1:12-14** Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: **13** Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated *us* into the kingdom of his dear Son: **14** In whom we have redemption through his blood, *even* the forgiveness of sins:

**Romans 6:23** “For the wages of sin *is* death; but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

Matthew 1:21

*There is POWER in the blood!*

*Leviticus 17:11—The life of the flesh is in the blood.*

Note:

*The blood on the doorpost symbolized and pointed to redemption which is made possible through the blood of Jesus Christ!*

*This reminds me of a powerful hymn called “look upon Jesus” the first line says, “Look upon Jesus, sinless is He; Father, impute His life unto me. My life of scarlet, my sin and woe, Cover with His life, whiter than snow.”*

*One of the things The Passover Feast reveals is how we can go from guilty to innocent!*

**Romans 3:24-25** Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: **25** Whom God hath set forth *to be* a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

Are you covered with His life?

### **What does the hyssop symbolize?**

**Exodus 12:22** And ye shall take a bunch of hyssop, and dip *it* in the blood that *is* in the bason, and strike the lintel and the two side posts with the blood that *is* in the bason; and none of you shall go out at the door of his house until the morning.

**Psalms 51:7** Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Note:

*Hyssop was used for medicinal and religious purposes*

*Note: Jesus not only wants to forgive our sins but also He wants to cleanse us!*

**1 John 1:7-9** But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. **8** If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. **9** If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

### **What did the bitter herbs symbolize?**

**Exodus 1:14** And they made their lives bitter with hard bondage, in mortar, and in brick, and in all manner of service in the field: all their service, wherein they made them serve, *was* with rigour.

**Zechariah 12:10** And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for *his* only *son*, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for *his* firstborn.

The bitterness represented the bitterness in bondage in Egypt. Bitterness of sin.

### **What Type of bread did they eat?**

Deuteronomy 16:1-7 Observe the month of Abib, and keep the passover unto the LORD thy God: for in the month of Abib the LORD thy God brought thee forth out of Egypt by night. **2** Thou shalt therefore sacrifice the passover unto the LORD thy God, of the flock and the herd, in the place which the LORD shall choose to place his name there. **3** Thou shalt eat no leavened bread with it; seven days shalt thou eat unleavened bread therewith, *even* the bread of affliction; for thou camest forth out of the land of Egypt in haste: that thou mayest remember the day when thou camest forth out of the land of Egypt all the days of thy life.

**Exodus 12:8** And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roast with fire, and unleavened bread; *and* with bitter *herbs* they shall eat it.

***During the Passover the Children of Israel also ate Unleavened bread.***

### **What did the Unleavened Bread symbolize?**

**1 Corinthians 5:6-8** Your glorying *is* not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump? **7** Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us: **8** Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened *bread* of sincerity and truth.

The lamb was to be eaten with bitter herbs, as pointing back to the bitterness of the bondage in Egypt. So when we feed upon Christ, it should be with contrition of heart, because of our sins. The use of unleavened bread also was significant. It was expressly enjoined in the law of the Passover, and as strictly observed by the Jews in their practice, that no leaven should be found in their houses during the feast. In like manner the leaven of sin must be put away from all who would receive life and nourishment from Christ. So Paul writes to the Corinthian church, "Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump.... For even Christ our

Passover is sacrificed for us: therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth." 1 Corinthians 5:7, 8. -Patriarchs & Prophets Pg. 278.1, E.G. White

### **Was this particular feast day fulfilled and how was it fulfilled?**

#### **The Lamb selection a few days before the Passover feast-**

**Type:** Exodus 12:3-5 Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth *day* of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of *their* fathers, a lamb for an house: 4 And if the household be too little for the lamb, let him and his neighbour next unto his house take *it* according to the number of the souls; every man according to his eating shall make your count for the lamb. 5 Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take *it* out from the sheep, or from the goats:

**Anti-type:** John 11:47-55 Then gathered the chief priests and the Pharisees a council, and said, What do we? for this man doeth many miracles. 48 If we let him thus alone, all *men* will believe on him: and the Romans shall come and take away both our place and nation. 49 And one of them, *named* Caiaphas, being the high priest that same year, said unto them, Ye know nothing at all, 50 Nor consider that it is expedient for us, that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not. 51 And this spake he not of himself: but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus should die for that nation; 52 And not for that nation only, but that also he should gather together in one the children of God that were scattered abroad. 53 Then from that day forth they took counsel together for to put him to death. 54 Jesus therefore walked no more openly among the Jews; but went thence unto a country near to the wilderness, into a city called Ephraim, and there continued with his disciples. 55 And the Jews' passover was nigh at hand: and many went out of the country up to Jerusalem before the passover, to purify themselves.

#### **The Lamb died on the day of the Passover which was the 14<sup>th</sup> day of the month of Abib-**

**Type:** Exodus 12:3 Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth *day* of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of *their* fathers, a lamb for an house:

**Anti-Type:** John 18:28 Then led they Jesus from Caiaphas unto the hall of judgment: and it was early; and they themselves went not into the judgment hall, lest they should be defiled; but that they might eat the passover.

Mark 14:12 And the first day of unleavened bread, when they killed the passover, his disciples said unto him, Where wilt thou that we go and prepare that thou mayest eat the passover?

John 19:14 And it was the preparation of the passover, and about the sixth hour: and he saith unto the Jews, Behold your King!



**John 19:14-16** And it was the preparation of the passover, and about the sixth hour: and he saith unto the Jews, Behold your King! **15** But they cried out, Away with *him*, away with *him*, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your King? The chief priests answered, We have no king but Caesar. **16** Then delivered he him therefore unto them to be crucified. And they took Jesus, and led *him* away.

**Matthew 27:46-50** And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, **Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?** that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? **47** Some of them that stood there, when they heard *that*, said, This *man* calleth for Elias. **48** And straightway one of them ran, and took a sponge, and filled *it* with vinegar, and put *it* on a reed, and gave him to drink. **49** The rest said, Let be, let us see whether Elias will come to save him. **50** Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost.

**Isaiah 53:5-7** But he *was* wounded for our transgressions, *he was* bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace *was* upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. **6** All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. **7** He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.

The Passover feast is prophetic! Jesus died on the cross on the very date of the Passover! Christ ate the Passover meal with His disciples in the evening and He still died on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of Abib which is the date of the Passover. Remember when a day begins. The evening and the morning were the 1<sup>st</sup> day, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, etc. So when the morning came it was still the 14<sup>th</sup> day. When the sun set on that Friday, the new day (the Sabbath) began. (Read Luke 23:50-56).

### **None of The Lamb's legs were broken-**

**Type: Exodus 12:46** In one house shall it be eaten; thou shalt not carry forth ought of the flesh abroad out of the house; neither shall ye break a bone thereof.

**Anti-Type: John 19:32-37** Then came the soldiers, and brake the legs of the first, and of the other which was crucified with him. **33** But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs: **34** But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water. **35** And he that saw *it* bare record, and his record is true: and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye might believe. **36** For these things were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be broken. **37** And again another scripture saith, They shall look on him whom they pierced.

**Psalms 34:20** He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken.

### **Lamb without blemish:**

**Type: Exodus 12:5** Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take *it* out from the sheep, or from the goats:

**Anti-type: 1 Peter 1:18-19** Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, *as* silver and gold, from your vain conversation *received* by tradition from your fathers; **19** But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

**Hebrews 4:14-16** Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast *our* profession. **15** For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as *we are, yet* without sin. **16** Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

**Was it enough just to kill the Lamb and to place blood on the doorpost? What else was to be done and what are we to do today?**

**Exodus 12:6** And ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening.

**Exodus 12:7** And they shall take of the blood, and strike *it* on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it.

**Exodus 12:8** And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roast with fire, and unleavened bread; *and* with bitter *herbs* they shall eat it.

**Exodus 12:9** Eat not of it raw, nor sodden at all with water, but roast *with* fire; his head with his legs, and with the purtenance thereof.

**Exodus 12:10** And ye shall let nothing of it remain until the morning; and that which remaineth of it until the morning ye shall burn with fire.

**Exodus 12:11** And thus shall ye eat it; *with* your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat it in haste: it is the LORD'S passover.

**John 6:53** Then Jesus said unto them, **Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.**

**John 1:12-14** But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, *even* to them that believe on his name: **13** Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. **14** And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

*The Passover was to be both commemorative and typical, not only pointing back to the deliverance from Egypt, but forward to the greater deliverance which Christ was to accomplish in freeing His people from the bondage of sin. The sacrificial lamb represents "the Lamb of God," in whom is our only hope of salvation. Says the apostle, "Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us." 1 Corinthians 5:7. It was not enough that the paschal lamb be slain; its blood must be sprinkled upon the doorposts; so the merits of Christ's blood must be applied to the soul. We must believe, not only that He died for the world, but that He died for us individually. We must appropriate to ourselves the virtue of the atoning sacrifice. {PP 277.1}*

**John 6:37** All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

***Stay tuned for the Feast of Unleavened Bread....***

*Do you want to be delivered?*