

# EXODUS: The Person, Promise, and Power of God

## Exodus 12, pt 1: The Blood of the Lamb

*"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" (Revelation 5:12)*

### The **command**:

*12 The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, <sup>2</sup> "This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. <sup>3</sup> Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household. <sup>4</sup> And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. <sup>5</sup> Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, <sup>6</sup> and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight.*

*<sup>7</sup> "Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. <sup>8</sup> They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. <sup>9</sup> Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. <sup>10</sup> And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. <sup>11</sup> In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. **It is the Lord's Passover.***

### Some important **observations**:

This is a \_\_\_\_\_ for Israel than can never be forgotten. The Passover is unlike any sign or judgment that preceded it. And must be forever \_\_\_\_\_.

The idea of "new leaven" explains this better for us in the New Testament:

*<sup>7</sup> Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. <sup>8</sup> Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. (1 Cor. 5:7-8)*

Also, this was a \_\_\_\_\_, not a human one. It is the Lord's Passover.

**Why was the Passover necessary at all?** Why didn't God simply cause the 10th plague which would lead to exodus?

Remember **God's two-fold purpose** in the Exodus:

*<sup>6</sup> Say therefore to the people of Israel, '**I am the Lord**, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will deliver you from slavery to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great acts of judgment. <sup>7</sup> I will take you to be my people, and I will be your God, and you shall know that I am the Lord your God, who has brought you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians. <sup>8</sup> I will bring you into the land that I swore to give to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. I will give it to you for a possession. **I am the Lord.**'" (Exodus 6:6-8)*

1) I will \_\_\_\_\_  
How?

2) I will \_\_\_\_\_  
How?

Remember what is **critically distinct about this plague** from all the others:

<sup>4</sup> So Moses said, "Thus says the Lord: 'About midnight **I will go out in the midst of Egypt ...** (Exodus 11:4)

This judgment was carried out without the mediation of Moses or Aaron. God himself personally visited this judgment upon the people.

All the previous plagues had left Israel unscathed because God made a distinction between them and Egypt. This time is different. This time Israel must obediently participate or face the same judgment as the Egyptians.

Why?

Israel's problem is no longer how to \_\_\_\_\_ Pharaoh, but how to be \_\_\_\_\_ before a holy God!

They were sinners by \_\_\_\_\_. (Eph. 3:23)

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Sin is a \_\_\_\_\_ offense. (Rom. 6:23)

The 10th plague was a sign of God's \_\_\_\_\_ against \_\_\_\_\_ humanity. (Rom. 3:9; 5:12)

The 10<sup>th</sup> plague was a foreshadowing of God's \_\_\_\_\_ for humanity. (John 1:29)

### The **promise**:

<sup>12</sup> For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. <sup>13</sup> The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And **when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.**

Why did God need to "see the blood"?

Only \_\_\_\_\_ has the astonishing power to atone for our sins and make us acceptable to God!

God \_\_\_\_\_ what He \_\_\_\_\_!

For Abraham - Gen. 22:8

For each family of the exodus - Ex. 12:13

For the nation of Israel - Lev. 23:26-27

For the world - John 1:29

The blood of the Passover Lamb ...

\_\_\_\_\_ God's \_\_\_\_\_ ...

\_\_\_\_\_ (made "safe") those who by \_\_\_\_\_ applied it ...

\_\_\_\_\_ for Israel's firstborn ...

\_\_\_\_\_ the exact demands and required perfections of God ...

\_\_\_\_\_ actually, not theoretically ...

## The memorial:

<sup>14</sup> "This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the Lord; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast. <sup>15</sup> Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread. On the first day you shall remove leaven out of your houses, for if anyone eats what is leavened, from the first day until the seventh day, that person shall be cut off from Israel. <sup>16</sup> On the first day you shall hold a holy assembly, and on the seventh day a holy assembly. No work shall be done on those days. But what everyone needs to eat, that alone may be prepared by you. <sup>17</sup> And you shall observe the Feast of Unleavened Bread, for on this very day I brought your hosts out of the land of Egypt. Therefore you shall observe this day, throughout your generations, as a statute forever. <sup>18</sup> In the first month, from the fourteenth day of the month at evening, you shall eat unleavened bread until the twenty-first day of the month at evening. <sup>19</sup> For seven days no leaven is to be found in your houses. If anyone eats what is leavened, that person will be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether he is a sojourner or a native of the land. <sup>20</sup> You shall eat nothing leavened; in all your dwelling places you shall eat unleavened bread."

<sup>21</sup> Then Moses called all the elders of Israel and said to them, "Go and select lambs for yourselves according to your clans, and kill the Passover lamb. <sup>22</sup> Take a bunch of hyssop and dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and touch the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood that is in the basin. None of you shall go out of the door of his house until the morning. <sup>23</sup> For the Lord will pass through to strike the Egyptians, and when he sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the Lord will pass over the door and will not allow the destroyer to enter your houses to strike you. <sup>24</sup> You shall observe this rite as a statute for you and for your sons forever. <sup>25</sup> And when you come to the land that the Lord will give you, as he has promised, you shall keep this service. <sup>26</sup> And when your children say to you, 'What do you mean by this service?' <sup>27</sup> you shall say, 'It is the sacrifice of the Lord's Passover, for he passed over the houses of the people of Israel in Egypt, when he struck the Egyptians but spared our houses.' " And the people bowed their heads and worshiped.

<sup>28</sup> Then the people of Israel went and did so; as the Lord had commanded Moses and Aaron, so they did.

A few observations:

- Passover was to be the central element of their \_\_\_\_\_ and of their \_\_\_\_\_.
- Passover is to be a \_\_\_\_\_ and a celebration of \_\_\_\_\_.
- Passover includes the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ as a testimony of God's power and grace.
- Passover foreshadows \_\_\_\_\_, our Passover Lamb!

**Next week:** Passover, Exodus, and the Feast of Unleavened Bread