

Lessons From the 10 Plagues *(Part 7 – The Passover)*

Purpose: to show what it took to finally free the children of Israel from slavery and compare it to what it took to free God's children from sin.

Now we come to the 10th plague; the one that finally caused Pharaoh to let God's people go. No frills, nothing fancy, let's just get right to it.

The Passover - Exodus 12:1-28

Take a lamb:

- *A lamb for a household* - According to each man's need
- *Without blemish* –(no sin)
- *Male of the first year* – in peak condition (Jesus was 33 years old)
- *Kept until the 14th day* – Jesus entered Jerusalem on the 10th day and was crucified on the 14th day

Kill the lamb:

- *Killed at twilight* – same as the crucifixion
- *Blood on the two doorposts and on the lintel* – without the blood no household would be saved
- *They were required to eat the flesh* –
“Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. For My flesh is food indeed, and My blood is drink indeed. He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him...”

John 6:54-56;

Eat the lamb:

- *With unleavened bread* – representing sincerity and truth
Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us. Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

1 Corinthians 5:7,8

- *With bitter herbs* – representing their bitter lives in Egypt and the suffering that we endure as followers of Jesus. Also representing repentance from sin
- *Roasted in fire* – a visible picture of Jesus
- *None of it to remain until morning* – so that it will not become corrupted (rot) Acts 2:27
- *Eat in haste* – they were going to have to leave quickly. We are strangers and pilgrims in this world

Two very important things mentioned:

The blood shall be a sign for you – a sign on your behalf.

Exo 12:13 - Now 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 the plague shall not be on you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

The day shall be a memorial – something that we must remember

Exo 12:14 - So this day shall be to you a memorial; and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD throughout your generations. You shall keep it as a feast by an everlasting ordinance.

The Tenth Plague: Exodus 12:29-32

- God brought forth judgement – v. 29
- The Egyptians cried – v. 30
- Pharaoh let them go – vs. 31,32

The Exodus: Exodus 12:33 – 42

- They went out in haste – 33,34
- They plundered the Egyptians – 35, 36 (pay for years of slavery)
- They left with a “mix multitude’ and with flocks and herds
- They left at the time that God told them they would leave
 - From Abraham's entrance into the promised land to the birth of Isaac, was 25 years; Isaac was 60 at the birth of Jacob; Jacob was 130 at his going into Egypt; where he and his children continued 215 years more; making in the whole 430 years.

Confirmation of the Passover: Exodus 12:43-51

Concluding remarks:

- The Passover was the final judgement on the sinful Egyptians
- In order to be saved, a lamb had to be slain, its flesh eaten and its blood shed in plain view.
- Whether you were an Egyptian or an Israelite, the blood had to be seen
- It took the death of the firstborn of Egypt to free God's people from slavery
- Jesus is the true sacrifice – the lamb of God
- Jesus was slain and His blood shed, and we must now eat His flesh (God's word)
- It took the death of the only begotten of the Father to free us from slavery