

Exodus 12.1-28

Death Passed Over

1. Glory of Judgement

a. Threat When God called Moses > Made His plans for Egypt CLEAR

And the LORD said to Moses, “When you go back to Egypt, see that you do before Pharaoh all the miracles that I have put in your power. But I will harden his heart, so that he will not let the people go. Then you shall say to Pharaoh, ‘Thus says the LORD, Israel is my firstborn son, and I say to you, “Let my son go that he may serve me.” If you refuse to let him go, behold, I will kill your firstborn son.’”

Exodus 4.21-23

STRONG and SCARY Warning from SOVEREIGN God of Heaven & Earth

He was MOCKED by the Pharaoh and IGNORED by the People of EGYPT

Pharaoh said, “Who is the LORD, that I should obey his voice and let Israel go? I do not know the LORD, and moreover, I will not let Israel go.” Exodus 5.2

Somewhat UNDERSTANDABLE – 400 yrs these People had been NO Threat

Prominent in Days of JOSEPH – People FORGOT – Now they’re Cheap Labor

Thierry heading for LUXEMBURG – Tiny Nation – BLINK on Autobahn Gone!

Old Man from Luxemburg – to BRUSSELS – Warns EU days are Numbered!

Many TONIGHT in Similar DANGER: NO FEAR of God, No Thoughts of God

Just because Cannot SEE Him – Does not mean it is SAFE to IGNORE Him

Then the LORD said to Moses, “Rise up early in the morning and present yourself before Pharaoh and say to him, ‘Thus says the LORD, the God of the Hebrews, “Let my people go, that they may serve me. For this time I will send all my plagues on you yourself, and on your servants and your people, so that you may know that there is none like me in all the earth.’” Exodus 9.13,14

b. Terror – Increasing SEVERITY – Plague by Plague – God kept His Promises

v. 12 on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD

God TRIUMPHED over gods of Egypt – REVEALED His Glory, Power, Justice

Blood – Darkness – Locusts – Boils – Gnats – Flies – Frogs – Locusts

EGYPTIANS would NEVER FORGET that YAHWEH is TRUE, LIVING GOD

the Egyptians... On their gods also the LORD executed judgments. Numbers 33.4

God NOW give FINAL BLOW – Defeat ALL their IDOLATROUS gods

LAST Plague is GLORIOUS Act of God's SOVEREIGN JUSTICE

SHOCKING – SOBERING – but NOT Surprising – GOD is HOLY

He sent Moses, his servant, and Aaron, whom he had chosen. They performed his signs among them and miracles in the land of Ham. He sent darkness, and made the land dark; they did not rebel against his words. He turned their waters into blood and caused their fish to die. Their land swarmed with frogs, even in the chambers of their kings. He spoke, and there came swarms of flies, and gnats throughout their country. He gave them hail for rain, and fiery lightning bolts through their land. He struck down their vines and fig trees, and shattered the trees of their country. He spoke, and the locusts came, young locusts without number, which devoured all the vegetation in their land and ate up the fruit of their ground. He struck down all the firstborn in their land, the firstfruits of all their strength. Psalm 105.26-36

2. Guilt of the Jews

What IS Surprising is God's TREATMENT of Nation of Israel

ESCAPED Brunt of Horrible Plagues > found SHELTER in Terrible STORM

WHY? Of Course, they were God's COVENANT People....Really...?

Were they SO RIGHTEOUS? Did they NOT DESERVE God's Punishment?

They (the foremen of the people of Israel) met Moses and Aaron...and they said to them, “The LORD look on you and judge, because you have made us stink in the sight of Pharaoh and his servants, and have put a sword in their hand to kill us.”
Exodus 5.20,21

REJECTED Word of God – Sin of SATAN in Garden of EDEN

Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD.
Joshua 24.14

Guilty of IDOLATRY > 400 yrs in Egypt, grew to LOVE their gods

Are you a PILGRIM in China or do YOU PARTICIPATE in the Sins of China?

ISRAELITES were SINNERS by NATURE > Son's Abe, Sons of ADAM

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God Romans 3.23

both Jews and Greeks, are under sin, as it is written: “None is righteous, no, not one
Romans 3.9,10

For this Reason the DEATH ANGEL visited EVERY Home in EGYPT

10th Plague was God's Judgment against ALL HUMANITY

If WAGES of Sin is DEATH > YOU and I DESERVE to DIE

3. Grace of Jesus

a. Promised

Tonight's Story of Passover 3000 years Old > But REALLY much OLDER

Seeds of Story seen in Garden of Eden - Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering he had no regard
Genesis 4.3-5

Cain REJECTED / Abel ACCEPTED – God required LAMB

God had COVERED their Guilty Parents with SKINS in Crime Scene of Garden

Because ANIMAL Died for them > They would live for Hundreds More Years!

Worst Day of Abraham's Life – Sacrifice his Beloved Son...

Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." Genesis 22.7,8

Isaac knew RIGHT QUESTION 500 yrs before Law of Moses

Abe knew RIGHT ANSWER 2000 yrs before Lord Jesus

Jesus: "Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad." John 8.56

b. Pictured

This NIGHT every PERSON in Egypt was GUILTY and Deserved Death

REASON God Visited Every HOME > TEACH them about Salvation

Needed ATONEMENT > God would ALLOW thru SUBSTITUTE

v. 3 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.

Needed to CHOOSE, CARE FOR, and finally KILL a Perfect LAMB

Lamb in HOME for 4 Days > FED and CARED for > BOND Formed

Head of Household – Pulls back NECK and SLITS its Throat

RED BLOOD spurts all over the Lamb's Pure WHITE WOOL

This Connection made DEEP IMPRESSION on FIRSTBORN Sons

That NIGHT they Heard WAILING of Death across Land of Egypt

Knew Someone DIED – Penalty for SIN been EXECUTED

Household LAMB TEMPORARILY Propitiated Wrath of God for them

Death came to every home in Egypt, either death of firstborn, or death of Lamb.

v. 13 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.

BLOOD was PRIMARILY a Sign for GOD > BLOCK Angel of DEATH

Death PASSED OVER > God's JUSTICE is SATISFIED, HONOR Vindicated

Israelites DODGED a BULLET > NOT Surprising it was their FIRST DAY

v. 2 “This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you.

“destroyer” – VISITED Every House > SAW the BLOOD on Some Homes

v. 23 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.

Wherever there is slaying and manipulation of blood there is expiation, and both these were present at the Passover. Geerhardus Vos

v. 15 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.

Connection – Passover WITH Feast of Unleavened Bread

LEAVEN – 1) People in a HURRY, 2) People called to be HOLY

YEAST was Transferred by taking a bit from Lump of Dough to a NEW LOAF

God did NOT Want Israel to take YEAST with them Out of EGYPT

NO TRACE of Egypt should be CARRIED Along by the People of God

Yeast > Appropriate SYMBOL for SIN > RELENTLESS SPREADS!

SIN tries to Extend its CORRUPTING Influence thru Person's WHOLE Life

God wanted to do something more than get his people out of Egypt; he wanted to get Egypt out of his people. Philip Ryken

“Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy.” Luke 12.1

Need ZERO-TOLERANCE Policy to SIN – Let it in, it will KEEP SPREADING

Danger of HOLDING On to Sins – Nursing Grudge, Secret Sins, Hold Bitterness

JEW Looked BACK on Passover like Christian LOOKS back to CROSS

Celebrated during 40 years Wandering in Wilderness –

The LORD spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the first month of the second year after they had come out of the land of Egypt, saying, “Let the people of Israel keep the Passover at its appointed time Numbers 9.1-3

While the people of Israel were encamped at Gilgal, they kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the month in the evening on the plains of Jericho. And the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate of the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. Joshua 5.10,11

Celebrate Passover & Unleavened Bread when ENTERED Promised Land

We are SAVED to be SANCTIFIED – LAMB > SAVES and SUSTAINS

King JOSIAH celebrated Passover > Slaughtered 37,000 SHEEP

For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. Hebrews 10.4

We firmly believe...the doctrine of the atoning death of our great Substitute...we stand to the literal substitution of Jesus Christ in the place of his people, and his real endurance of suffering and death in their stead, and from this distinct and

definite ground we will not move an inch... We dwell beneath the blood mark, and rejoice that Jesus for us poured out his soul unto death. Charles Spurgeon

c. Procured Jesus was CRUCIFIED on EVE of Passover

Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. John 13.1

Twilight: Lambs Sacrificed in Every Household in Israel > Law of Moses

Jerusalem City Fathers > Getting Ready to make an Offerings

Temple > High Priest preparing Lamb to make Atonement for Sins of Nation

Then – Jesus: Lamb of God for Sins of World – Hangs on Cross and Dies

For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. 1 Corinthians 5.7

Question asked by ISAAC 2000 yrs before “Where is Lamb?” Now Answered...

he (John) saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!” John 1.29

Jesus shed His BLOOD – Doctrine of Substitutionary Atonement

we have now been justified by his blood Romans 5.9

In him we have redemption through his blood Ephesians 1.7

to sanctify the people through his own blood Hebrews 13.12

you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot 1 Peter 1.18,19

the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin 1 John 1.7

DEATH of Lamb SAVED > Without Shedding of Blood, No Remission of Sin
 BLOOD had to APPLIED to Doorposts > Personal APPREHENSION

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. Galatians 2.20

Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior” Luke 1.46,47

Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” John 20.28

NOTHING Special about Hyssop – Grew like Weed – Cheap, Available...

v. 22 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.

Our faith may be as weak as the hyssop, but it's not faith in our faith that saves us, but faith in the blood of the Savior. Warren Wiersbe

Remember the former things of old; for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me Isaiah 46.9

Remember Jesus Christ 2 Timothy 2.8

If you were an ISRAELITE Captive in Egypt – Seen 9 Plagues Slam Nation
 Heard MUST kill Lamb – Smear Blood – FIRSTBORN of Home Destroyed
 Would YOU have SLAIN a Lamb and SPREAD the Blood? – SURELY!

By faith he (Moses) kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them. Hebrews 11.28

TONIGHT > Will YOU TRUST in Blood of Jesus Christ?

DARE you Stand Against DEATH ANGEL on your Own? No Covering?

Jesus “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.”

John 5.24

EXODUS 12 ¹The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, ²“This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell 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. ⁴And 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. ⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, ⁶and 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.

⁷“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. ⁸They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. ⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. ¹⁰And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. ¹¹In 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. ¹²For 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. ¹³The 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.

¹⁴“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. ¹⁵Seven 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. ¹⁶On 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. ¹⁷And 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. ¹⁸In 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. ¹⁹For 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. ²⁰You shall eat nothing leavened; in all your dwelling places you shall eat unleavened bread.”

²¹Then 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. ²²Take 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. ²³For 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. ²⁴You shall observe this rite as a statute for you and for your sons forever. ²⁵And when you come to the land that the LORD will give you, as he has promised, you shall keep this service. ²⁶And when your children say to you, ‘What do you mean by this service?’ ²⁷you 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. ²⁸Then the people of Israel went and did so; as the LORD had commanded Moses and Aaron, so they did.