

Exodus Chapter 12

John 1:29 “The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.”

V: 1-2 Again the Lord speaks to Moses and Aaron, this reflects a personal relationship – it makes me all the more want to hear God voice and direction in my life.

- This denotes a new beginning. Things will be forever different because of the Passover.

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:”

- When the shed blood of Jesus is poured over our lives, we too have a new beginning:

2 Corinthians 5:17 “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”

- First month, Abib (Ex. 13:4) Hebrew, Nissan; later adopted Babylonian calendar.

V: 3 Speak to the congregation of Israel: having grown from 70 people to somewhere around 2-3 million. (600,000 men + women & children)

- A lamb for every household – miraculously preserved through the plagues upon Egypt – God did certainly make a distinction; showing the difference between the two.

Romans 10:19 “But I say, did not Israel know? First Moses saith, I will provoke you to jealousy by them that are no people, and by a foolish nation will I anger you.”

- There is a progression that takes place.
 - **Genesis Ch. 4:** Abel offers a lamb as a sacrifice for himself, for one man.
 - **Exodus Ch. 12:** Here the lamb is offered as a sacrifice for the whole family / household.
 - **Exodus Ch. 29:** The priests were to offer a lamb for the nation.
 - **John Ch. 1:** We see the Lamb who is offered for the whole world.
- Time stamp, the 10th day of Abib.

V: 4 If the household is too small to consume the entire lamb, then they are to join with their neighbor to ensure that the entire lamb is eaten.

V: 5 *“Your lamb...”*

- Another progression:
 - V: 3 “a lamb...”
 - V: 4 “the lamb...”
 - V: 5 “Your lamb...” - personal

John 3:3 “... verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

- It has to be personal.

“... without blemish...”

- A blemish is an acquired defect. If the lamb got caught up in barbed wire, ripped it's skin and had a scar it couldn't be used. If it had been rescued from a wolf had scars from the wounds, it couldn't be used.
- A spot is an inherited defect, that's part of the genetic structure, a blemish is an acquired defect.

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

- Side note: Jesus didn't have any “spots” either, no inherited defects. Jesus did not have an inherited “sin nature” because He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin – no spots.

2 Corinthians 5:21 “For He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.”

- At his “trial” before Pilate: Jesus was declared to be innocent, a righteous man by 7 witnesses:
- Pilate, his wife, Judas, the Pharisees, Herod, the thief on the cross, and finally the Centurion

“... a male...”

Jesus was every bit a man.

John 1:14 “And the word became flesh, and we beheld His glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.”

- Jesus was more than just a man, more than just a human being – He was and is a “man’s man”.

John 19:5 “Then came Jesus forth, wearing the crown of thorns, and the purple robe. And Pilate saith unto them, behold the man!”

V: 6 The lamb was set apart on the 10th day, meaning it was examined and selected as the one.

- It was kept until the 14th day, then it was slain, cooked, and consumed.
- The 10th day was “Palm Sunday” the day of Jesus’ triumphant entry into Jerusalem, wherein He was presented to the nation of Israel.
- Jesus was then examined - 3 times:

Matthew 22 Examining, trying to trap Jesus in His words:

1. **Herodians**, sent by the Pharisees; “... *Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?*”
2. **Sadducees**; There was a man and a wife, 7 brothers – “... *in the resurrection who’s wife will she be?*”
3. **Pharisees**; “... *what is the greatest commandment?*”

- Jesus was “examined” by the political leaders, the economic leaders, and the religious leaders – in the end He was found to be without fault!
- The nation of Israel kept their Passover Lamb for 4 days, then...

“On the fourteenth day (Thursday) of the same month” - the lamb was killed...

- The whole assembly shall kill the lamb.
- It wasn’t just the Jews, or the Romans that killed the Lamb, it was the whole assembly.
- Jesus died for the sins of the world.

1 John 2:2 “And He is the propitiation for our sins: and not for our only, but also for the sins of the whole world.”

V: 7 The blood of the lamb was to be a covering, a “kofar” over the household. The blood of Jesus was more than a covering, which was temporary but it was both an expiation and a propitiation.

- **Expiation**: emphasized the removal of guilt through the payment of a penalty.
- **Propitiation**: emphasized the appeasement or averting of God’s wrath and justice, meeting the demand.

- Hyssop was used to spread the blood onto the door posts and lintel, symbolic of the cross.
- The household was then safe behind the cross.

Notice: the blood was applied to the two side posts, and to the upper post – but not to the threshold, not to the part on the floor where you walk in.

- The blood of the Lamb was not to be trampled under foot.

This may be what the writer of Hebrews refers to:

Hebrews 10:29 “Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?”

V: 8-9 Eating it all that night, no left-overs.

John 6:48 “I am the bread of life.”

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.”

- Roasted over the fire, not to be eaten raw, or to be boiled.
- Fire represents wrath, as in God’s wrath poured out upon the Lamb of God.
- Roasted intact, none of it’s bones to be broken (V: 46)
- Un-leavened bread – without yeast, in haste.
- No leaven in the bread. Leaven or leavening is a process by which the bread rises through putrification; essentially a small portion of leaven, yeast or leavened dough is added to the un-leavened dough, which then begins the process in the “fresh dough”. As the bread rots or de-composes little air bubbles are produced which causes the bread to “rise” – when you look at a slice of bread or of cake we see the air bubbles throughout which gives it texture.
- Un-leavened bread is a type of flat bread, it’s not puffed up.
- Leaven is a type of sin, pride causes us to be puffed, and it has a putrifying effect in our lives.

Jesus warned us His disciples:

Luke 12:1 “Beware ye of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy.”

- A little bit of leaven introduced into a lump of doe, permeates or leaven’s the whole lump.

- A little bit of sin tolerated in our lives; unless it is dealt with in a Biblical manner begins to spread, it grows, it infiltrates, it begins to putrify – unchecked it leads to death.

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

John 6:48 “I am the bread of life.”

- Jesus was without sin; hence He was the un-leavened bread of life...
- Bitter herbs: a reminder of what they’re being delivered from.

“... Purtenance thereof.” *The insides.*

Matthew 22:37 “Jesus said unto him, thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.”

V: 10 It is to be completely consumed.

John 19:30 “It is finished.” – tetelestai!

- Nothing left to do, it is accomplished. God’s redemptive work on the cross is complete.

“burn with fire...”

Ephesians 4:8-10 “⁸Wherefore he saith, when He ascended up on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. ⁹Now that He ascended, what is it but that He also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that He might fill all things.”

V: 11 “Loins girded” – Long robes / belt to hold their robe up, freeing them to run, to move in haste – unencumbered.

- Shoes on, staff in hand – ready to walk out the door.
- Be ready to go! And be ready to receive Him back!

Be ready!

2 Timothy 4:2 “Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.”

1 Peter 3:15 “But sanctify the Lord god in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear.”

V: 12-13 God appoints the time of judgment, then and now.

Hebrews 9:27 “And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment.”

1. Speaking of Egypt, God will pass “through” Egypt in judgment.
 2. Speaking of Israel; God will pass “over” Israel in protection from judgment.
- God smites the firstborn of both man and beast.
 - God executes judgment against “all the gods of Egypt” – all the plagues thus far have been directed as some aspect of their pagan worship system – including Pharaoh himself.
 - The blood is a sign, a token – to the Israelites that night, and to us this day - we’re safe behind the blood of Jesus.
 - God sees us through the blood of Jesus, otherwise we too would be toast!

V: 14 The Passover or the Feast of Un-leavened bread is still celebrated today.

1 Corinthians 11:26 “For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord’s death till He come.”

- When Jesus ate the Passover meal with His disciples, He brought out the true meaning of it.
- Previously the Passover commemorated God’s deliverance of the children of Israel from bondage in Egypt; Jesus showed them that through His death on the cross, His sacrifice, they would be delivered from the bondage of sin and death.

Jesus told His disciples:

“this cup is a new covenant in My blood: which is shed for the remission of sins. Do this in remembrance of Me. For as often as you eat this bread, and drink this cup, you will show My death.”

V: 15-20 The first day after Passover was the first day of the feast of unleavened bread. (7 days) Which ever day this fell on it became a Sabbath, or “High Sabbath” day – which was Friday. Saturday was the next regular Sabbath day.

V: 16-17 Holy convocation – a Holy assembly.

- No work was to be done, except food preparation.
- Why no work? – Nothing resembling or akin to human effort or performance would be allowed or recognized because V: 17
“I brought your armies out of the land of Egypt” – not you.

A picture of God's grace:

Ephesians 2:8-9 “⁸For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: ⁹Not of works, lest any man should boast.”

- This is a description of the requirements and what the feast would look like.

Later Paul tells us:

1 Corinthians 5:7-8 “⁷Purge 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: ⁸Therefore 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.”

- Moses is receiving instruction from the Lord, he would then turn around and give the same instruction to the people.
- This is a feast that they could keep while on the road.

V: 18-20 Ye shall eat un-leavened bread.

- Whosoever eats leavened bread shall be cut off from the congregation.
- In all your habitations, you shall eat un-leavened bread.
- If you don't eat the un-leavened bread, if you didn't partake - you are cut off from the congregation.

Just as Jesus said:

John 6:53 “... 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.” – cut off!

V: 21-22 The appointed time has come.

- Stay inside – abide in Him.

John 15:5-6 “⁵Jesus said, I am the vine, you are the branches, he that abides in Me and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit, but apart from Me you can do nothing. ⁶If a man abide not in Me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.”

Romans 5:9 “Much more then, being now justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.”

1 Thessalonians 5:9 “For God has not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ.”

V: 23 Jesus brought out the true meaning of Passover when at the last supper:

- He took the bread and broke it and said this is my body which is broken for you – do this in remembrance of Me.
- When He took the cup and gave it to His disciples and said “this cup is a new covenant in My blood: which is shed for the remission of sins. Do this in remembrance of Me.”
- No longer speaking of the lamb in Egypt, of that shadow of things to come, but of the real Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world, a place of safety in the day of judgment.

2 Peter 2:9 “The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished.”

V: 24-28 Two extraordinary and noteworthy things take place in this portion of scripture:

- Moses relates the word of God to the people – through the elders.
- The people respond to the word of God in two ways:
 1. They bowed their heads and worshipped God.
 2. They went their way and did what the Lord commanded.

Psalm 119:18 “Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.”

[1-2 Kings, 1-2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah – page 794](#)

Nehemiah 8:1-6 [Turn to / read:](#)

- Obedience:

Ezra 7:10 “For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the Lord, and to do it, and to teach in Israel statutes and judgments.”

1 John 3:18 “My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.”

V: 29 -30 The Lord did exactly what He said He would do.

- Now Pharaoh & Egypt respond to the word of God.

V: 31-32 Pharaoh relents – he sends the children of Israel out from Egypt on God's terms.

And bless me also?

V: 33-36 The Lord went before the people and gave them favor with the Egyptians and they spoiled the Egyptians.

Psalm 105:37-38 ³⁷He brought them forth also with silver and gold: and there was not one feeble person among their tribes. ³⁸Egypt was glad when they departed: for the fear of them fell upon them.”

- They got their back wages.

V: 37 The children of Israel began to move out, from Goshen initially getting to Rameses. (Map)

- 600,000 men equates to 2-3 million people when you figure women and children.

V: 38 A mixed multitude; believers, non-believers, wheat – tares.

- This situation becomes more evident when the going gets a little rough.

Amos 3:3 “How can two walk together unless they be agreed?”

1 John 2:19 “They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us.”

“very much cattle” – a contrast to the cattle of Egypt.

V: 39 Obedience, dependency upon the Lord for provision, movement – they are on the move.

V: 40-42 430 years – sojourning, dwelling in a strange land, not their own.

Genesis 15:13-14 ¹³And He said unto Abram, know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years; ¹⁴and also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge: and afterward shall they come out with great substance.”

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- There is a parenthetical break here, where the Lord again is speaking to Moses, giving further instruction, more details about the Passover meal and the Feast of Unleavened Bread.

V: 43-45 Just like Paul’s admonition about communion – this is not for unbelievers.

1 Corinthians 11:27-30 ²⁷Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. ²⁹For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. ³⁰For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep."

- From God's perspective, there are things that you can, and there are things that you cannot do with an un-believer.
- The admonition from **2 Corinthians 6:14** about being un-equally yoked with un-believers is very explicit.
- Yet this admonition is so frequently ignored by those who say they are believers, but God doesn't ignore it.

V: 46 *"... neither shall ye break a bone thereof."*

Psalm 34:20 "He keepeth all His bones: not one of them is broken."

John 19:33 "But when they came to Jesus, and saw that He was dead already, they brake not his legs:"

John 19:36 "For these things were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled, a bone of Him shall not be broken."

V: 47-49 Again the issue of who can partake, only the family of God.

- Circumcision being the sign of the covenant between God and His people.
- Symbolic of those who would determine not to live a life after the flesh, but I'm going to live after the spirit; cutting off the flesh, the life of the flesh.

V: 50 Victory by being obedient to God's word.

John 8:31-32 "... If ye continue in My word, then are ye My disciples indeed; ³²and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

V: 51 The children of Israel were brought out of the land of Egypt, being delivered from their bondage.

John 8:36 "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed."