

## Exodus Chapter 13

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- Previously God had brought the final plague upon Pharaoh, and upon Egypt – forcing Pharaoh to yield to the will of God and let the children of Israel go.
- The firstborn in all of the land of Egypt had died, yet God had made provision for His people, He protected them.
- God commanded Moses to tell the children of Israel that just before sundown on the fourteenth day of the first month, they were to slay a lamb of the first year without blemish.
- They were to take some of the blood and using a hyssop branch they were to sprinkle or paint some of the blood over the lintel and door posts of their houses.
- The Lord said that when He saw the blood on the lintel and door posts that He would “Passover” that house, and the first born of Israel would be spared.
- This was in essence the redemption of the firstborn; their life was redeemed, or spared because of the sacrificial lamb which became a substitute. A substitutionary death; Abraham / ram, Mt. Moriah instead of Isaac.
- Moses was instructed to commemorate this event by the inauguration of a yearly feast called the “Feast of Passover”, by which the people remembered God’s deliverance from Egypt by this final plague.
- Jesus took these same symbols of the Passover, this memorial of God’s deliverance from the bondage of Egypt, bondage from the world; and applied it to Himself.
- He took the Passover bread and broke it saying “take, eat, this is My body which is broken for you.”
- He took the Passover cup, and He gave it to His disciples, and He said “this is the cup of the new covenant in My blood which is shed for the remission of sins.” Jesus instructed them to do this in remembrance of Him.

Paul teaches us:

**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.”

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**Exodus 12:51**      “And it came to pass the self-same day, that the Lord did bring the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt by their armies.”

As we move into chapter 13:

- Egypt has been spoiled, they are reeling from the plague of the first born.
  - Israel has moved from the area of Goshen to Succoth - God again begins to speak:
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V: 1-2 **“Sanctify”** (H6942). qadash, to cause or make, pronounce or observe as clean, ceremonially or morally; consecrate, dedicate; holy, holiness, brightness.

**Genesis 2:3** “And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it He had rested from all His work which God created and made.”

- Sanctification; there is both a positional application, and a practical application.

**1 Corinthians 1:2** “Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord:”

**1 Corinthians 1:30** “But of Him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:”

**Leviticus 19:2 / 1 Peter 1:16** “... be ye holy; for I am holy.”

**1 John 3:2-3** <sup>2</sup>“Beloved, now are we the sons of God, (position) and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is. <sup>3</sup>And every man that hath this hope in Him purifieth himself, even as He is pure.” (practicality)

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- The first born of Egypt of both man and beast had just been slain; God protected the first born of Israel, and He lays claim to them.
  - The reason for this is stated at the end of verse 2: “*it is mine*”.
  - Just as God lays claim to the first born, He lays claim to us as well:

**1 Peter 1:18-19** <sup>18</sup>“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; <sup>19</sup>but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.”

- A Lamb was sacrificed for our redemption, spotless & pure.

**1 Corinthians 6:19-20** <sup>19</sup>“What, know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which he have of God, and ye are not your own? <sup>20</sup>For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.”

- God owns us, He redeemed us.

Because we too are His firstborn:

**Hebrews 12:22-23** <sup>22</sup>“But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the Living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, <sup>23</sup>to the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect.”

- This was a commandment of God, a law which Moses carried out, and the people carried out:

Jesus was the firstborn:

**Luke 2:22-24** “<sup>22</sup>And when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished, they brought Him to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord; <sup>23</sup>As it is written in the law of the Lord, every male that openeth the womb shall be called holy to the Lord; <sup>24</sup>And to offer a sacrifice according to that which is said in the law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.”

V: 3 Seeming subject jump: this is part of the “how” relative to the children of Israel being sanctified unto the Lord.

- There is a command or direction in this verse: Remember this day that you came out of Egypt.
- After this it is broken up into two parts: **What** we are to remember, and **how** we are to remember it.
  1. **What** we are to remember: “For by strength of hand the Lord brought you out from this place:” (4X’s) V: 9, 14, 16.
  2. **How** we are to remember it: “there shall no leavened bread be eaten.”
- Two reminders:
  1. It was the Lord’s strong hand that brought the people out of Egypt.
  2. No leavened bread shall be eaten for 7 days.

**Isaiah 42:8** “I am the Lord: that is my name: and My glory will I not give to another, neither My praise to graven images.”

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

- “Leaven” or yeast is an analogy or type for sin.
- Leaven is essentially aged or rotting dough. As it breaks down in the decomposition process oxygen is released into the dough which causes it to rise – which is why you see the air bubbles in baked bread and cake.
- In those days they would save or hold back a little bit of old dough to introduce into the next loaf. A little bit of the old would leaven the whole lump of the next and so on.
- Leaven or sin causes us to be puffed up as well, and if not dealt with in a Biblical manner – will lead to our putrefaction and death.

**Romans 6:23** “For the wages of sin is death...”

- The bread itself is a type of Jesus.

Jesus said: John 6:48

**John 6:48** “I am the bread of life.”

**John 6:51** “I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live forever: and the bread that I will give is My flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.”

- Jesus is sinless – the spotless Lamb of God – for the typology to be true, the bread would have to be without sin / leaven as well.
- Here God has the prohibition that during the Feast of Unleavened Bread, during the Passover there was to be no leaven in the bread, and no leaven in the house.

V: 4 the 14<sup>th</sup> day of Abib / Nisan – which is roughly equivalent to early April.

V: 5 When, not “if” the Lord brings them into the land of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Hivites, and Jebusites.

- This is the fulfillment of the promise that God made to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in Genesis Ch. 15.

V: 6-7 The feast of Un-leavened Bread would last 7 days.

- Again; the admonition there was to be no leaven found in their habitation.
- To this day, as the Passover meal is celebrated, or a Seder dinner, part of the tradition and fun is to have the kids search all through the house looking for leaven to make sure that there is none to be found. They always find some and kind of get to be the hero – thus the purging of the leaven out of their houses so they can eat the Passover.
- It is good for us every now and then to examine our own households, our own lives just to see what we’ve taken in or what we may have embraced that might constitute leaven in our own lives and that of our families.

As Paul instructs us about Communion, he ends his teaching with the admonition:

**1 Corinthians 11:31** “For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged.”

V: 8 They were to instruct their sons as to why they were keeping the feast and what the commemoration was all about.

- Giving God the glory for the great things He hath done.

- One of the most basic of the Hebrew prayers was the “Shema”, essentially it was the Hebrew statement of faith; it is recorded for us in **Deuteronomy 6:4-7**

**Deuteronomy 6:4-7**      “<sup>4</sup>Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God is one Lord: <sup>5</sup>And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. <sup>6</sup>And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: <sup>7</sup>And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.”

- The instruction of our children is to be ongoing.

**Proverbs 22:6**      “Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.”

V: 9      Based on this scripture and others; like **Deuteronomy 6:9** - Many Jews have taken this very literally and have adopted the use of a phylactery in their prayer time.

- They would write these scriptures on paper and stuff them into little boxes, bound in leather, and bind them on their foreheads and on their left arms as they prayed.

*“... that the Lord’s Law may be in thy mouth:”* – we’re to speak it, tell them...

*What are we to remember?*

- Again, it was the Lord’s strong hand that brought the children of Israel out of Egypt.

V: 10      All of this will be a yearly or annual observance.

V: 11-13      Once again – when you come into the promised land.

- The firstborn males of both beast and men shall be the Lord’s.
- This is the beginning of the concept of “first-fruits”, God claims the firstborn, the first fruits – the first belongs to God.

**James 1:17**      “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.”

**Proverbs 3:9**      “Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the first-fruits of all thine increase.”

- God doesn't want the unclean animals such as donkeys, so it's to be redeemed with a lamb.
  - Interesting that an ass or donkey is to be redeemed with a lamb; we're usually likened to sheep, but I guess the analogy still works, if you get my drift....
  - If you don't want to give a lamb to redeem it, then they were to break it's neck, kill it – it belongs to the Lord – we have no right to it.
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What has just happened?

- We see this birth of the nation; it takes place through the Passover. God's first born is "redeemed" each with a lamb.

**Exodus 4:22** "And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh, thus saith the Lord, Israel is My son, even My firstborn:"

- Pharaoh's first born, and that of Egypt – in this scenario the first born of the beast or the ass is not redeemed with a lamb – and they are killed.
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V: 14-16 Again this concept of teaching, training up our children, glorifying God.

- It's important for us to somehow pass onto the next generation Biblical truth, to testifying of the great things that God has done in our lives.
- Our lives become a living testimony to the next generation.

**Ephesians 3:3** "Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart."

- Again, what are we to remember - V: 14 & 16 it was the Lord's strong hand that brought them out of Egypt.
- Same statements 4 times – there is a clue here.
- The Biblical truth that is to be passed onto our children in this case is about redemption:

Explanation: "... *but all the firstborn of my children I redeem*"

- Redemption: substitutionary death; substitutionary atonement; a Lamb is sacrificed, when God sees the blood of the Lamb sacrificed for us – we are redeemed – He passes over us and we escape the 2<sup>nd</sup> death.

V: 17-18 “... *God led them...*”

- God made it a point to lead the children of Israel out along the Red Sea, and not directly to the promise land because he knew that fear would cause them to turn back to Pharaoh – that through lack of faith they would turn back to the world.

**Psalm 103:14** “For He knoweth our frame; He remembereth that we are dust.”

- He going to teaches something first as He prepares us.

**1 John 2:15** “Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.”

“Harnessed”: (H 2571) chamush, khaw-moosh'; able bodied soldiers, orderly, formation.

- Speaks of armed men, military men.
- This means two things:
  1. They were in good physical condition, like military men.

**Psalm 106:37** “He brought them forth also with silver and gold: and there was not one feeble person among their tribes.”

2. They went forth in an orderly fashion, like a military unit in formation, marching in ranks. (Numbers ch. 2)

**1 Corinthians 14:33** “For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.”

**Isaiah 40:11** “He shall feed His flock like a shepherd: He shall gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young.”

V: 19 Honoring Joseph’s request, they took with them the bones of Joseph.

Joseph knew that this day would come:

**Genesis 50:24-25** “<sup>24</sup>And Joseph said unto his brethren, I die: and God will surely visit you, and bring you out of this land unto the land which he sware to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. <sup>25</sup>And Joseph took an oath of the children of Israel, saying, god will surely visit you, and ye shall carry up my bones from hence.”

V: 20 They journeyed from Succoth to Etham at the edge of the wilderness. (Map)

- This is the beginning of their “legitimate” wilderness experience – as God led them.
- During this time, they would learn to depend upon God, they would see so much of His character, and His nature. Then they would enter the promise land having passed through the wilderness in fellowship with Him.
- Later they are disobedient to God and experience 40 years of wandering in the wilderness, which is considered their “illegitimate” wilderness experience.
- In reality it is only about a 10 day journey from Egypt to the land of Canaan.
- God would take them along another route that would take about a year.
- Time to get them out of Egypt, and time to get Egypt out of them!

V: 21-22 The Lord went before them! He led them by the way they should go.

**Isaiah 30:21** “And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, this is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.”

Jesus reassures us:

**John 14:16** “And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever.”

Jesus says:

**John 14:18** “I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.”

**John 16:13** “Howbeit when He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth...”

**Psalms 105:39** “He spread a cloud for a covering; and fire to give light in the night.”

- The cloud in the day time provided much needed protection, shade from the scorching sun – something they had probably never experienced.

The Lord manifested Himself in the Shekinah glory of God; He stayed with them.

**Hebrews 13:5** “Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for He hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.”

**Matthew 28:20** “... lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the age. Amen.”



**Deuteronomy 8:2-3** <sup>2</sup>“And thou shalt remember all the way which the Lord thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep His commandments, or no. <sup>3</sup>And He humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that He might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the Lord doth man live.”

- Lord, why are we going through this?
    1. To sound them out in their faith.
    2. To show them that He is their provision
    3. To teach them an utter dependence upon the Word of God.
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We're to be sanctified:

1. Positionally we are / we're redeemed by the blood of the Lamb.
2. Practically – we're to be holy, even as He is holy.
3. We're to remember – we've been delivered from the life of sin, and the penalty of death by His strong hand, not ours.
4. We're to teach our children these things.
5. He will lead us, He'll always be with us.
6. He'll bring us to the place of rest in His presence.