

MONDAY *July 28* **The Passover**

Read Exodus 12:1–20. What specific instructions does God give to Moses and Aaron before Israel leaves Egypt?

One would expect God to instruct Moses and Aaron about how to organize the departure from Egypt: that is, how to make provisions for the escape, especially for the elderly, mothers with small children, animals, and so forth. Instead, God's instruction is surprising: He tells them how to celebrate the Passover. In other words, the focus is on worshiping the Lord, who was going to redeem them. Everything else would follow in due time.

Each family was to prepare a lamb, with nothing wasted. Everyone had to eat his or her portion, and if the family could not consume the entire lamb, they were to eat the meal together with another family.

Read Exodus 12:13, 14. What was the Lord going to do for them when the final plague came? What does all this symbolize?

And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt. And this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and ye shall keep it a feast to the LORD throughout your generations; ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance for ever.

IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE AGAIN PARALLELS BETWEEN EXODUS AND THE PROPHETIC BOOK OF REVELATION WHEN IT COMES TO THE 7 LAST PLAGUES. LIKE THE EGYPTIANS AND THEIR gods SO WITH SPIRITUAL BABYLON AND THE COALITION OF FALSE WORSHIP IN THE LAST DAYS. THE 7 LAST PLAGUES - REMIND EARTHS INHABITANTS THAT WORSHIPPING THE SUN THAT IS NOW SCORCHING MEN OR WORSHIPPING DARKNESS RATHER THAN LIGHT OR MAKING A god OF THE CLIMATE HAS PROVEN TO BE A BASE COUNTERFEIT OF SELF WORSHIP VERSES THE WORSHIP OF OUR CREATOR GOD. FOR DESPITE MANS BEST EFFORTS, THE CLIMATE OF PLANET EARTH COMPLETELY FAILED.

THIS DELIVERANCE FROM THE ANGEL OF DEATH REPRESENTS THE GOSPEL DELIVERANCE FROM THE WAGES OF SIN. THIS MEMORIAL WAS REPLACED IN THE NEW TESTAMENT BY THE LORDS SUPPER WHICH IT POINTED FORWARD TO. CHRIST IS THE REALITY THE PASSOVER LAMB WAS THE SHADOW. CHRIST'S PERFECT LIFE UNBLEMISHED BY SIN AND HIS SACRIFICIAL SUBSTITUTIONARY DEATH FULFILLED THE OT TYPES.

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: (1 CORINTHIANS 5:7)

BASED ON THE HISTORY OF THE PASSOVER AND ITS REPLACEMENT BY THE
LORDS SUPPER WE CAN BIBLICALLY STATE THAT THE PASSOVER WAS A TYPE
OF THE GOSPEL FORESHADOWING THE DELIVERANCE ACCOMPLISHED FOR US
BY JESUS CHRIST THE TRUE LAMB WHO TAKES AWAY THE SIN OF WORLD
(JOHN 1:29).

THEREFORE IT IS SIGNIFICANT TO NOTE WHAT WE HAVE DONE IN OUR
HISTORY REGARDING THE GOSPEL. IN 1888 WE REJECTED A MESSAGE THAT
WAS TO PLACE MORE EMPHASIS ON THE GOSPEL AND TAKE EMPHASIS OFF
THE LAW WHICH WE WERE PREACHING UNTIL WE WERE AS DRY AS THE
HILLS OF GILBOA. EVIDENCE OF OUR FAILURE TO ACCEPT THIS MESSAGE
IS FOUND IN THE FACT THAT WE ARE STILL HERE ON PLANET EARTH AND
CHRIST HAS NOT YET RETURNED.

ANOTHER EVIDENCE IS OF OUR FAILURE TO FULLY EMBRACE THE GOSPEL
MESSAGE IS FOUND IN OUR OWN DEPICTION OF THE TEN COMMANDMENTS.
OFTEN WE NOTE THAT THE TEN COMMANDMENTS AS TAUGHT BY THE
CATHOLIC CHURCH HAS BEEN CHANGED - THEY LEFT OUT PART OF THE 2ND
COMMANDMENT FORBIDDING THE WORSHIP OF IMAGES SINCE THEY BOW
BEFORE STATUES OF JESUS, MARY AND OTHER SAINTS.

WE HAVE LEFT OFF PART OF THE FIRST COMMANDMENT WHICH CONTAINS
THE GOSPEL AND REMINDS US OF THE MOTIVATION BEHIND COMMANDMENT
KEEPING.

EXODUS 20:1, 2

John 14:15

1 John 4:19

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS AS TAUGHT BY THE US - LEFT OUT PART OF THE
FIRST - PIC OF 10 COMMANDMENTS IN LOBBY OF WORSHIP CENTER -

The Exodus was to be celebrated regularly each year, not merely as a commemoration of a past event of what God had done for their forefathers, but also as the actualization of God's liberating act for the present generation. This was to be a fresh experience for each group.

Verses 12 and 13 explain the meaning of the Passover: the divine judgment of destruction will "pass over" the Israelites; thus, they were to commemorate "Passover." This word is a combination of two words, "pass" and "over," because the destruction "passed over" the Israelite homes on which the doorposts had been marked by the blood of the lamb, the sign of life and salvation. In Hebrew, the name of Passover is *Pesach*, from a verb that means "to pass over."

The celebration of the Passover was to remind every Israelite of the mighty and gracious acts of God on behalf of His people. This celebration helped to secure their national identity and seal their religious convictions.

Why is it so important always to remember the good that God has done to you in the past and to trust that He will do good for you in the future, as well?

