

Exodus 20 – Our Passover & Unleavened Bread Feasts

Exodus (Names) – Changing the World

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Exodus 12:1-28

Passover & Unleavened Bread



These belong to us also

- These instructions in Exodus belong to us according to the New Testament
 - Passover
 - Unleavened Bread
- We do not need to celebrate these as those who claim to be Jews do, but we are to celebrate them daily by how we live our lives in His grace

Instructions as a Memorial

- This section of Exodus contains the instructions that are to be followed, even after they enter Israel
- Christ kept these festivals also with His apostles
- The “Lord’s Supper” came out of the Passover meal (third cup of wine) which was surrounded by the feast of Unleavened Bread

Instructions for a Reason

- These specific instructions were for this one occurrence in Egypt since they were going to be expelled abruptly
- Later, these instructions will be tailored to fit varying circumstances
 - Wilderness tabernacle
 - Temple
 - No Temple periods: Disporia and post Jerusalem period

Keeping the Celebration

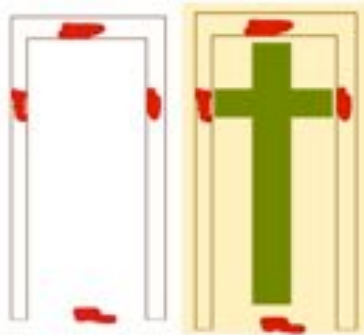
- I do not think it adds to our belief to keep the celebration as the Jews do today
- We could get lost in the ritual and miss the spiritual truth conveyed in the ritual
- Yet, understanding the ritual would help Christians understand their roots in Judaism, and their future

This begins their New Year

- This feast is the beginning of their annual religious festival year
 - They begin their civil year at a different time
- They are to procure a male lamb about one year old
 - Tenth day of the month
 - Kill the lamb on the 14th day of the month

Sprinkle the Blood – (A Cross)

- Kill the lamb before the door
- Splash blood on the lintel and door posts
- This blood spares the first born son from the Destroyer

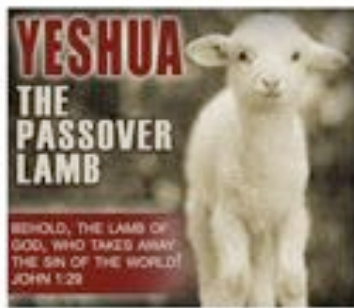


The Original Passover

- The people were to roast the lamb whole and burn any leftovers
- They were to eat the meal dressed for travel, ready to leave at any moment
- One lamb per family or several families to prevent wastage of the lamb sacrifice

Christ is our Passover Lamb

ON Earth



In Heaven



Bible Links Christ with the Passover

- Christ is the Passover Lamb for ALL who are saved, Jew and Gentile
- We keep the memorial in our churches while we live the reality in our lives



Christ Looked for the Blood

- When Christ came to a house He looked for the blood on the door lintel and posts
 - If He saw the blood He prevented the Destroyer (Seraphim) from entering the house
 - If He did not see the blood the Destroyer entered the house, palace, prison, to kill the first born son from Pharaoh to the slave to the prisoner

Blood Placed in Faith not Works

- This had never been heard of before this night
 - Faith was required to believe that God could do as He said and that the blood would protect the first born son
 - This was done once as Christ was sacrificed once (1st 9:24:26)
- Pointed ahead to the sacrifice of Christ on the cross
 - When He saw the blood He was being reminded of His coming sacrifice on the cross

Unleavened Bread Feast

- This was to start on the evening of the 14th day of the first month, same day as the lamb was to be sacrificed
- This was to last for seven days, until the 21st day
 - This was to show the haste they were thrust out of Egypt and the days of travel in haste
 - This was also to show the future result of the Passover sacrifice

Unleavened Bread – New Covenant

- It is impossible for the old nature to live in sincerity and truth (1st 5:7-8)
- This is possible only with the new creation as it is empowered by the Holy Spirit
- This looks forward to the day when all who are saved shall have their new body – no sin in the flesh (1st 3:15-42:46)

The Two are Linked

- There cannot be a transformation from a natural body of sin (Old Nature) to a spiritual body (New Creation) except through the shedding of blood (Heb. 9:22)
- Through these intimately linked rituals Christ shows us that the blood of the sacrifice is *required* to realize the sinless body which will live in eternity future with Him

Christ is our First Fruit (1Co. 15:20-22)

- Christ the Passover Lamb was killed for our sin
- He was raised because His sacrifice was acceptable
- He was given a new body like we shall receive in time
- Through man (Adam) sin came to all people
- Through man (Jesus) redemption came to those called

This Story is Our Story Also

- This future awaits ALL who are in Christ, the redeemed down through history as illustrated by the twin rituals
 - Passover
 - Unleavened Bread
- Just as Pharaoh will thrust the Hebrews out of Egypt, so the world thrusts us out of its presence (2Co. 2:15-16)