





Shepherds

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Lambs

1. The Passover is the great type:

Ex 12:12-13 'For I will pass through the land of Egypt on that night, and will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the Lord. ¹³ Now 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 the plague shall not be on you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

2. The sacrifice inaugurated a new calendar and a new life for God's people:

Ex 12:2 “This month shall be your beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year to you.

3. The sacrifice was to be a family affair:

Ex 12:3, 21, 26-27 Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying: ‘On the tenth of this month every man shall take for himself a lamb, according to the house of his father, a lamb for a household. ... ²¹ Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel and said to them, “Pick out and take lambs for yourselves according to your families, and kill the Passover lamb. ... ²⁶ And it shall be, when your children say to you, ‘What do you mean by this service?’ ²⁷ that you shall say, ‘It is the Passover sacrifice of the Lord, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt when He struck the Egyptians and delivered our households.’” So the people bowed their heads and worshiped.

4. The night of the Passover, all, Egyptian and Israelite alike, were placed outside the covenant of God:

Ex 12:22-23 And you shall take a bunch of hyssop, dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and strike the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood that is in the basin. And none of you shall go out of the door of his house until morning. 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 not allow the destroyer to come into your houses to strike you.

Mt 3:7-9 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸ Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance, ⁹ and do not think to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones.

Rom 2:11-12 For there is no partiality with God. ¹² For as many as have sinned without law will also perish without law, and as many as have sinned in the law will be judged by the law

3:9-10, 23 What then? Are we better than they? Not at all. For we have previously charged both Jews and Greeks that they are all under sin. ¹⁰ As it is written: "There is none righteous, no, not one; ... ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

5. The way of salvation was made clear:

- Simple
- Singular

The fulfillment of the type:

1 Cor 5:7 Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us.

Jn 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!

1 Pet 1:18-20 knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

The death of the Lamb purchased our salvation:

- Life only comes from death: Jn 12:24, 32-33, Heb 9:22
- He was without sin or fault: Jn 19:4-6, 14:30, Heb 4:15
- His death tore the veil: Mt 27:50-51
- His death opens the door to the throne: Heb 9:15, 10:19-22
- His stripes give us spiritual healing: 1 Pet 2:24

His death made a full & final payment for our sins:

- Jesus finished the work: Jn 17:4, 19:30
- We do not earn or deserve salvation, it is a gift – we can add nothing to it: Eph 2:8-9, Rom 6:23
- Jesus tasted death for all of us: Heb 2:9

His payment had to be received:

- The only difference in those who were saved and those who were not was the response of obedience:
- The blood had to be displayed openly: Ex 12:7

Mt 10:32-33 “Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. ³³ But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.

Mk 8:38 For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.”

Rev 7:13-14 Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, "Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?" ¹⁴And I said to him, "Sir, you know." So he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.



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1 Pet 2:25 Shepherd and Bishop of your souls

1 Pet 5:4 chief Shepherd

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- rejected by his brother
- gave his life over a sacrifice to God
- shed his blood at the hands of his own brother

2. Jacob – the toiling shepherd

- hated by his brother
- left his father's house
- dwelt in a far country

3. Joseph – the exalted shepherd

- rejected by his brothers
- was potentially put to death
- banished to a far away country
- received a Gentile bride
- became the savior of his brothers and many others

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- was accepted by his own at his return

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- forced to flee into the land of the Philistines
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