

**Tuesday, March 6, 2018**

**Final Sacrifice – [Exodus 12:21-27](#)**

*Then Moses called all the elders of Israel and said to them, "Go and select lambs for yourselves according to your clans, and kill the Passover lamb."*

Exodus 12:21

The stories of the Old Testament continually point us forward to the cross of Jesus. All of the Hebrew scriptures are marching us to the cross, revealing God's great holiness, our great sin, and God's glorious offer to reconcile sinful man to a holy God.

When Pharaoh once again refused to set free the people of Israel, God warned Moses that the final, dreadful plague would come upon the land. The firstborn male from the greatest in the palace to the lowest in the dungeons would die. Families across the nation of Egypt would wail from the devastation.

The only hope to be spared such grief would be to kill a one-year old lamb, gather the entire family to roast it, and eat all of it. Then, they are to spread the blood of the lamb on the two doorposts and the lintel of the home. At midnight, the angel of the Lord would pass through the land, bringing death to every Egyptian home. But, to every home covered with the blood of the lamb, the destroyer would pass over.

It happened just as the Lord had said. The people who trusted God were protected by the blood and that very night were freed from the bondage of slavery. They fled from Pharaoh's presence and hurried out of Egypt.

When Moses announced to the people God's plan for salvation by the Passover lamb, they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord. Then, they acted with obedience to accomplish all that the Lord had commanded. When freedom came, they were ready.

This plan to free the Israelites from bondage through the Passover lamb pointed to THE coming Passover Lamb. All who are covered by the blood of Jesus, our Passover, are set free from the bondage of sin. When we recognize the pain of the cost of freedom and joy that it brings each person who trusts in the Lord, our right response is to bow in worship.

Today, humbly worship God, thanking Him for passing over your sin through Jesus, your Passover Lamb. He bought your freedom.