

## The First Passover

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Exodus 12:1-13; 14-28

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### The Passover - everyone faces wages of sin

- God visited both Egyptian & Israelite homes - 12:12-13, 23
- God's Mercy provided a way of escape - 12:12-13, 23 cover of blood
- Israel had sinned:
  - rejected God's Word - Ex 5:21
  - guilty of idolatry - Jos 24:14 our command: Deut 6:13; Lk 4:8
  - sinners by nature - children of Adam: Rom 5:12; Rom 3:9

Apply: Are you covered by the blood & ready? Heb 9:27-28

### God's Provision - the Lamb of God

- God visited every home to show His justice - Rom 3:23; Ex 12:23
- God is Gracious & Merciful to His people : God provided a covering (atonement) to protect them from His wrath
  - v3-6 instructed how
  - each house choose a lamb w/o blemish (foreshadow Savior, Jesus)
  - lamb kept in house (relationship); then substituted by death
  - feast (sensible sign) unleavened bread- haste; bitter herbs- Ex 1:14
- God required blood sacrifice for salvation - nothing new
  - Adam & Eve Gen 3:21 animals sacrificed for clothing (covering)
  - Cain/Abel Gen 4:3-5 Abel brought animal, his was accepted
  - Abraham : God provided sacrifice: Gen 22:2, 7-8, 11-12, 13
- Progression through Scripture - redemptive history
  - First: - 1 lamb for 1 person - Adam; Abel; Isaac
  - Passover - 1 lamb for household
  - Mosaic Law - 1 lamb for Israel (Day of Atonement Lev 16)
  - New Covenant - 1 Lamb for all who believe Rev 13:8

APPLY: Anyone who wants to come to God must come to God on the basis of the Lamb that He has provided!

## God's Perfect Provision - Jesus the Lamb of God

- all the lambs of Scripture point towards Jesus - the perfect Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world Jn 1:29
- Passover lamb had to be w/o blemish; Jesus was w/o sin Heb 4:15; Lk 23:4
  - was born of a virgin so free from original sin Mt 1:23; Lk 1:34-35
  - Jesus was sinless 1 Pet 2:22; Heb 4:15; Jn 19:6
  - Jesus is the Ultimate Passover Lamb - Heb 9:14
  - Jesus crucified at Passover Jn 13:1; 18:28; Mt 26:17
  - Jesus' words at Passover: Mt 26:26-28 Passover is Mel
  - Christ was crucified on eve of Passover... at same time all over city fathers were slaughtering their lambs
  - Christ's Blood - like lamb provides covering for us Ex 12:11-13; 23

APPLY: Are you in faith covered by the blood of the Lamb Jesus Christ?

Eph 1:7; 1Pet 1:18-19

### Think & Discuss:

- We don't often think about God judging all people (Heb 9:27-28). What must it have been like to be an Israelite (be an Egyptian) on that fateful night Ex 12:29-32? How does that make you feel that you will face God's judgment? What does it mean to be eagerly waiting for Jesus? Are you sure you are ready?
- God gave instructions to His people (Ex 12:3ff) on how to be protected. How would you outline God's instructions today to be protected?
- Think about what it meant to have the lamb live in the house for 4 days? What are the implications? How would some in the house reacted to the slaughter of the lamb after living with it?
- God has always required a Lamb. What are the benefits of living in the New Covenant? What are the responsibilities?
- Read Ephesians 1:7; 1 Peter 1:18-19. How is Christ your Passover Lamb? What does that mean?