



# Calvary of Albuquerque

## Exodus 12 - Exodus 12

From the Series, Exodus

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### MESSAGE SUMMARY

After nine previous plagues, the LORD ensures the deliverance of His people in the plague of the death of the firstborn. Before the Angel of the LORD visits Egypt, God provides a way of escape for His people, and the Passover is instituted. Let's take a careful look at this commemoration of Israel's deliverance and learn how Passover predicted our own deliverance as well.

### OUTLINE

The Passover Instituted - (vv. 1-28)

The Tenth Plague: Death of the Firstborn - (vv. 29-30)

The Exodus - (vv. 31-42)

The Passover Regulations - (vv. 43-51)

### DETAILED NOTES

#### I. Introduction

##### A. Tenth Plague: Death

1. More space in Scripture than the nine previous plagues
2. Center of Jewish history: Passover
3. Basis of relationship with God is the blood of an innocent victim
4. Different from other plagues
  - a. Scope and intensity
  - b. Interactive plague: Children of Israel participate
    - Select a lamb
    - Kill it
    - Apply blood to the doorway
    - Act of faith (makes no human sense, do it because of belief)

##### B. Scene Shifts

1. From Moses and Aaron speaking to Pharaoh
2. God speaks to Moses and Aaron
3. Moses and Aaron speak to Israel
4. Focus shifts from the royal palace to the encampment of slaves

##### C. Repetitive: Passover is a memorial for generations to come

1. Passover Seder
2. Feast of Unleavened Bread

##### D. Exodus 1-11 : Subjugation—Slavery

##### E. Exodus 12-14: Emancipation—Freedom

##### F. Passover: Prophetic, typological implications "Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us." (1 Corinthians 5:7)

#### II. Exodus 12

##### A. Jewish Calendar

###### 1. Centered on redemption

1. Like a Christian having new life in Christ "You once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience," (Ephesians 2:2)
2. Real life came when we came to Jesus Christ
3. Walked- meandered, walked without purpose

###### 2. Beginning of months

- a. Nisan: Passover month, first month
- b. Tishri: Jewish New Year, seventh month
- c. Like the new year compared to the school year or the fiscal year

###### 3. Based on three astronomical phenomena

- a. Rotation of the earth on its axis (one day)
- b. Revolution of the moon around the earth (one month)
- c. Revolution of the earth around the sun (one year)
- d. Twenty-nine and a half days for the moon to circuit the earth
- e. Twelve lunar months
- f. 354 days in the entire Jewish calendar
- g. Festival kept upon the solar year
- h. Jewish calendar adds the month of Adar occasionally

##### B. First spiritual ceremony: a family gathering



1. A nation is only as strong as its families
  2. Judaism/Israel are family focused
    - a. Shabbat (Friday sunset-Saturday sunset)
    - b. Husbands buy flowers for wife
    - c. Dress nicely
    - d. Family dinner
    - e. Prayer
    - f. God is the center
  3. Studies show that kids who eat family meals are better off physically and emotionally
- C. Share the Lamb if there are too few to eat it
1. pesach - Passover
  2. Minimum number to share one lamb was ten by the second temple period (New Testament)
    - a. 256,000 lambs slaughtered in one year, according to Josephus Flavius
    - b. 2 ¾ million converged in Jerusalem to celebrate Passover
- D. Spiritual progression of the lamb
1. A lamb (v. 3)
    - a. As the unsaved view Jesus Christ
    - b. One among many
    - c. A good moral teacher
  2. The lamb (v. 4)
    - a. Holy Spirit awakens your understanding
    - b. The only one
    - c. "Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12)
  3. Your lamb (v.5)
    - a. Personally saved
    - b. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me." (Galatians 2:20)
- E. Passover: the clearest and most striking foreshadowing of the Cross
1. Abraham and Isaac - "My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb" (Genesis 22:8)
  2. "He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so He opened not His mouth." (Isaiah 53:7)
  3. "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29)
  4. "For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us." (1 Corinthians 5:7)
  5. "You were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot." (1 Peter 1:18-19)
  6. "A Lamb as though it had been slain" (Revelation 5:6)
  7. "The Lamb slain from the foundation of the world" (Revelation 13:8)
- F. The Passover Lamb
1. Select a lamb on the 10th of Nissan
  2. Keep it five days
  3. When you kill it on the 14th of Nissan, it is a sacrifice
  4. Kill it at twilight (between evenings)
    - a. First evening is sometime after 12 noon (about 3), when the intensity of the sun decreases
    - b. Second evening before sunset
    - c. Time span accommodates the number of lambs to be sacrificed
- G. Unleavened Bread
1. Bake and eat quickly
  2. Leaven
    - a. Symbol of corruption, evil, and decay
    - b. When you add leaven to bread, it ferments
    - c. Unleavened bread doesn't decay
    - d. "Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new batch without yeast--as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb has been sacrificed. Therefore let us keep the Festival, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and wickedness, but with bread without yeast, the bread of sincerity and truth." (1 Corinthians 15:6-8)
    - e. "Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy." (Luke 12:1)
  3. Jesus died the 14th of Nissan, buried the 15th of Nissan; His body didn't see decay
- H. Eat it in haste, belt on and sandals on
1. At any moment the Angel of Death would come
  2. In the same way, we should anticipate the return of Jesus Christ
    - a. "Let your waist be girded and your lamps burning;" (Luke 12:35)
    - b. "And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure." (1 John 3:3)
- I. The Passover meal : the Seder dinner (the strict order)
1. Fine tablecloth
  2. Egg - symbolizes hope, new life
  3. Roasted bone of lamb - blood of the lamb on the doorposts and lentils in Egypt
  4. Saltwater- tears shed by Israel in Egypt
  5. Bitter herbs of parsley, romaine-bitterness of bondage and suffering
    - a. Dipped in saltwater
    - b. Dipped in wine-sprinkled as the blood was sprinkled on the doorposts and lentils

- c. Horseradish
- 6. Charoseth (chopped apples, cinnamon, wine, nuts) - the mortar for bricks
- 7. Cinnamon stick - the straw for bricks
- 8. Bread - unleavened Matzo - 3 pieces represent 3 strata of society
  - a. Priests
  - b. Levites
  - c. People
  - d. Center piece removed and broken
  - e. Jesus took bread, blessed it and broke it  
Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech Ha-Olam, hamotzee lechem meen ha aretz. (Blessed are You, Yahweh our Elohim, King of the Universe, who brings forth bread from the Earth.)  
"Take, eat; this is My body." (Matthew 26:26)
- 9. Four glasses of wine
  - a. Deliverance
  - b. Sanctification
  - c. Judgment
  - d. Celebration
  - e. Jesus took the cup  
Baruch Atah Adonai Eloheinu Melech Ha-Olam, boreh p'ri ha-gafen.  
Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the Universe, Creator of the fruit of the vine.  
"This is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins." (Matthew 26: 28)
- 10. Host reads Exodus 12:1-13
- 11. Recount the ten plagues
- 12. Haggadah- the telling
  - a. How is this night different?
  - b. Four questions from the son  
All other nights we eat both leavened bread and Matzo, why do we eat only matzo?  
All other nights we eat various vegetables, why do we eat bitter herbs?  
All other nights we eat hastily, but tonight we fast leisurely and keep vigil?  
All other nights we talk of mundane matters, why do we relate the full story of the Exodus?
- J. Night nobody slept: the Lord struck all the firstborn
- K. Vv. 29-30 form a refrain of a poem recited at Passover "An Only Kid"
- L. The Egyptians helped them pack and get out
- M. 600,000 men plus children and wives
  - 1. Between 2-3 million people
  - 2. Descendants of the 70 who came from Canaan into Egypt
- N. The mixed multitude
  - 1. Egyptians who intermarried with the Israelites, unequally yoked
  - 2. Will become troublemakers (See Numbers 11)
- O. 430 years (God rounded down in Genesis when he told Abraham)
- P. This is the ordinance of Passover. No outsider shall eat it.
  - 1. Eating speaks that you are under the covenant of Abraham Isaac, Jacob
  - 2. Demonstrates you believe by faith
  - 3. Paul said of Last Supper you eat and drink damnation to yourself, when taken in an unworthy manner (See 1 Corinthians 11:21-31)
- Q. Not break the bones
  - 1. "He guards all his bones; not one of them is broken." (Psalm 34:20)
  - 2. Jesus fulfills the prophecy (See John 19:36)
- R. No uncircumcised can take it - sign of the covenant
- S. Passover's two roles
  - 1. Commemoration of Israel's deliverance
  - 2. Prediction of our Deliverance

**Hebrew Terms:** pesach - Passover; Baruch Atah Adonai Eloheinu Melech Ha-Olam, boreh p'ri ha-gafen. (Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the Universe, Creator of the fruit of the vine.); Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech Ha-Olam, hamotzee lechem meen ha aretz. (Blessed are You, Yahweh our Elohim, King of the Universe, who brings forth bread from the Earth.)

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