

## “The Passover and the New Covenant in Jesus”

Exodus 12:21-30

### Introduction

**The Bottom Line:** Jesus is the fulfillment of the Passover!

- **The Passover was the work of God Himself to set His people free.**

The Passover was planned, initiated, and accomplished by the LORD.

Exodus 3:7-9

Exodus 6:1-2

Exodus 19:4-6 “You yourselves have seen what **I did** to Egypt, and how **I carried you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself**.<sup>5</sup> Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine,<sup>6</sup> you will be for me a **kingdom of priests and a holy nation**.’ These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites.”

The story of the Moses and the Exodus is an archetypal story that has been seen by many people over the centuries to be relevant to their lives

- **In the Passover we see the necessity of the blood sacrifice.**

vv.21-23 “Then Moses summoned all the elders of Israel and said to them, “Go at once and select the animals for your families and slaughter the Passover lamb.<sup>22</sup> Take a bunch of hyssop, dip it into the blood in the basin and put some of the blood on the top and on both sides of the doorframe. None of you shall go out of the door of your house until morning.<sup>23</sup> When the LORD goes through the land to strike down the Egyptians, he will see the blood on the top and sides of the doorframe and will pass over that doorway, and he will not permit the destroyer to enter your houses and strike you down.”

- **In the Passover we see the significance of the firstborn.**

Exodus 4:22-23

Exodus 22:29b

Exodus 34:19-20

vv. 29-30 “At midnight the LORD struck down all the firstborn in Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh, who sat on the throne, to the firstborn of the prisoner, who was in the dungeon, and the firstborn of all the livestock as well.<sup>30</sup> Pharaoh and all

his officials and all the Egyptians got up during the night, and there was loud wailing in Egypt, for there was not a house without someone dead.”

- **The Passover was to be a lasting ordinance to be observed yearly.**

vv. 24-28 ““Obey these instructions as a lasting ordinance for you and your descendants.<sup>25</sup> When you enter the land that the LORD will give you as he promised, observe this ceremony.<sup>26</sup> And when your children ask you, ‘What does this ceremony mean to you?’<sup>27</sup> then tell them, ‘It is the Passover sacrifice to the LORD, who passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt and spared our homes when he struck down the Egyptians.’” Then the people bowed down and worshiped.<sup>28</sup> The Israelites did just what the LORD commanded Moses and Aaron.”

The regulations here in Exodus 12 (and part of 13) are instructions for the slaves in Egypt, but also for future generations to remember and observe. Unfortunately, the Israelites failed repeatedly in consistently carrying on the practice and observation of Passover.

**In Passover we also see the importance of unleavened bread.**

- **Jesus is the fulfillment of the Passover and also issues the blessing of the New Covenant.**

Jeremiah 31:31-33

Luke 22:20

1 Corinthians 11:25-26

John 1:29-30

Revelation 5:9-13

Colossians 1:15-20

1 Corinthians 5:7-8

Galatians 5:1,13

### Conclusion

- Take Communion to reaffirm our commitment to Jesus
- Remember what He has done for others, and for you, and give Him thanks.
- Praise and worship Him through song, hymns and spiritual songs.
- Pass on the message of His salvation, freedom, deliverance, redemption to others.