

## Exodus 12:1-20 **Passover and Unleavened Bread – Ordinance and Instructions**

<sup>1</sup> Now the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, <sup>2</sup> "This month shall be your beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year to you.

<sup>3</sup> Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying: 'On the tenth day of this month every man shall take for himself a lamb, according to the house of his father, a lamb for a household. <sup>4</sup> And if the household is too small for the lamb, let him and his neighbor next to his house take it according to the number of the persons; according to each man's need you shall make your count for the lamb. <sup>5</sup> Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats.

<sup>6</sup> Now you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month. Then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it at twilight. <sup>7</sup> And they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses where they eat it. <sup>8</sup> Then they shall eat the flesh on that night; roasted in fire, with unleavened bread and with bitter herbs they shall eat it. <sup>9</sup> Do not eat it raw, nor boiled at all with water, but roasted in fire--its head with its legs and its entrails. <sup>10</sup> You shall let none of it remain until morning, and what remains of it until morning you shall burn with fire. <sup>11</sup> And thus you shall eat it: with a belt on your waist, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. So you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD's Passover.

<sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> 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.

<sup>14</sup> So this day shall be to you a memorial; and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD throughout your generations. You shall keep it as a feast by an everlasting ordinance. <sup>15</sup> Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread. On the first day you shall remove leaven from your houses. For whoever eats leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that person shall be cut off from Israel.

<sup>16</sup> On the first day there shall be a holy convocation, and on the seventh day there shall be a holy convocation for you. No manner of work shall be done on them; but that which everyone must eat--that only may be prepared by you. <sup>17</sup> So you shall observe the Feast of Unleavened Bread, for on this same day I will have brought your armies out of the land of Egypt. Therefore you shall observe this day throughout your generations as an everlasting ordinance.

<sup>18</sup> In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at evening, you shall eat unleavened bread, until the twenty-first day of the month at evening. <sup>19</sup> For seven days no leaven shall be found in your houses, since whoever eats what is leavened, that same person shall be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether he is a stranger or a native of the land. <sup>20</sup> You shall eat nothing leavened; in all your dwellings you shall eat unleavened bread.' " NKJV

### Facts Revealed:

- ✧ The month in which the Passover occurred was established by God Himself as the first month of the year for Israel.
- ✧ A lamb from the sheep or the goats must be kept from the tenth day to the fourteenth day.

- ✧ In this way the families develop a personal bond with the lamb.
- ✧ Thus killing the lamb after five days will seem more a sacrifice of a family member, than just taking a lamb from the flock and butchering it for food.
- ✧ This is a picture of God's ultimate Sacrifice of His Own Passover Lamb at the same time of year when He sent His Own Son to the cross of Calvary to bear the sins of the world, providing with His Own Blood a covering for sins for everyone.
- ✧ The Sacrifice of God's Own Son was painful to Him just as the sacrifice of a pet for the life of a human family would be to us, and God wanted Israel to sense the significance of it all.
- ✧ It portrayed the truth that only blood provides an acceptable covering for sin as the blood was applied to the doorposts and lintel of the door of the house in which the believers lived so death would not enter. [Hebrews 9:22, 1 Peter 1:19, Leviticus 17:11]
  - ✧ This is the truth of the precedent that God had established with Adam and Eve when they first sinned in the Garden of Eden and God covered them with coats made from the skin of a lamb God had slain for their sin covering. [Genesis 3:21, Hebrews 9:22, Leviticus 17:11, Proverbs 27:26]
- ✧ The lamb was to be roasted in fire and eaten with bitter herbs.
  - ✧ This spoke prophetically of the fire of the wrath of God against sin of mankind, as Jesus bore the sins of the world on His shoulders on the cross of Golgotha.
  - ✧ It was to remind the generations to come, of the Children of Israel and the world, of the fire of the wrath of God against idolatry as He had brought His plagues against all the gods of Egypt.
  - ✧ To remind the world and His people Israel of the fiery injustice of slavery.
  - ✧ The bitter herbs are to remind us all of the bitterness of life under the oppression of slavery from which God was delivering Israel.
  - ✧ It was to be consumed completely and the remainder burned in fire to demonstrate that the judgments of God will not linger or continue forever, but they are here for a purpose and will end when the purpose is fulfilled.
  - ✧ Passover dinner was to be eaten in haste, fully clothed, and with staff in hand, ready to travel.
  - ✧ Reminding them that the departure from bondage in Egypt would be done in haste, as the Egyptians will be driving them out, to be rid of the cause of suffering from the plagues God had brought upon Egypt, which will end by the death of the firstborn of Egypt as God's plague of death passes over the obedient Children of Israel.
- ✧ **It is Yehowah's Passover.**
  - ✧ God 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**.
  - ✧ God will execute **judgment against all the gods of Egypt** to prove that **Yehowah alone is God**.
  - ✧ The blood on the door posts and lintel is a sign, and God said, "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."
- ✧ **Passover** is a day God Himself has ordained to be a memorial throughout all generations.
  - ✧ It is a **Feast to Yehowah** by an **everlasting ordinance**.
- ✧ **Feast of Unleavened Bread**
  - ✧ The seven days following the night of Passover are the days of Unleavened Bread.

- ✧ The first day, Leaven is to be entirely removed from the houses.
  - ✧ Leaven is not to be eaten at all during this time, with the punishment of being cut off from Israel (put to death) for those who disobey.
  - ✧ The first and the seventh day shall be a holy convocation (a called holy assembly).
  - ✧ No work shall be done on the first day or on the seventh day except that required to prepare meals.
- ✧ **The Feast of Unleavened Bread** is also an everlasting ordinance throughout the generations.
- ✧ It is a reminder that on these days of the year Yehowah brought Israel with all her armies out of the land of Egypt.
  - ✧ Unleavened bread is to be eaten from the evening meal on the fourteenth day of the month through evening meal on the twenty first day of the month.
  - ✧ This ordinance applies to native born Children of Israel and also to any other person among them.