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Exodus 12

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Exodus 12.

(A brief overview of the main topics).

Topics.

- The LORD tells Moses this month is to be the first month of the year.
- Israel is to take a male lamb without blemish and kill it at twilight.
- Israel puts the blood of the lamb on doorposts and lintel of their house.
- Israel eats the lamb that night (it is called the LORD'S Passover).
- The LORD strikes down the firstborn of Pharaoh and of Egypt.
- Death does not touch anyone whose doorposts the blood was on.
- Pharaoh tells Moses and Aaron to go and serve the LORD their God.
- The Egyptians hurry Israel out for fear they would all be struck dead.
- Israel journeys from Rameses to Succoth on foot.
- The Feast of Passover (the Feast of Unleavened Bread) is established.

INTRODUCTION: in the book of Exodus, God fulfilled His promise to Abraham by multiplying Abraham's descendants into a great nation delivering them from slavery in Egypt to journey to the Promised Land, and then binding them to Himself with a covenant at Mount Sinai. Moses, under the direct command of God and as leader of Israel, received the Ten Commandments from God, along with other laws governing Israel's life and worship. He also led the nation in building the Tabernacle, a place where God's presence can dwell among his people and where they can make sacrifices for sin. Most Jews and Christians recognise Moses as the author, writing sometime after the Exodus from Egypt (about 1445 B.C.). Note: the promise God made to Abraham will be perfectly fulfilled when Christ returns in glory and all those (Jews and Gentiles) who belong to God's Kingdom are gathered to him. (See also the introduction to chapter one).

NOTE: for information of people, places and the meaning of words see Map Locations and People of the Bible, and Bible Dictionary on Website Menu.

10 THE TENTH PLAQUE DEATH OF THE FIRSTBORN

The tenth plague is the death of the firstborn of Pharaoh the king of Egypt and the death of all the firstborn of Egypt (Exodus 12:28-31).

Abib: was the ninth month of the Egyptian calendar, but the LORD established it as the first month of the Jewish calendar because it was on the fourteenth day of this month that the LORD delivered Israel from Egypt and the nation of Israel was born.

Every Israelite is to take a lamb: the LORD tells Moses that on the tenth day of this month (Abib) every man shall take a lamb for a household, if the household is too small to eat a lamb, then they are to eat what each person can eat. The lamb was to be male a year old without blemish it was to be taken from the sheep or from the goats. They were to keep it until the fourteenth day of this month (Abib). The entire

assembly of the congregation of Israel was to kill their lambs at twilight and take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they ate it. They were to roast it on the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs and eat the flesh that night. They were not to eat any of it raw or boiled in water the lamb had to be roasted with its head, its legs and its inner parts nor were they to leave any of the lamb remaining until the morning and if any of the lamb was remaining in the morning, they were to burn it. They were to eat it in haste with their belt fastened, their sandals on their feet and their staff in their hand.

The blood of the lamb was to be a sign: the night they eat the Passover Lamb the LORD would strike all the firstborn of Egypt, God would execute judgments on man, beast and all the gods of Egypt. The blood on the houses that the people were in was to be a sign for them, because the LORD said when He sees the blood, He will pass over them and no plague will destroy them when the LORD strikes Egypt.

The day was to be a Memorial Day forever: the day was to be a Memorial Day called the Feast of Unleavened Bread and the Passover Feast the people are to keep this day as a feast to the LORD throughout their generations forever.

- Seven days they are to eat unleavened bread.
- On the first day they are to remove leaven out of their houses, if anyone eats what is leavened, from the first day until the seventh day, that person was to be cut off from Israel.
- On the first day and the seventh day they were to hold a holy assembly, no work was to be done on those days, except what everyone needs to eat could be prepared by them.
- From the fourteenth day of the first month (Abib) at evening they are to observe Feast of Unleavened Bread throughout their generations as a statute forever, because on this day the LORD brought them out of the land of Egypt.
- They are to eat unleavened bread until the twenty-first day of the month (Abib) at evening.
- A sojourner or a native of the land was able to eat the Passover providing they were circumcised.
- For seven days they were to eat only unleavened bread, no leaven is to be found in their houses. If anyone ate what is leavened during those seven days that person was to be cut off from the congregation of Israel.

THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB WAS THEIR PROTECTION

Moses tells the elders of Israel to go and select lambs for themselves according to their clans and kill the Passover lamb. They were to take a bunch of hyssop and dip it in the blood that was in the basin and touch the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood. None of them were to go out of the door of their house until the morning. When the LORD sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, He would pass the over the door and would not allow the destroyer to enter their houses to strike them.

The feast of Passover was to begin when Israel entered the Promised Land: when Israel arrived in the land that the LORD has promised to give them, they are to keep the Feast of Passover and observe this rite as a statute for them and their sons forever. They are to tell their children the Passover is the sacrifice of the LORD'S Passover and that He spared the people in the houses of Israel in Egypt when he struck the Egyptians in their houses.

The firstborn are struck down at midnight: at twilight the people of Israel went and did as the LORD had commanded Moses and Aaron, then at midnight the LORD struck down all the firstborn in the land of Egypt and the firstborn of the livestock. Pharaoh rose up in the night, he and all his servants and all the Egyptians and there was a great cry in Egypt because there was not a house where someone had not died.

Pharaoh let Israel go: Pharaoh summoned Moses and Aaron and said, go out from among my people, both you and the people of Israel and go and serve the LORD your God. Pharaoh tells Moses to take their flocks and their herds, as Moses had previously said, and be gone. Then Pharaoh asked Moses to bless him and because the Egyptians feared they would all be struck dead they sent Israel out with haste. The people of Israel took their dough before it was leavened and their kneading bowls bound up in their cloaks on their shoulders.

The Egyptians gave to the Israelites: the people of Israel had done as Moses told them and asked the Egyptians for silver, gold jewellery and clothing. The Egyptians gave Israel what they asked because the LORD had given Israel favour in their sight.

Israel's Journey: the people of Israel journeyed from Rameses to Succoth there were about six hundred thousand men on foot, besides women and children. A mixed multitude also went up with them and livestock of both flocks and herds. They baked cakes with dough that was not leavened, because they were thrust out of Egypt and could not wait.

Rameses: was more commonly called the land of Goshen, it was one of the store cities the Israelites built in Egypt (Exod. 1:11).

Succoth: was the first place Israel camped after leaving Rameses, it is near the east edge of the Jordan River between the Lake of Galilee and the Dead Sea (the exact position is unknown).

Israel lived in Egypt four-hundred and thirty years: at the end of four-hundred and thirty years on that very day, all the hosts of the LORD (i.e., all the people of Israel) went out from the land of Egypt. It was a night of watching by the LORD, to bring them out of the land of Egypt.

Rules for keeping the Passover:

- This same night is to be a night of watching kept to the LORD by all the people of Israel throughout their generations.
- Every slave that is bought for money could eat of the Passover after they had been circumcised.
- The Passover was to be eaten in one house
- They were not to take any of the flesh outside the house or break any of the lambs' bones.
- All the congregation of Israel was to keep the Passover.
- A stranger that sojourns with Israel could eat the Passover providing his males were circumcised and he became as a native of the land of Israel.
- No uncircumcised foreigner, hired servant or person was to eat the Passover.
- The law for the Passover is the same for the native and for the stranger who sojourns among Israel.

All the people of Israel did as the LORD commanded Moses and Aaron and on the very day they ate the Passover the LORD brought all the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt.

The ninth month: the LORD tells Moses and Aaron that this month (the ninth month) shall be for Israel the beginning of months, it is to be the first month of the year for the nation of Israel, this month is called Abib.

FOOTNOTE: for a beautiful story concerning the LORD'S command that no bones were to be broken in the Passover lamb and the symbolism of this with the true Passover Lamb the Lord Jesus Christ see the title: -

- Bones (No Bones Broken).

In, Recommended Reading (ON WEBSITE MENU).

THE TEN PLAGUES

1. Water turned to blood in Egypt and in Goshen (Exod. 7:20-21).
2. Frogs came upon Egypt and Goshen (Exod. 8:1-13).
3. Gnats (or lice) upon Egypt and Goshen (Exod. 8:16-19).

Here God removes the magician's power to bring up gnat and their power to do any of the following wonders and also puts a division between the land of Egypt and the land of Goshen (i.e., between God's people and the people of Egypt).

4. Flies upon Egypt (Exod. 8:20-24).
 5. Death of all Egypt's livestock (Exod. 9:1-7).
 6. Boils upon the Egyptians (Exod. 9:8-11).
 7. Hail upon Egypt (Exod. 9:22-26).
 8. Locusts upon Egypt (Exod. 10:12-15).
 9. Darkness upon Egypt (Exod. 10:21-23).
 10. Death of the firstborn all Egypt (Exod. 12:28-31).
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