



Basics of the Passover in Exodus 11 & 12 and how they Point to Christ

- On the 10th day of the first month, **each family** should choose a lamb or a goat and consider the size based on the size of his family. (*Everyone needs Christ the lamb*)
- The lamb must be year-old males **without defect**. (*Christ is without sin!*)
- They are to take care of the animals until the 14th of the month.
- On the 14th day of the month, **all the people** of Israel community must slaughter the animals at twilight. (*Everyone's sins killed Christ on the cross.*)
- Each family was to **put the blood of the lamb onto the door frames** of the house where the lamb would be eaten. "The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you." - Exodus 12:13 (*Christ's blood covers our sins.*)
- **None of the bones may be broken!** (*None of Christ's bones were broken on the cross.*)
- **They must eat** the roasted meat with bitter herbs and bread made without yeast. (*We each must take part in the decision to be obedient.*)
- **Only circumcised** male may eat it. (Circumcision in not just outward but of the heart.)
- The Lord said "about midnight I will go throughout Egypt" and the firstborn (both men & animals) of each household without the blood of a lamb on their door frames will lose their lives. Those who have the blood on their door frames will be protected from the destroyer. **This will be the Lord's Passover.** (*In the same way, with Christ's blood covering us, death Passes Us Over.*)
- This day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord - a lasting ordinance. (*We always need to remember what the Lord has done for us from the Exodus to the Cross to the Resurrection to His Second Coming.*)
- **During the feast of Unleavened Bread**, which lasts for 7 days, all yeast must be removed from the house. (*Yeast typically symbolizes sin in the Bible. We must remove sin from our lives, but we can't do it alone. Christ cleans us of our sins.*)
- **When your children ask**, "What does this ceremony mean to you" 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." (*Share with our children and others the gospel and why we live like we do!*)