

The Exodus Series – Passover

God Forewarned Pharaoh that He Would Face Judgment for Harming His Firstborn

Exodus 4:22-23

22 Then you shall say to Pharaoh, ‘Thus says the LORD, Israel is my firstborn son,

23 and I say to you, “Let my son go that he may serve me.” If you refuse to let him go, behold, I will kill your firstborn son.”

Israel is a Firstborn Son?

- Israel comes through Seth, the thirdborn of Adam...
- Then from the line of Shem, who is the second born of Noah...
- Abraham was not the eldest of his brothers...
- Then Isaac, the second born.
- Then Jacob (Israel), the second born.

They aren’t the first, they aren’t the most powerful, they aren’t the largest, they’re the last in every way!

Psalm 78:51 He struck down every firstborn in Egypt, the firstfruits of their strength in the tents of Ham.

- Ham was the cursed son of Noah whom Egypt and the Canaanites came out of
 - Shem was the middle son, whom Israel came out of

The Passover Lamb had to be Pure and Spotless

Leviticus 22:20 – 22a

20 You shall not offer anything that has a blemish, for it will not be acceptable for you.

21 And when anyone offers a sacrifice of peace offerings to the LORD to fulfill a vow or as a freewill offering from the herd or from the flock, to be accepted it must be perfect; there shall be no blemish in it.

22 Animals blind or disabled or mutilated or having a discharge or an itch or scabs you shall not offer to the LORD

Progression in Lambs that God Provided Throughout the Bible

- At first, God provided one lamb for one person.
 - Thus, Abraham offered a ram (an adult male sheep) in place of his son Isaac.
- Next, God provided one lamb for one household.
 - This happened at the first Passover, when every family offered its own lamb to God.
- Then, God provided one sacrifice for the whole nation.
 - On the Day of Atonement, every year a single lamb atoned for the sins of all Israel.
- Finally, the day came when John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said,
 - Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! (**John 1:29b**)

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Leavened and Unleavened Bread – Out with the Old and in with the New!

1st Corinthians 5:6b - 8

6b Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump?

7 Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.

8 Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

The Destroyer

Never Biblically referred to as an “angel of death.”

Hebrews 11:28 By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them.

Psalms 78:49 He let loose on them his burning anger, wrath, indignation, and distress, a company of destroying angels.

Three Times God Declared Passover was a Permanent Addition to Israel’s Calendar

- **Verse 14a** This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations, as a statute forever...
- **Verse 17b** you shall observe this day, throughout your generations, as a statute forever
- **Verse 24** You shall observe this rite as a statute for you and for your sons forever.

The Passover Was to be a Remembrance Forever of the Exodus Story

- So, the Israelites observed the first Passover in Egypt.
 - They celebrated it for forty years in the wilderness (**Numbers 9:1-5**)
 - When they entered the promised land, they kept it as well (**Joshua 5:10-11**)
- And of course, it was still being kept and celebrated by Christ himself in his time (**Luke 22:15**)
 - As he shared a Passover meal with his men, and he himself was the last Passover lamb.