

God's desert rescue of His people from Egypt is the Lord's Passover.

*The climax of a cosmic battle between God, Pharaoh and the so-called gods of Egypt.* 12:12  
*'I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt.'*

Israel was God's firstborn son (Exodus 4:22). Pharaoh ruled them with cruel force, even murdering the firstborn son in each family.

Such sin deserved judgment  
A holy God must judge sin,  
The punishment fits the crime.

Pharaoh delayed ('tomorrow' Ex 8:10) – thinking he could defy the living God and win, or have Israel only be partly free: **'Go, worship the LORD. Even your women and children may go with you; only leave your flocks and herds behind'** (Ex 10:24). God does not want some of his people and their possessions. He saves completely.

Now the LORD had said to Moses, **"I will bring one more plague on Pharaoh and on Egypt. After that, he will let you go from here, and when he does, he will drive you out completely."**

**The Midnight Hour:** Exodus 11:4-8

**About midnight I will go throughout Egypt. Every firstborn son in Egypt will die, from the firstborn son of Pharaoh, who sits on the throne, to the firstborn son of the female slave, who is at her hand mill, and all the firstborn of the cattle as well. here will be loud wailing throughout Egypt—worse than there has ever been or ever will be again But among the Israelites not a dog will bark at any person or animal.'** Then you will know that the LORD makes a distinction between Egypt and Israel. All these officials of yours will come to bowing down before me saying, **'Go, you and all the people who follow you!'** After that I will leave **Moses, hot with anger, left Pharaoh**

9X Pharaoh has resisted the call to release the Hebrews. He is resisting Yahweh. God's anger is not like human anger. God is not malicious, capricious. God's wrath is his holy, righteous, settled opposition to sin. Sin is our crime, not our calamity.

**Salvation through Judgment. Redemption by Blood. Freedom for Worship.**

**The Lord's Passover:** Exodus 12:1-11

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, "This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. Tell **the whole community of Israel** that on the tenth day of this month each man is to **take a lamb** for his family, **one for each household** that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb<sup>a</sup> for his family, one for each household. If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbor, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat. **The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats.** Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the members of the community of **Israel must slaughter them at twilight. Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs. That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast. Do not eat the meat raw or boiled in water, but roast it over a fire—head, legs and internal organs. Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, burn it.** This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the LORD's Passover.

God's rescue of Israel - the Passover night was a community / national event.

God will **pass through** or he will **Passover** (12:13. 12:29).

Sin must be punished. The wages of sin is death. Sin always pays its wages.

There was death in every household – Egyptian sons and a Hebrew sacrifice.

### A. SACRIFICE

**BLOOD PROTECTION: To avert God's judgment blood must be shed.**

*Blood – offering a perfect blood sacrifice covered their sin and cleanses our sin.*

*'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. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike.'* (Hebrews 12:13)

*Without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sin. Heb 9:22 God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement through the shedding of his blood to be received by faith...to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus. R 3:25-26*

**BLOOD PAYMENT: Redeemed means to be rescued from slavery by payment.**

God does not simply save us –He has made a claim on our lives.

Acts 20:28 "the Church of God that he bought with is blood."

1 Cor 6:19-20 "You are not your own; you were bought at a price."

1 Pet 1:18-19 "You know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect."

There are no volunteers in the Church. We are owned by God and we serve him.

### B. SUBSTITUTION

*'Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed.'* (1 Corinthians 5:7)

The sinless Jesus shed his blood and died for our sins. He died on the cross in our place. He took the punishment that we deserve.

**"He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth."** He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed." 1 Peter 2:22-25

**Christ also suffered once for sins,**  
the righteous for the unrighteous,  
to bring you to God.

1 Peter 3:18

*Jesus Christ: the God-man (John 1:1-18 and Hebrews 1-2), took our place under judgment and received in his own personal experience all the dimensions of the death that was our sentence, laying the foundation for our pardon and immunity.*

'We may not know, we cannot tell  
What pains he had to bear;  
But we believe it was for us  
He hung and suffered there.'

To be justified means we are acquitted of our crime by the action of God in Christ and we are given a new verdict: Not Guilty and new status all the privileges of God's child.

## PASSOVER MEAL

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**Meat with bitter herbs** – To remind the people of their hard slavery in Egypt.  
We are no longer slaves to sin. Romans 6:6

**Cook and Consume All** – God will save all his people and have all his people.  
*use your whole body as an instrument to do what is right for the glory of God.* Romans 6:13

**Eat in haste to be free** – Without delay or doubt. Obedience is their priority.  
“the obedience that comes from faith” Rom 1:5

**Cloak, sandal and staff** – Dressed to depart without hindrance or hold up.  
*“let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.”* Hebrews 12:1

The meal was celebrated before the rescue took place. Faith is the key to be free.  
The meal is a prophecy of the Lord's Supper:

**Luke 22:8** *Go and make preparations for us to eat the Passover.*

**Luke 22:11** *Where is the guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?*

**Luke 22:13** *So they prepared the Passover.*

**Luke 22:15** *I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer*

**Luke 22:16:** *I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God.*

**Luke 22:18:** *I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.*

**Luke 22:19** *This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me.”*

**Luke 22:20** *In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying,*

*“This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.*

**Pharaoh summons Moses: UP LEAVE GO.**

**Worship the Lord as you have requested**

**12:38** Many other people went up with them also large droves of livestock, both flocks and herds  
***The Israelites of the exodus (and thereafter) were a mixed people ethnically— A huge ethnically diverse group also went up with them, and very many cattle, both flocks and herds. These people had observed the miraculous work of Yahweh, Israel's God, and had become convinced that conversion to him and life among his people would represent their best hope for the future. Jesus redeems, cleanses and sanctifies people from every nation, under a new better covenant.***