

| Passover Instituted  | Passover Summary/Description  | Parallels with Jesus Christ  |
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| <p><b>Exodus 12:1-13</b> The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, <sup>2</sup>“This month is to be for you the <u>first month, the first month of your year.</u> <sup>3</sup>Tell the whole community of Israel that on the <u>tenth day</u> of this month each man is to take a <b>lamb</b> for his family, one for each household. <sup>4</sup>If any household is too small for a whole <b>lamb</b>, 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 <b>lamb</b> needed in accordance with what each person will eat. <sup>5</sup>The animals you choose must be year-old males <b>without defect</b>, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats. <sup>6</sup><u>Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the people of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight.</u> <sup>7</sup>Then they are to take some of the <b>blood</b> and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs. <sup>8</sup>That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast. <sup>9</sup>Do not eat the meat raw or cooked in water, but roast it over the fire—head, legs and inner parts. <sup>10</sup>Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it. <sup>11</sup>This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the LORD’s Passover.</p> <p><sup>12</sup>“On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn—both men and animals—and <b>I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD.</b> <sup>13</sup><b>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 Egypt.</b></p> <p><b>Discuss:</b> Meditate on each of these columns be prepared to discuss why you think God arranged redemptive events in this way, why He embedded pictures in history (like the Passover) and how awesome it is to see the ultimate fulfillment in Christ.</p> | <p>In the Jewish religious calendar the month of “Nissan” is the first month.</p> <p>God commanded each man of the family to select an <u>unblemished lamb</u> on <u>Nissan 10 and examine it until Nissan 14</u>. The lamb was to be slaughtered in the evening. In Hebrew this is said: “Twilight” (NIV; 12:6 ), or literally, “between the evenings.” This phrase suggests the time, a point between the sun’s declining in the west and its setting, When the temple service was established,, the day was divided into quarters. The quarter from 12:00p to 3:00p was called the minor evening oblation. The quarter from 3:00p to 6:00p was called the major evening oblation. Therefore, “between the evenings” is a reference to this timeframe, ie. Approximately 3:00p.</p> <p>In the doorway the father would have laid his hand on the lamb, thereby identifying himself with it symbolically. It is a solemn attestation that this sacrifice has come from this particular man who is performing “semicha” (laying on of hands) upon the animal’s head. The fruits of the sacrifice are his.</p> <p>The father would cut the throat of the lamb, and applies its blood to the lintel and to each sidepost around the door. God himself would thus hover over every family that had this blood present to protect their first born from being slain. The mother roasts the lamb on a pomegranate stick over an open fire, and prepares a special meal. The day changed to Nissan 15 at sundown (approximately 6:00).</p> <p>The night of the 15<sup>th</sup>, the Israelites in Egypt ate the lamb with bitter herbs and unleavened bread according to the commandment. (Ex. 12:8) One was to eat with his staff in hand and his sandals on his feet. This was symbolic of the “hurried nature” of the feast, ie. God commanded that Israel be ready to flee!</p> <p>Also that same evening, the angel of death was destined to pass over each house and kill the first born of every household. This was the 10<sup>th</sup> plague that God cast on Pharaoh for holding Israel captive.</p> | <p>On <u>Nissan 10</u> (Palm Sunday), Jesus, the chosen lamb of God enters Jerusalem</p> <p>Jesus looked down from the Mt. of Olives and watched the communal Passover lamb pass by in a procession of priests, musicians, dancers, etc. while singing Psalm 118. Jesus descended the Mt. of Olives and followed this same route as the Passover lamb while the crowd waved palm branches.</p> <p>Jesus sat and taught in the Temple courtyard for <u>4 days for all to examine</u>. The Sadducees (Mt. 22:23-33; Mk. 12:18-27; Lk. 20:27-38), the Pharises (Mt. 22:15-22; Mk. 12:13-17; Lk, 20:19-26) and others asked Jesus their most difficult questions. They attempted to find fault in him, but of course they could not; for he was perfect. For Pilot could not find any basis to charge Jesus in any wrongdoing (Jn. 18:38, 19:4; 1 Pet 1:19).</p> <p><u>On the morning of Nissan 14<sup>th</sup></u> at the third hour (9:00 A.M.), the lamb in the temple was bound to the altar (Psalm 118:27). At the same time, outside the walls of Jerusalem, Jesus was both tied and nailed to the tree (Mk 15:25). For six hours, both the lamb and Jesus awaited death. At the ninth hour (3:00 P.M.), the High Priest ascended the altar in the Temple, took his knife, and cut the throat of the lamb, pronouncing the words “It is finished.” The Passover lamb is classified as a peace offering (Lev. 7:11-21) and this phrase in temple tradition was pronounced at the end of every peace offering.</p> <p>At exactly the same moment, Jesus on the tree gave up His spirit with the same exact words (Jn. 19:30). <u>The death of Jesus was at the ninth hour (3:00 P.M.) on Nissan 14 (Mt. 27:45-50).</u> The apostle Paul calls Jesus as our Passover lamb in 1 Corinthians 5:7</p> <p>Jesus kept the appointed time, the convocation or rehearsal, up to the minute. Just as the Passover lamb had delivered Israel from the plague of death, Jesus the messiah has provided deliverance from death by his blood.</p> |

## Exodus 12:1–30 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, <sup>2</sup>“This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. <sup>3</sup>Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers’ houses, a lamb for a household. <sup>4</sup>And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. <sup>5</sup>Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, <sup>6</sup>and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight.

<sup>7</sup>“Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. <sup>8</sup>They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. <sup>9</sup>Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. <sup>10</sup>And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. <sup>11</sup>In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD’s Passover. <sup>12</sup>For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. <sup>13</sup>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 no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

<sup>14</sup>“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, you shall keep it as a feast. <sup>15</sup>Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread. On the first day you shall remove leaven out of your houses, for if anyone eats what is leavened, from the first day until the seventh day, that person shall be cut off from Israel. <sup>16</sup>On the first day you shall hold a holy assembly, and on the seventh day a holy assembly. No work shall be done on those days. But what everyone needs to eat, that alone may be prepared by you. <sup>17</sup>And you shall observe the Feast of Unleavened Bread, for on this very day I brought your hosts out of the land of Egypt. Therefore you shall observe this day, throughout your generations, as a statute forever. <sup>18</sup>In the first month, from 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 is to be found in your houses. If anyone eats what is leavened, that person will be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether he is a sojourner or a native of the land. <sup>20</sup>You shall eat nothing leavened; in all your dwelling places you shall eat unleavened bread.”

<sup>21</sup>Then Moses called all the elders of Israel and said to them, “Go and select lambs for yourselves according to your clans, and kill the Passover lamb. <sup>22</sup>Take a bunch of hyssop and dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and touch the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood that is in the basin. None of you shall go out of the door of his house until the morning. <sup>23</sup>For the LORD will pass through to strike the Egyptians, and when he sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the LORD will pass over the door and will not allow the destroyer to enter your houses to strike you. <sup>24</sup>You shall observe this rite as a statute for you and for your sons forever. <sup>25</sup>And when you come to the land that the LORD will give you, as he has promised, you shall keep this service. <sup>26</sup>And when your children say to you, ‘What do you mean by this service?’ <sup>27</sup>you shall say, ‘It is the sacrifice of the LORD’s Passover, for he passed over the houses of the people of Israel in Egypt, when he struck the Egyptians but spared our houses.’” And the people bowed their heads and worshiped.

<sup>28</sup>Then the people of Israel went and did so; as the LORD had commanded Moses and Aaron, so they did.

<sup>29</sup>At midnight the LORD struck down all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sat on his throne to the firstborn of the captive who was in the dungeon, and all the firstborn of the livestock.

<sup>30</sup>And Pharaoh rose up in the night, he and all his servants and all the Egyptians. And there was a great cry in Egypt, for there was not a house where someone was not dead.