

## PASSOVER: PREPARING FOR DEPARTURE FROM EGYPT

### The Feast Of Passover:

- a. It was observed on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of the first month (Nissan); Exodus 12:1-30.
- b. The foundation of this feast is the BLOOD; a Lamb for a house; John 1:29; Rev. 13:8.
- c. The “life” is in the blood; the Blood of the Lamb of God was/is applied to the “doorpost” by faith; Genesis 1:3-4; Exodus 12:5; Leviticus 17:11.
- d. For the individual, this is a new beginning with forgiveness of sins, redemption by the blood, saved from the destroyer; Romans 5:9-10; 1 Peter 1:19.
- e. For the Church, it means that Jesus has purchased Her and cleansed Her by His Blood; Acts 20:28; Ephesians 5:25-27.
- f. The Blood of the Lamb brings the demonstration of God’s Spirit in power; Exodus 9:16; Mark 16:14-20; Revelation 12:11.

Egypt Is Symbolic Of The World And Slavery To Sin. It speaks of bondage, and the condition of being a slave. It is Pharaoh (satan) who rules over Egypt, and afflicts the people; Exodus 1:11-14. Jesus paid the price to deliver us completely from sin’s power over us and its consequences. He has come to deliver His people from worldly thinking, fear, lust, pride, addictions, idolatry, curses, strongholds, sickness and disease, etc. God heard the people groaning; He made seven promises to them as recorded in Exodus 6:5-8:

1. I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians
2. I will rid you out of their bondage
3. I will redeem you with a stretched out arm, and with great judgments
4. I will take you to Me for a people
5. I will be to you a God
6. I will bring you in unto the land
7. I will give it to you for an heritage (possession)

The Plagues Preceded The Passover Of God’s People. They were a judgment of Yahweh upon the gods of Egypt; Exodus 12:12. The same visitation that brought judgment to Egypt and the Egyptians, also delivered Israel, and allowed them to take the spoils of the land; Exodus 3:21-22; 12:36. There was a progressive nature to the severity of the plagues. There is a parallel between the Ten Plagues in Exodus and those in Revelation.

Just Prior To The Passover, Pharaoh (satan) Offers Four Compromises To God’s People. He tells them:

1. You can sacrifice (worship God), but you must do it in my land; Exodus 8:25. “Pharaoh” wants us to stay entrenched in his land (the world). Satan tells us that we don’t have to be “separated”; this is an attempt to MIX the world with the Church. A mixture is not acceptable. This includes the “worship” according to Egyptian patterns and the traditions of men; Mark 7:13. To sacrifice within his land is to worship according to the “abomination” of the Egyptians; Exodus 8:26.
2. You can sacrifice (worship God) and leave my land, but don’t go very far away; Exodus 8:28. “Pharaoh” does not want God’s people to have COMPLETE LIBERATION, freedom and separation from his rule and dominion. He attempts to sway

God's people by telling them "don't go to extremes, don't be a fanatic, be sensible in your worship of God". If you go "too far" in your worship of Yahweh it will spoil your life, your friendships and your fun.

3. You can sacrifice (worship God), but leave your "children" in Egypt; Exodus 10:8-10. "Pharaoh" wants to retain his dominion over your "children": the fruit of your womb, your natural and spiritual "sons", the ministry that you have birthed. If your CHILDREN REMAIN IN EGYPT, you also are still in Egypt, because your seed is a part of you; Isaiah 59:21. God holds the parent responsible to train and make disciples of their children.

4. You can sacrifice (worship God), and take your children with you, but leave your possessions; Exodus 10:24-29. If "Pharaoh" cannot keep you or your "sons" under his dominion or near his land, then he wants to send you away WITHOUT POSSESSIONS: flocks, herds, inheritance. He says "leave your checkbook here"; he wants control of that which you own, your money and resources.

There Are THREE PASSOVERS To Be Considered:

1. The Passover Of Salvation – Exodus 12:7-10. Born again as a babe in Christ, this is initial salvation, the conversion of the sinner, whereby the Blood of the Lamb is applied to the house. This involves the eating of, and sharing the Lamb with your neighbor. They had to "eat all of it", including the head (His Mind), the legs (His walk and mobility), the entrails (His motives); John 6:53. We have to have our shoes on, eat in haste, and go immediately at His instruction.

2. The Passover Of Conquest – Joshua 5. The baptism of the Holy Spirit is necessary for spiritual conquest. It gives power to move in the spirit, to do warfare in battle by the power of the spirit, and it gives the ability to see in the spirit realm the Captain of the Lord's host. It involves the "reproach of Egypt" being rolled away, and a change of diet from manna to corn. It involves another "circumcision", a deeper application of the Cross, in preparation for full possession.

3. The Passover Of The Kingdom – Luke 22:14-18; 28-30. This points to disciples who are overcomers, who are given the promise to rule and reign with Christ, to sit with Him in His throne. There will be those who experience God's full and complete deliverance; they are delivered from death and will "pass over" into a new age; 1 Corinthians 15:51-54. Having been transformed, they shall demonstrate the supernatural life of the spirit in the Kingdom Age to come.

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