

#1284 The Mark of the Beast – Exodus 12: The establishment of the Feast of the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread

The Passover – its purpose and theme would be to commemorate the deliverance of Israel from the judgment that came upon Egypt, for the Lord passed over the Jews.

Exodus 12:1-30 (NIV) The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt,

2 "This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year.

3 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.

4 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 Feast of Passover commemorated . . .

5 The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats.

6 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.

7 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.

. . . the deliverance of Israel from the judgment that came upon Egypt, for the Lord passed over the Jews.

*8 That same night **they are to eat the meat** roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, **and bread made without yeast.***

9 Do not eat the meat raw or cooked in water, but roast it over the fire—head, legs and inner parts.

10 Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it.

*11 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.***

12 "On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn—both men and animals—and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD.

*13 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.*

*14 "**This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD—a lasting ordinance.***



The death of Pharaoh's firstborn son

The Feast of Unleavened Bread – its purpose and theme would be to commemorate the deliverance of Israel out of the *bondage* of Egypt. Unleavened bread was the symbol of Israel's flight from Egyptian bondage – they were in too much of a hurry to allow the dough to be leavened (Exodus 12:34, 39).

15 FOR SEVEN DAYS YOU ARE TO EAT BREAD MADE WITHOUT YEAST



The Feast of Unleavened Bread commemorated . . .

[unleavened bread]. *On the first day remove the yeast from your houses, for whoever eats anything with yeast in it from the first day through the seventh must be cut off from Israel.*

16 On the FIRST DAY hold a sacred assembly, and another one on the SEVENTH DAY. *Do no work at all on these days, except to prepare food for everyone to eat—that is all you may do.*

17 "Celebrate THE FEAST OF UNLEAVENED BREAD, because it was on this very day that I brought your divisions out of Egypt. Celebrate this day as a lasting ordinance for the generations to come.

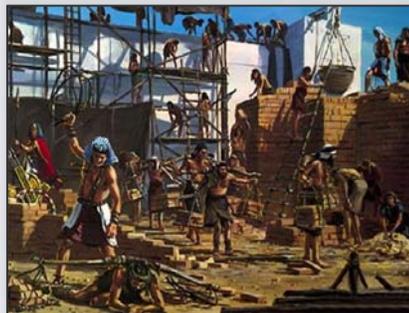
. . . the deliverance of Israel out of the *bondage* of Egypt.

18 In the first month you are to eat bread made without yeast, from the evening of the fourteenth day until the evening of the twenty-first day.

19 For SEVEN DAYS no yeast is to be found in your houses. *And*

whoever eats anything with yeast in it must be cut off from the community of Israel, whether he is an alien or native-born.

20 Eat nothing made with yeast. Wherever you live, you must eat unleavened bread."



Moses communicates to Israel about the Passover

21 Then Moses summoned all the elders of Israel and said to them, "Go at once and select the animals for your families and slaughter the Passover lamb.

22 Take a bunch of hyssop, dip it into the blood in the basin and put some of the blood on the top and on both sides of the doorframe. Not one of you shall go out the door of his house until morning.

23 When the LORD goes through the land to strike down the Egyptians, he will see the blood on the top and sides of the doorframe and will pass over that doorway, and he will not permit the destroyer to enter your houses and strike you down.

24 "Obey these instructions as a lasting ordinance for you and your descendants.

25 When you enter the land that the LORD will give you as he promised, observe this ceremony.

26 And when your children ask you, 'What does this ceremony mean to you?'

27 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.'" Then the people bowed down and worshiped.

28 The Israelites did just what the LORD commanded Moses and Aaron.

29 At midnight the LORD struck down all the firstborn in Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh, who sat on the throne, to the firstborn of the prisoner, who was in the dungeon, and the firstborn of all the livestock as well.

30 Pharaoh and all his officials and all the Egyptians got up during the night, and there was loud wailing in Egypt, for there was not a house without someone dead.



Key Understanding: The Lord instituted the Feast of the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread at the same time, the first representing and commemorating the deliverance of Israel from the judgment that was to



come upon the Egyptians, and the second representing and commemorating the deliverance of Israel out of the bondage of the Egyptians.

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