

Exodus Chapter 12

Exodus 12:1 – *And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt saying,*

- Speaks to them while they are in Egypt.
- In bondage, in a mess, in their right now situation
- God speaks which means God has a word for your mess, right now situation
- God will meet us where we are. Comes back to us (example, I was running in the neighborhood with my young son and he wasn't able to keep up. I would run ahead and yell at him to catch up and run faster....it wasn't working. Then I stopped and went back to meet him where he was. I ran with him, eventually he was able to pick up the pace and run faster than he did before)
- There is always a word from God to deal with your right now situation because Egypt was where they were at the moment

Exodus 12:2 – *This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you ,*

- What you used to call first
- He now wants you to make a different first move
- What used to be the seventh month of the calendar year is now the first month
- What used to be the first month is now the seventh month
 - (a) This used to be my first move; but now my first move is different
 - (b) Born again; have a natural birthday and a spiritual birthday
 - (c) God changes the calendar in the natural to explain a spiritual principle of being born again in Him.
 - (d) Remember, God is getting ready to set them free so He is outlining the first several steps in the process of being set free from sin, bondage and the world. That first step is called Passover. Represents the humble submission and application of the blood of the Lamb making atonement and paying the price to set us free.

Exodus 12:3 – *Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of their fathers, a lamb for an house:*

- They get specific instructions on how to operate this first step. How to celebrate Passover
- It applies to the entire congregation
 - (a) These instructions and steps apply to everyone.
 - (b) Even today in the spiritual application
- The lamb they are to take in represents Jesus as the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world
 - (a) Bringing the lamb into the house on the 10th day is significant
 - (b) Jesus enters into Jerusalem on the 10th day and enters into His Father's house (the temple) on that same day
- Uses the term congregation, so he is speaking to the church

Exodus 12:4 – *And if the household be too little for the lamb, let him and his neighbor next unto his house take it according to the number of the souls, every man according to his eating shall make your count for the lamb.*

- Bring a lamb into the house on the 10th day. The lamb that was outside, you need to bring it on the inside.
 - (a) Problem is too many people know about the lamb but they really ain't that much into it

- (b) Every soul is represented in the lamb

Exodus 12:5 – *Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take it out from the sheep, or from the goats:*

- Lamb without blemish, can't be anything wrong with this sacrifice.
- So they must examine it. See comparison in [1 Peter 1:19](#) of Christ as our Passover without a blemish.

Exodus 12:6 – *And ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening.*

- Keep it until the 14th day of the first month. Stays in the house for 4 days and then you kill it
 - (a) Develop a relationship with the Lamb, spend some time with the Lamb before you kill it
- In the evening; a Hebrew idiom which means between the two evenings.
 - (a) Jewish day starts at 6am and lasts until 6pm; evening starts at Noon, goes until 6pm
 - (b) Between the evenings is between 12:00 and 6:00, or 3:00 pm. The lamb is killed at 3 pm
- The picture here is that Jesus enters the city on the 10th day of the month. Four days before Passover, he is examined and they can find nothing wrong or no blemish in Christ. See [1 Corinthians 5:7](#) and [John 1:29](#) as the comparison of Christ to this Passover lamb in Exodus
 - (a) Looking at [Matthew 27:45-50](#) we can see that Jesus dies around the 9th hour. Counting down the hours in the Jewish day....the 9th hour would be 3:00 pm
 - (b) See the connection between the lamb being sacrificed here in the Exodus story and the ultimate fulfillment in Jesus' death. This again supports the concept of the feasts in [Leviticus 23](#)
 - (c) Each feast is a special appointment or set time that we are to rehearse or practice. There are seven of these feasts and each one are in a specific order that outlines the exact steps and events in the fulfillment of God's plan for us. Jesus is the fulfillment of each of these seven milestones
 - (d) The first feast is Passover. That is always the first step in the ministry of Jesus and the execution of God's plan. In turn, we should be rehearsing or practicing these steps in the same order...starting with Passover where Christ instructs us to "pick up our cross daily." See [Luke 9:23](#); there are so many scriptures where Jesus instructs us pick up our own cross. This means to humble ourselves, crucify flesh and submit to Him rather than rely on ourselves or own strength
 - (e) The whole assembly or everyone participates in the killing of the lamb. Likewise, we all are responsible for the need to have the lamb sacrificed for us as a result of our own sins

Exodus 12:7 – *And they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it.*

- Apply the blood on the outside of the door of the house. Lamb was inside but you put the blood on the outside of the house.
- If you had the Lamb on the inside, you should be able to see the blood on the outside.
- With "undercover" Christians, you can't tell on the outside that the blood has been applied to them.
- I ain't fooled, you can look cute, say all the right things, do all the right things, but if you applied the blood I should really be able to see it.
- God wants others to see what you've done. This is not supposed to be a secret.
- The blood was applied to the outside of the door before the Passover meal was eaten. Notice the sequence of events. The same holds true today. Must apply the blood before you eat the meal. This is also the way it is accomplished in the Gospels.
- Must humble self before you start reading the word of else you will miss the first step and be reading it for the wrong reasons or the wrong way.

- I once read the Bible all the way through, but it didn't profit me much at the time because my purpose was to show I could do it and brag about my own works. I had failed to humble myself first.
- You can have knowledge of the word (knowledge can puff you up) and still not have the blood applied to escape judgment.
- You cannot not skip the first step of humble submission (Passover) and expect to make progress in God's plan.
- You will always miss the mark if the blood has not been applied daily.

Exodus 12:8 – *And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roast with fire, and unleavened bread; and with bitter herbs they shall eat it.*

- That night you eat the flesh of the Lamb, with bitter herbs
- Bitter herbs represent the bitterness of the place and situation you are to leave behind.
- Represents your past not your future.
 - (a) God telling us that this is to be performed. We don't always treat our sinful past with bitter herbs, sometimes we are found celebrating our past.
 - (b) Old scrap book, old pictures
 - (c) The good old days. When I was in sin and bondage should not be considered my better days or the good old days.
- The lamb and the blood was not just for show and tell.

[Spurgeon] – "...our Lord Jesus Christ has not been slain merely that we may hear about him and talk about him, and think about him, but that we may *feed* upon him."

- Notice the Passover meal is eaten roasted and not raw but, with fire and unleavened bread.
- Leaven in the Bible is a symbol of sin and pride.

Application – When we take on the body of Christ, when we receive and take in the Word of God, it should be consumed without sin or pride involved.

- Some Christians today still don't read or consume the Word correctly.
- See reference to **1 Corinthians 5:7-8**.

Exodus 12:9 – *Eat not of it raw, nor sodden at all with water, but roast with fire; his head with his legs, and with the purtenance thereof.*

- You don't eat the lamb raw or watered down, but all parts, inside and outside are roasted with fire so you can consume it.
- The Word of God needs to be consumed the same way.
- These instructions are still in effect and good advice.
- Can't just take in the parts of the Bible that you like and leave the rest behind.

Exodus 12:10 – *And ye shall let nothing of it remain until the morning; and that which remaineth of it until the morning ye shall burn with fire.*

- Take it all in and if there is any left, don't leave it behind.
- This is the first step meal. God will provide other means when you get beyond this step.

Exodus 12:11 – *And thus shall ye eat it; with your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat it in haste: it is the LORD's passover.*

- What if I stay in my mess?
- What if I leave before God says to?
- I've just witnessed what God Almighty just did to the Egyptians
- Those wanting to possess the promise and to leave their mess behind must do these things in this order
 - (a) Get yourself, your family, and your stuff ready to go.
 - i. Can you feel the excitement?
 - ii. Can you taste the coming freedom? You don't have it yet so, how can you know for sure? This is faith, the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen; **Hebrews 11:1**.
 - (b) Consume the Lamb of God; you are not able to make the journey in your own strength.
 - (c) Celebrating Passover while still in your mess takes faith!
- Are you telling me that bad stuff is about to happen if I stay in that place?
- In the natural; No way I'm staying there. I'm gonna leave and find my own way out right now.
 - (a) That's not what He told them to do. Cannot run away on your own and escape judgment.
 - (b) Trusting in Him alone is the only way to be saved!
- Instead of coming up with your own plan to get out of your situation; before you make a move...fill up on Jesus, the Lamb of God; make sure He is involved in your decision.
- You better make sure the Lamb is involved. Get Jesus in the decision before you leave.
- **IMPORTANT:** from a spiritual perspective, since the intent was as soon after Passover was completed, God's people needed to be ready to move to the next appointment; we too must be ready as soon as we submit to Christ to very quickly leave the world, sin, old mind-set. This is why the Feast of Unleavened Bread occurs immediately following Passover. This is part of God's plans and our step actions.

Exodus 12:12 – *For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the LORD.*

- The place you are in right now in Egypt is about to face God's judgment.
- God is about to deal with that place.
- You don't want to get caught up in this mess unprepared.
- Let me say this again...judgment is coming, will the blood be seen on the doorposts of your heart and will you be ready to leave the world behind?
- World and your wits and strength cannot save you, even today only the proper application of the blood and the Passover steps can do that.
- Not saying you have to go out and find a lamb and bitter herbs, just find Jesus.
- Notice here we see the purpose of this process for how God is dealing with Egypt and Pharaoh. Cut off their future and defeat all the false gods they were trusting in the world.

Exodus 12:13 – *And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt.*

- The blood is a token or sign that you're about to escape.
- Didn't say they wouldn't see some trouble all around them, just said it wouldn't touch them.
- **Because of the blood:**
 - (a) We get passed over for judgment.
 - (b) What should have happened to me won't. The blood of The Lamb is still the token today for every Christian to apply in order for the coming judgment to pass over them.

- (c) Instead of being sick, I'm healed.
- (d) Instead of death, I get life.
- (e) Instead of being rejected, I'm accepted.

- **You must apply the Blood**

- (a) Knowledge about the Lamb and the blood isn't enough. You need to Obey by Applying it so He can see it. When He sees that it was applied, we get passed over in judgment and the death plague doesn't impact us.
- (b) Don't deceive yourself into thinking or believing you did it.
- (c) It's not about what you know but what you do with what you know.
- (d) God is still searching, looking to see if He can see the blood in our lives.

Exodus 12:14 – *And this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and ye shall keep it a feast to the LORD throughout your generations; ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance for ever.*

- The day is a memorial and a special feast or a set time to recognize God and His plan. Ye shall keep it means it should be celebrated as a special time/day each year.
- Every generation needs to know about this day. They still do.

Exodus 12:15 – *Seven days shall ye eat unleavened bread; even the first day ye shall put away leaven out of your houses: for whosoever eateth leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that soul shall be cut off from Israel.*

- 7 days they were to eat unleavened bread.
- All leaven was to be taken out of the house.
- Jewish ceremony today commemorates the purging of the leaven from the home (Bedikat Chametz). Leaven represents sin so the idea is to avoid sin during this period in your house/life.

Exodus 12:16 – *And in the first day there shall be an holy convocation, and in the seventh day there shall be an holy convocation to you; no manner of work shall be done in them, save that which every man must eat, that only may be done of you.*

- First day was a special holiday and the 7th day of Unleavened Bread was also a special holiday.

Exodus 12:17 – *And ye shall observe the feast of unleavened bread; for in this selfsame day have I brought your armies out of the land of Egypt: therefore shall ye observe this day in your generations by an ordinance for ever.*

- The reason why the Feast of Unleavened Bread was important was that this was the day God brings His people/army out of Egypt. They will leave Egypt during this date. That is important since each feast is a set or appointed time. So God appoints this special day to accomplish bringing them out of Egypt (world, bondage, sin).
 - (a) If this second feast represented leaving Egypt, then when we celebrate this feast today (in spirit and intent) we should also be leaving our sinful past, old mind and actions, and the love of the world behind us.
 - (b) An important second step for all believers after Passover.
 - (c) Order is important here...because we are in error if we do step two before we do step one (Passover).

Exodus 12:18 – *In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at even, ye shall eat unleavened bread, until the one and twentieth day of the month at even.*

- No sin/leaven is eaten during Passover and continues for 7 days through the second feast. Should be taken with sincerity and truth and not malice or wickedness (**1 Corinthians 5:7-8**).

Exodus 12:19-20 – *Seven days shall there be no leaven found in your houses: for whosoever eateth that which is leavened, even that soul shall be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether he be a stranger, or born in the land. ²⁰Ye shall eat nothing leavened; in all your habitations shall ye eat unleavened bread.*

- Again stating no leaven to be eaten during this time. This applied to both Jews and strangers who aligned themselves with God.

Exodus 12:21 – *Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel, and said unto them, Draw out and take you a lamb according to your families, and kill the passover.*

- After receiving these instructions from God, Moses relays them to the people. Sounds like a Bible study. What you receive from God, should be shared with the people for their application.

Exodus 12:22 – *And ye shall take a bunch of hyssop, and dip it in the blood that is in the bason, and strike the lintel and the two side posts with the blood that is in the bason; and none of you shall go out at the door of his house until the morning.*

- They are instructed to apply the blood with a bushy plant called hyssop. Top and sides only, not on the ground.
- Don't go outside these doors until morning, after the judgment is over.
- Varying opinions on what this plant actually was. It is referred to in several places in the Bible. See [Psalm 51:7](#).
- From what I see looking at this verse, hyssop was the tool or paint brush used to transfer the blood to the doorposts.
- Hyssop is also mentioned during the crucifixion so now we have an application tool from the Old Testament that connects to a key event in the New Testament.
- It provides further proof to me that Passover and the exodus story is fulfilled in the cross by Jesus.
- There still remains the need to apply the blood and not just know about the blood and Jesus redeeming work on the cross.
- I would imagine it being a humble looking plant since the blood should be applied with that attitude.
- Don't go out of the house until morning and certainly don't go out before the blood is applied. Sort of like the American Express Card commercials, don't leave home without it.
- Passover is the key first step in our right relationship with God.
 - The key first step in making decisions that honor the Father.
 - Don't leave home without humbling yourself and applying the blood.
 - We have to understand what applying the blood means today so we do it properly.

Exodus 12:23 – *For the LORD will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when he seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, the LORD will pass over the door, and will not suffer the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite you.*

- Notice, the verse states God will pass through to smite the Egyptians.
 - (a) The judgment is designed and intended for them.
 - (b) But notice just being a Hebrew didn't exempt them from receiving a smack down that was intended for the enemy or the world.
 - (c) They had to apply the blood.
- I believe this could happen two ways; if there were Egyptians who applied the blood, I would imagine they were spared. Certainly, if there were Hebrews who applied the blood, God promises He would not suffer or allow the destroyer or judgment to hit them. But by giving these instructions it is clear, there is a clear danger if you don't have the blood applied, judgment is coming your way.
- **Critical point here:** God only passes over us in judgment when He sees that the blood has been applied. That we have humbly received and accepted Jesus, the Lamb of God. He is looking for that application! Knowing about it,

hearing about it, singing about it, saying amen about it, but not applying what you know, not being humble and submitting to God .that will guarantee you a smack down!

- Obey the word of God!

Exodus 12:24 – *And ye shall observe this thing for an ordinance to thee and to thy sons for ever.*

- This application should be observed, practiced to not just the people, but to their children and future generations. This word of instruction and first step must be told and practiced by everyone and handed down to our children.

Exodus 12:25 – *And it shall come to pass, when ye be come to the land which the LORD will give you, according as he hath promised, that ye shall keep this service.*

- This is a feast or appointment that you must continue to remember and observe even after you settle in the Promised Land.
- Why? Because even there we need to rehearse the steps that we don't forget the Lord and what He did to bring us success.
- Pride can easily develop and we forget to serve Him.

Exodus 12:26 – *And it shall come to pass, when your children shall say unto you, What mean ye by this service?*

- Sooner or later, the kids are going to ask what does this whole Passover service mean? Why do we do it?
- If we do this correctly, we should experience our kids asking us why we do certain things in our relationship with the Lord.
- Why we humble ourselves, why we go to church, why we pray, why we praise, etc.

Exodus 12:27 – *That ye shall say, It is the sacrifice of the LORD's passover, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt, when he smote the Egyptians, and delivered our houses. And the people bowed the head and worshipped.*

- Your response should be it is the sacrifice of the Lamb.
- It is the Lord's Passover so it is what He ordained to happen; it is His step.
- It recalls the time we were in bondage and He set us free from bondage and passed over us in judgment.
- It recalls their deliverance. After hearing these instructions and forecast, they worshiped in humility.

Application – If this was a requirement for Israel, what does God expect for us as parents?

- God gives Israel the proper response for these future questions.
- Our reply is important so, God tells them what to say.

Application – Don't screw this up when you have that discussion.

- Perhaps tell our kids about our own Passover experience.
- Explain how God delivered us from bondage and passed over us in judgment and set us free from sin and self.
- How do you celebrate your deliverance today? How do you practice this ordinance because last time I checked, not too many Christians are bringing lambs to church to be sacrificed?
 - (a) Humble submission and dependence on God.
 - (b) If you don't practice it, they may not ask.

Exodus 12:28 – *And the children of Israel went away, and did as the LORD had commanded Moses and Aaron, so did they.*

- They obeyed. Important to obey or else you miss out on what God wants to do for and through you.
 - (a) For you – It sets you free and brings you out and into His best place.
 - (b) For others – Provide your experience so they can be encouraged to trust in God and be delivered also.

Exodus 12:29 – *And it came to pass, that at midnight the LORD smote all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sat on his throne unto the firstborn of the captive that was in the dungeon; and all the firstborn of cattle.*

- At midnight, Death Angel kills first born just as God said it would happen. He keeps His word. Everyone not covered under the blood are affected.

Exodus 12:30 – *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 there was not one dead.*

- Everyone suffers loss in Egypt if the house was not covered by the blood.
- Only the application of the blood could prevent this judgment from hitting a house in Egypt.
- If Egypt represents the world, then the same judgment still applies. It is coming again.

Exodus 12:31 – *And he called for Moses and Aaron by night, and said, Rise up, and get you forth from among my people, both ye and the children of Israel; and go, serve the LORD, as ye have said.*

- Pharaoh calls them quickly that night. Doesn't wait. After all this time of waiting, when God really moves, it usually happens fast.
- Releases them to go serve the Lord. Took all of this to finally get him to come around. Even the kids can go now as well. No more conditions.

Exodus 12:32 – *Also take your flocks and your herds, as ye have said, and be gone; and bless me also.*

- Releases the stuff they had as well.
- No longer trying to make any deals.
- Asks for them to bless him on the way out. He knows they are being blessed by God. He wants the blessings as well, but is going about it the wrong way.

Exodus 12:33 – *And the Egyptians were urgent upon the people, that they might send them out of the land in haste; for they said, We be all dead men.*

- The world really doesn't want believers around. Uncomfortable around them.

Exodus 12:34 – *And the people took their dough before it was leavened, their kneadingtroughs being bound up in their clothes upon their shoulders.*

- They are leaving in a hurry.
- No time to put leaven in their bread.
- They are leaving without leaven. Remember that leaven represent sin. So, Israel is leaving without the old sin.
- If that is how they left to get closer to God and the plan, then that is the same plan, steps, and goal for us today in rehearsing these feasts.
- Notice when they leave.
 - (a) So the timing of the exodus is the day after Passover or the Feast of Unleavened Bread.

- (b) So the fulfillment of this second feast is leaving sin and the world behind. If this was required of the Hebrews, then it also applies to us.

Exodus 12:35 – *And the children of Israel did according to the word of Moses; and they borrowed of the Egyptians jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment:*

- They obey the word from God through Moses and in return, get paid.
- There is a great reward in following His directions.

Exodus 12:36 – *And the LORD gave the people favour in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they lent unto them such things as they required. And they spoiled the Egyptians.*

- In obedience, they receive favor from the same world and the same people that had rejected and abused them.
- Note, they worked all those years obeying Pharaoh, the world, sin, and false gods but
 - (a) Never got paid like this
 - (b) Never gained favor like this
 - (c) Never got promoted like this
- Only after they obey God do they get favor and paid.
- All of us are obedient to someone or something, Whether it be a power or principality in high places or as small as a single entertained thought.
- Only obedience to God brings salvation and freedom. He can and will give you favor while you are in the world.
- God didn't just save them and then leave to figure out what to do next:
 - (a) He destroyed what the world had.
 - (b) They got what the world had.
 - (c) Some of what they received from God via the world will be used for the Kingdom journey.
 - (d) Through this God even provides them with the means to give to Him in worship.
- Terms used to describe this include an army and spoils; sounds like a conquering army receiving the spoils of war. Indeed, this was a fight or battle in which God wins in the end.
- God knows how to get you what you need.

Application – We are still at war during this stage but we will have the victory and the spoils in the end. We are in battle against things trying to keep us captive so we need to break out. The war and the battle field is in the mind first.

Exodus 12:37 – *And the children of Israel journeyed from Rameses to Succoth, about six hundred thousand on foot that were men, beside children.*

- They go from Rameses to Succoth. **Numbers 33** further details their departure.

Numbers 33:1-4 – Their journey is recorded as directed by God for a history and revelation. They didn't sneak out of Egypt, they marched out proudly like a victorious army.

Application – We ought to leave our place of bondage and our last season with a high hand.

- (a) Called an army here but, not before leaving Egypt.

Application – We are in God’s army as believers.

- 1) Certainly a spiritual battle is going on (as described in **Ephesians**)
- 2) Armies fight and engage in conflict. I think God describes them as an army because there is a spiritual battle that takes place between leaving Egypt (sin and the world) and staying in bondage.
- 3) The battle is between letting the old go and be buried behind us versus holding on to these things which keep us in bondage (Fleshly Egypt).
- 4) Old = Pains, Disappointments, Unforgiveness, and Attitudes
- 5) The battle really starts when you start to leave!
- (b) Notice in verse 3 it notes the specific date that they left.
 - 1) This is important. God wanted Moses to be sure that he recorded the exact day that they left.
 - 2) I believe one reason is that this date ties directly to the Feast of Unleavened Bread.
 - 3) Very clear that the appointment and application of this feast is to leave behind the world, sin, bondage, idols, etc.
 - 4) They leave Egypt without leaven and we today leave behind this world and sin and bondage.
- (c) Israel departs in victory to start a new life and future with God.
- (d) Egyptians remain behind in Egypt burying their future.

Numbers 33:5-8 Shows the journey through the Red Sea.

- From Rameses to Succoth – they camp the first night.
- From Succoth to Etham – they camp the second night.
- From Etham through Pi-hahiroth near Baal-zephon and arrive at Migdol – they camp the third night.
- Leave that area and pass through the Red Sea. So they cross the Red Sea after the third day. This puts the crossing at around three days after they depart or on or about the Feast of First Fruits.
- See also **Exodus 14:2**.

Exodus 12:38 – *And a mixed multitude went up also with them; and flocks, and herds, even very much cattle.*

- They are a mixed multitude so this deliverance was not just for the Hebrews. Others were allowed to leave as well.
- Same holds true today. You don’t have to be Jewish to be blessed and set free if you follow the same steps as they did here.
- Welcome to the club!

Exodus 12:39 – *And they baked unleavened cakes of the dough which they brought forth out of Egypt, for it was not leavened; because they were thrust out of Egypt, and could not tarry, neither had they prepared for themselves any victual.*

- They had to get a to-go box because they were thrust out now.
- The idea is that the Egyptians were urgent for them to leave.
- God also intended for them to quickly leave Egypt after the Passover.
- Don’t let the spoils you received from and in the world fool you into staying there to enjoy it there. Purpose of the payment is to assist you in getting to your next destination.

Application – Same today, don’t hang around in sin and the world. Quickly get out and leave those things and that place behind. Can’t get to God’s best by staying there.

Exodus 12:40 – *Now the sojourning of the children of Israel, who dwelt in Egypt, was four hundred and thirty years.*

- Stayed there 430 years.
- The Hebrews should have known this deliverance was about due because it was foretold to Abraham (**Genesis 15:13-16**). Powerful verses being fulfilled now in the Exodus; look at how God keeps His promises!!!
- Now, interesting theories about the 30 year difference between Gen 15 (400 years) and Exodus (430 years).
- Theories on the 430 years:
 - (a) I favor the following explanation: The end point is clear, the actual Exodus on the 15th of the month, but the starting point may differ.
 - (b) One theory is that if you start from the birth of Jacob, it would be 400 years. Isaac was 60 when Jacob was born and Abraham was 100 when Isaac was born.
 - (c) Another theory is that the 430 years starts at the time of the sacrifice of Isaac. This assumes Isaac may have been about 30 years old at the time and possibly around Passover.
 - (d) No one can know for sure but it is clear God kept His promise on the date intended.

Exodus 12:41 – *And it came to pass at the end of the four hundred and thirty years, even the selfsame day it came to pass, that all the hosts of the LORD went out from the land of Egypt.*

- The term “self-same day” could point back to the prophesy in **Genesis 15**; which could mean the events of **Genesis 15** may have occurred during Passover.
- It is always the plan of God to bring His people out of Egypt, the world, and bondage.
- So if we stay there, we are working against the plan of God!

Exodus 12:42 – *It is a night to be much observed unto the LORD for bringing them out from the land of Egypt: this is that night of the LORD to be observed of all the children of Israel in their generations.*

- Both the Passover and the following feast day were to be observed and a memorial for the great things God had done for the people.
- Same today, our Passover and the means God used to set us free through the sacrifice of Christ should be a special observance for us. But not just once a year, daily.
- See **Hebrews 11:28** – by faith Moses is noted for observing the Passover.
 - (a) His observance of this feast is noted as a Faith Hall of Fame moment.
 - (b) Compare with the definition of faith in **Hebrews 11:1**.
 - (c) Takes faith to stay there in that place and trust that God will deliver you from judgment by following the Passover instructions.
 - (d) Faith is hoping for something that has not been manifested yet but there is evidence of it. You just can’t physically see the evidence yet.
 - (e) So if evidence exists that you cannot see, it must be spiritual evidence.
 - (f) The spiritual realm is where the evidence must exist.
 - (g) Evidence through the word and the Holy Spirit that gives you evidence that this is not blind faith.
 - (h) Sometimes God may not be telling us to do what we may deem to be great. Celebrating Passover the way outlined is a HoF credential.

Exodus 12:43 – *And the LORD said unto Moses and Aaron, This is the ordinance of the passover: There shall no stranger eat thereof:*

- Here we have further instructions. No stranger could eat it. They had to be either Hebrew or have been a non-Hebrew, who had submitted to God.
- Without the blood, God doesn’t recognize you.
- Remember the blood was applied first BEFORE the Seder or Passover meal was eaten.

Exodus 12:44 – *But every man's servant that is bought for money, when thou hast circumcised him, then shall he eat thereof.*

- Servants who had been circumcised physically could partake.
- Today, those who are spiritually circumcised can participate and be skipped from the coming judgment. A price paid for them, just like us.

Exodus 12:45 – *A foreigner and an hired servant shall not eat thereof.*

- Those hired or foreign and not a participant in the process, could not receive this particular meal.

Exodus 12:46 – *In one house shall it be eaten; thou shalt not carry forth ought of the flesh abroad out of the house; neither shall ye break a bone thereof.*

- A lamb for a house, not to be taken out of the house nor break any bone of the lamb.
- The significance of this is seen in **John 19** where Christ who is the Lamb of God doesn't have his legs broken.
- This is in fulfillment to these requirements.
- So all of this points to the great plan of God for us today and the reconciling ministry of Jesus Christ (Yeshua).

Exodus 12:47 – *All the congregation of Israel shall keep it.*

- For everyone to share in the mercy and grace of the Passover, everyone needed to properly observe it. Had to be applied correctly.
- Here we have further instructions. Everyone was required to observe this feast or special appointment.

Exodus 12:48 – *And when a stranger shall sojourn with thee, and will keep the passover to the LORD, let all his males be circumcised, and then let him come near and keep it; and he shall be as one that is born in the land: for no uncircumcised person shall eat thereof.*

- There was a provision for strangers to take the Passover. This is important, because Gentiles can be full participants in the Passover and in turn be skipped over in judgment.
- They had to be circumcised (physically, today spiritually).
- The male seed or future needed to have this done.
- After circumcision, they could come near. God wants his people, Jew and Gentile to come near and have a closer relationship with Him. But they must follow His instructions to do so.
- People have a desire for His best, but don't always want to do or obey what is required.
- When they followed this process, they had full rights just as any Hebrew would have had.
- Full citizenship in the Kingdom of God.

[**Matthew Henry**] – “...nor may any now approach to the improving ordinance of the Lord's supper who have not first submitted to the initiating ordinance of baptism. Nor shall any partake of the benefit of Christ's sacrifice, or feast upon it, who are not first circumcised in the heart, **Colossians 2:11**.”

Exodus 12:49 – *One law shall be to him that is homeborn, and unto the stranger that sojourneth among you.*

- Full rights and privileges for the stranger. No discrimination between believers.

Exodus 12:50 – *Thus did all the children of Israel; as the LORD commanded Moses and Aaron, so did they.*

- The people obeyed.

Exodus 12:51 – *And it came to pass the selfsame day, that the LORD did bring the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt by their armies.*

- They came out. Not on their own. They could get out of this mess or escape judgment or be set free based upon their own works. God had to do it, wanted to do it, and was able to do it.

Key Observations from Pastor James Turner:

- This month is only the beginning of what God is about to do.
- Every sacrifice ought to be tested for blemishes.
- How often have we given God blemished sacrifices, blemished praise, blemished worship, etc.
- Saying no to the flesh has eternal rewards. If the world or stuff has you then the Lord doesn't have you in that area.
- Some of us are driven by stuff God isn't in.
- Passover, the new beginning or new season starting in an old place. Can't be a new season in an old place unless the old place is about to become the past place.
- God will still speak to you when you are still in Egypt.
- God has always expected our best from the beginning.
- The blood is our eternal security.
- Too many of us want to forget what God wants us to remember.
- The things they built for the enemy they left behind, but they took what they needed for worship.
- Coming out may mean leaving behind something you built or invested effort in.
- The longer we disobey, the worse the final consequences will be.
- Midnight is not a good time to not have the Lord on your side.
- When God is really moving, the world won't want you around. The devil is uncomfortable around the anointing.
- It's hard to worship while still in the world.
- "Bless me also." Pharaoh could have gotten more blessings by obeying rather than asking. Many asking but not getting because they are not obeying.
- They received it. Learn how to receive it when they want to bless you.
- Leaving may involve that what you started in one place, you might have to finish someplace else.

Chuck's Observations:

- What do armies do? They go to war.

Application – Armies fight battles. Where is the battlefield for us today? The battlefield is in our heart/mind.

- See **Ephesians 6:12-17** where we don't fight against flesh and blood.
- See **Galatians 5:17** where the flesh battles against the Spirit. The battlefield is the soul were the seat of your emotions, feelings and mind dwells.
- One significant piece of armor mentioned in **Ephesians** which is designed to protect your head/mind is called the Helmet of Salvation.
 - (a) That seems to indicate to me that if our mind is stayed on Him (Isaiah 26:3) then we will have peace.
 - (b) But what specifically about Jesus can we dwell on?

- (1) I think it is remembering our salvation and His great act of redemption.
 - (2) When we recall and celebrate our salvation and the cost, it protects our mind from the enemy attacks and helps to keep us pushing toward the mark and high calling in Jesus Christ!
- The purpose of leaving was to get someplace better. Can't receive His best in Egypt.

Application to Jesus.

- Behold the Lamb of God who taketh away the sin of the world, penalty of sin, death.
- Jesus arrives in Jerusalem on the 10th day (**John 12**; 6 days before Passover = 8th day of the month. **John 12:2** - Had supper = day 9; **John 12:12** = Day 10).
- Visits the city, House of God for 4 days and is examined by:
 - (a) The chief priests and elders
 - (b) Pilate
 - (c) Herod
 - (d) Annas the High Priest
 - (e) Caiaphas the High Priest – **John 18:24**
 - (f) Judas
 - (g) Centurion
 - (h) Thief
 - (i) The death of Jesus, **Matthew 27:45-50**.
 - (j) While they are having church, Jesus is doing it for real.
 - (k) Stop playing, you're not playing God. This thing is for real. Judgment day is still coming, for real!