



Exodus 12:1-28

# APPLYING THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB

*Exodus 12:12 makes clearest of all what the purpose of the plagues really was. By the plagues God demonstrated his superiority to the supposed gods of the greatest economic-political-military power of the day...[hence] over all the nations of the earth and their “gods” ... The gods were seen, above all, as the grantors of life and protectors of the living... The tenth and final plague was the ultimate one...showing that the gods could not save anyone or anything from death... “Judgment on the gods of Egypt” is practically speaking a judgment on **belief in those gods**, trusting in what cannot save as opposed to the only one who can... Note how 12:2 concludes with the words “I am the LORD” ... God was in effect saying by these words... “I am showing you whom you must pay sole attention to and who alone can save you and grant you blessing... I am making sure by dramatic and decisive means that you cannot miss the fact that I alone am life and truth... Pay attention to no other gods. I have powerfully demonstrated to you that they do not exist. I have also demonstrated to you what happens to people who think they do. Trust me alone and you will have made the choice from which everything else important follows.”*

—Douglas K. Stuart

- A This is the priority of your year (12:1-2)
- B The sacrifice of the Lord’s Passover (12:3-11)
  - C The blood of the lamb averts judgment (12:12-13)
  - D Seven days of unleavened bread (12:14-16)
  - E Remember the day that you were delivered (12:17)**
  - D Seven days of unleavened bread (12:18-20)
  - C The blood of the lamb averts judgment (12:21-23)
- B The sacrifice of the Lord’s Passover (12:24-27a)
- A This is the priority of your life (12:27b-28)

## THE PRIORITY OF PASSOVER (12:1-2; 27b-28)

- It is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the calendar (12:2).
- It is the \_\_\_\_\_ of worship (12:27b).
- It is the \_\_\_\_\_ for obedience (12:28).

## THE PROVISION OF THE PASSOVER LAMB (12:3-11)



- A \_\_\_\_\_ lamb (12:3).
- A \_\_\_\_\_ lamb (12:4).
- A \_\_\_\_\_ lamb (12:5).
- A \_\_\_\_\_ lamb (12:6-11).

<b>Nisan (Abib)</b>	=	<b>March-April</b>
Iyar (Ziv)	=	April-May
Sivan	=	May-June
Tammuz	=	June-July
Av	=	July-August
Elul	=	Aug-September
<b>Tishri</b>	=	<b>Sept-October</b>
Heshvan	=	Oct-November
Chislev	=	Nov-December
Tevet	=	Dec-January
Shevat	=	January-February
Adar	=	February-March

*The New Year is now grounded neither in nature’s renewal nor in mythology but in a historic event—the liberation of a people... Such a revolutionary phenomenon is without analogy in the ancient world.*

—Nahum Sarna

*God was teaching them to link even their measuring of time to his calling on their lives.*

—Douglas K. Stuart

*There was “someone dead” in the houses of the Israelites too [12:30] for the lamb had died.*

—J. Alec Motyer

## THE PURPOSE OF PASSOVER (12:12-20)

- To execute \_\_\_\_\_ on Egypt and its gods.
- To declare \_\_\_\_\_ as the only true God.
- To provide \_\_\_\_\_ for God's people.
- To remove \_\_\_\_\_ (leaven) from our lives (cf. 1 Cor. 5:7-8).
- To bring \_\_\_\_\_ to our hearts!

## THE PRACTICE OF PASSOVER (12:21-24)

The blood of the lamb was...

\_\_\_\_\_ applied.

\_\_\_\_\_ displayed.

\_\_\_\_\_ accepted.



## THE PASSING ON OF PASSOVER (12:24:27a)

- It was celebrated together as a \_\_\_\_\_.
- It was celebrated regularly as a \_\_\_\_\_.

## FOUR PRINCIPLES FROM EXODUS 12:1-28

1. Only the blood of the Lamb (Jesus Christ) can bring salvation.
2. I must personally apply the blood of the Lamb to the "doorposts" of my heart in order to avert judgment and receive salvation.
3. Christ saves me so that I can live free from the bondage of sin.
4. My faith in Christ must be lived out in fellowship with others.

*The death of the firstborn is a kind of measure for measure judgment, making the punishment fit the crime. Pharaoh sought to destroy God's people, His firstborn, so the firstborn of Egypt suffer the fate that had been planned for Israel.*

—Nahum Sarna

*Egypt was a society ruled by primogeniture [the firstborn inherits the entire estate, title, and throne].*

*The firstborn had absolute power within the family unit. Pharaoh was the firstborn of the firstborn of the firstborn. It was from his birthright that he exercised his power.*

—Rabbi Ari Kahn

*The leaven must stand for the selfness which is characteristic of us all... We are by nature self-confident, self-indulgent, self-opinionated; we live with self as our goal.*

—F. B. Meyer

*God who entered in wrath passed over in peace. Something satisfied the God of judgment, so that he no longer found it necessary to exact the judicial penalty.*

—J. Alec Motyer

*Passover reminds us that we have been delivered from death by a perfect substitute whose blood was shed as a sacrifice for our sins. The Feast of Unleavened Bread reminds us what God wants us to do once we've been saved, and that is to live a sanctified life, becoming more and more free from sin.*

—Philip Ryken

*Either sin is with you, lying on your shoulders, or it is lying on Christ, the Lamb of God. Now if it is lying on your back, you are lost; but if it is resting on Christ, you are free. Now choose what you want.*

—Martin Luther