

The Passover Sacrifice

Exodus 11-12

Lessons from the Plagues

- ◇ The first three plagues: Blood, Frogs, and Lice
 - ◇ “Purpose: **That you may know that I am the LORD**”
 - ◇ Result: “Plead with the LORD for me”
- ◇ The second three plagues: Flies, Death of livestock, and Boils
 - ◇ Purpose: **The LORD puts a difference between the Egyptians and His people**
 - ◇ Result: “Pharaoh sent and behold, not one... was dead”
- ◇ The third three plagues: Hail, Locusts, and Darkness
 - ◇ Purpose: **“That you may know that there is none like the LORD”**
 - ◇ Result: “I have sinned against the LORD and against you”

The Final Plague Threatened

- ◇ The LORD announces the plague to Moses (11:1-2, 4-8)
 - ◇ “The LORD said” or “The LORD **had** said”
 - ◇ “Command the people to borrow from their neighbors...”
 - ◇ God’s promises fulfilled (3:21-22)
 - ◇ God’s ownership of all things demonstrated (Matt: 25:27-28)
- ◇ “At midnight I will strike every firstborn in the Land of Egypt”
 - ◇ Universal plague for the Egyptians
 - ◇ Israel delivered: “**I will put a difference between Egypt and Israel**”
 - ◇ After this... You will be cast out of the land

The Final Plague Threatened

- ◇ Moses Before Pharaoh (10:24-29, 11: 8-10)
 - ◇ Aftermath of the plague of darkness
 - ◇ Pharaoh bargains (vs. 24)
 - ◇ Moses refuses (vs. 25-26)
 - ◇ Pharaoh's heart hardened and the people commanded to stay
 - ◇ Pharaoh threatens death to Moses if he returns (vs. 28)
 - ◇ The LORD threatens death if his people not freed (11:4-8)
 - ◇ Moses leaves pharaoh in hot anger
- ◇ Pharaoh's heart hardened
 - ◇ **“That my wonders may be multiplied in the land of Egypt”**

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- ◇ The Substance of the Sacrifice (vs. 1-11)
 - ◇ The Offering
 - ◇ 1 Year old lamb
 - ◇ To be without spot or blemish
 - ◇ To be watched for 4 days before sacrifice
 - ◇ The Timing: At twilight on the 14th day of the 1st month
 - ◇ Sacrificial commands
 - ◇ Paint doorposts and Lintel with the Lamb's blood
 - ◇ The lamb to be roasted with bitter herbs and eaten in haste
 - ◇ Eat while girded and ready to depart

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- ◆ The Statute of the Sacrifice (vs.14-20, 43-49)
 - ◆ To be remembered forever for all generation
 - ◆ To be accompanied by the Feast of unleavened bread
 - ◆ Only to eat unleavened bread for 7 days
 - ◆ No leaven allowed even in the house
 - ◆ No work to be done
 - ◆ A Holy feast on the first and last day of the feast
- ◆ Only members of Abraham's covenant free to participate
 - ◆ Foreigners included through circumcision
 - ◆ Likely due to the 'mixed multitude' who left Egypt

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- ◇ The Significance of the Sacrifice (vs.12-13)
 - ◇ When I see the blood I will “**Pass Over**” you and you will not be destroyed
 - ◇ To skip over in judgment or to hover over to protect
 - ◇ A remembrance of how God delivered and preserved Israel
- ◇ The Submission to the Sacrifice (vs. 27-28)
 - ◇ The people bow their heads and worship
 - ◇ The people did as the LORD commanded them
 - ◇ Egyptians vs. Israel hearing the word of God
 - ◇ Heard -> Believed -> Trusted and Obeyed
 - ◇ Heard -> Believed -> Rejected

Israel Delivered

- ◇ Judgment arrives (vs. 29-30)
 - ◇ Both men and beast struck in every household of Egypt
- ◇ Israel cast out in Haste (vs. 31-40)
 - ◇ Pharaoh surrenders and frees the whole Nation (vs. 31-32)
 - ◇ Israel eats unleavened bread in the wilderness
 - ◇ Note: Moses didn't relate this feast in previous section
 - ◇ God's promises to Abraham kept
 - ◇ Gen. 15:13 vs. Ex. 12:40-41

Final Notes

- ◇ None of God's purposes frustrated (Is. 55:11)
 - ◇ His glorious name revealed and spread throughout the Earth
 - ◇ His people delivered in His own sovereign timing
- ◇ Who is Yahweh?
 - ◇ The one who redeems His people
 - ◇ The one who is faithful to keep His promises
 - ◇ The one who answers prayer
 - ◇ The almighty God of Heaven and Earth