

Exodus 12

King James Version (KJV)

(The final plague upon Pharaoh)

12 And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt saying,

²This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you. (Abib = Green ears) (The Hebrew year began at the spring equinox – our March 21)

³Speak 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: (This will be the first Passover) (One lamb per house – no leftovers)

⁴And if the household be too little for the lamb, let him and his neighbour 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. (Share the lamb with other families, so that there are no leftovers. They are about to leave Egypt)

⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take it out from the sheep, or from the goats: (The lamb slain at Passover is a symbol for when Jesus will be crucified for our sins)

⁶And 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. (This will become Passover. Their day began at sundown, in the evening. Sundown on the 14th begins the 15th day)

⁷And 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. (The blood of the Passover forces the death angel to pass over without harm to those who are inside the house)

NOTE: (Today, the blood of Christ keeps Satan away from those who are Christians; if we ask. We can order Satan and his evil spirits to go back to hell in the name of Jesus Christ, and they must obey)

⁸And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roast with fire, and unleavened bread; and with bitter herbs they shall eat it. (This was their way of taking communion with God. Unleaven bread was because

they would be leaving Egypt just after the Passover. There was no time to let the bread rise)

(Also, leaven is symbolic for the false teaching and traditions on men that later infiltrated God's Word, because people allowed it) see Matthew-16:6-12

(1500 years later, God, as Jesus, would be crucified at this same time; to be a perfect sacrifice for all time. That would end of the all blood ordinances of the Old Testament, and began the New Testament)

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. (purtenance = the center or the body) (sodden = boiled in water) (Roast the whole lamb over fire)

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. (No leftovers – Once offered to God, it became holy)

(Passover is about Christians sharing a meal with God. Today this is called communion)

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. (loins girded - Ready for action, ready to travel. Men wore skirts in those days. They would tie a belt about their loins when they were going into battle to free up their legs. The Israelites were getting ready to leave Egypt)

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. (gods = the princes, nobles and lords – better translation)

(The surrounding countries will also hear about this so that the entire area would know that there is a God in heaven)

(Egypt ignored all the plagues before this. The day comes when it is too late. They weren't destroyed permanently by God. They died and returned to paradise, just as all people do when we die)

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. (This is where the word "Passover" comes from. The angel of death passed over the houses that had the blood of the lamb upon the door)

(As Christians, today, we have the blood of the Lamb <Jesus Christ> over us every day)

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 early Christian church merged Passover with Easter. Easter was a pagan holiday; derived from Ishtar <the pagan goddess of heaven>. The pagans celebrated a feast to her by having an orgy in the forest at sunrise. They decorated eggs and rolled them in the grass. The early church changed Passover to Easter in order to bring in the pagans to increase their membership. More members means more tithes)

(Easter is an insult to God. Christians should celebrate Passover on April 5; not Easter which moves around with the phases of the moon. April 5 is the 15th day after the beginning of the Jewish New Year – at the Spring Equinox)

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. (Leaven was symbolic for sin and for the false doctrines of men) See Mathew-16:6-12

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. (They celebrated the High Sabbath by reading God's Word to the people and by taking the Passover meal)

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 church couldn't even get this right. They changed Passover to Easter. Ignorant Christian preachers and ignorant Christian people still celebrate Easter today)

See 1Corinthians-5:6-7 (Christ became our Passover; not our Easter)

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. (even – evening, sundown – the beginning of the next day, for the Hebrews) (This was Passover – first month, 15th day – the 15th day after the Spring Equinox)

¹⁹ 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. (Passover also applied to foreigners who lived in Israel)

²⁰ Ye shall eat nothing leavened; in all your habitations shall ye eat unleavened bread. Mathew-16:12 (Leaven is symbolic for sin) (Jesus also warned of the leaven of the Pharisees – their false doctrine)

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. (See verse 4 of this chapter)

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. (Hyssop is known for its cleansing or detergent qualities)

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. (suffer = to allow; the destroyer = Satan)

(Satan can't do anything without God's permission. In the end, at the beginning of the Third Age, God will destroy him with a single word)

(This was the last plague upon the Egyptians. They released the Israelites afterwards)

²⁴ And ye shall observe this thing for an ordinance to thee and to thy sons for ever. (This also applies to all Christians, today. The tribe of Judah is known as the Jews, today. The ten northern tribes of Israel migrated over the Caucasus Mountains. They settled Europe and later, America. They became known as Caucasians. These are the Christian nations, today)

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. (They will celebrate Passover every year on this date – today this is our April 5th)

²⁶ And it shall come to pass, when your children shall say unto you, What mean ye by this service? (It is to remember what God did for them, down through the generations)

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.

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

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. (Both the people and their animals)

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.

NOTE: (This was last plague Egypt and upon Pharaoh himself. Pharaoh was supposedly descended from the sun god Ra; and yet his first born was also killed. This should have proven to the Egyptians that Yahoveh is the one and only God in heaven and on earth. There are no other gods)

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 knew that only God could have done such a thing. This was way beyond what any man could do)

³² Also take your flocks and your herds, as ye have said, and be gone; and bless me also. (Pharaoh finally gets it. He's asking for a blessing from God)

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.

³⁴ And the people took their dough before it was leavened, their kneadingtroughs being bound up in their clothes upon their shoulders. (No time to let the dough rise. They left quickly)

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: (borrowed = asked – They had labored without pay for 400 years)

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. (God promised Abraham that his people would leave Egypt far richer than when they went in) Genesis-15:13-16

³⁷ And the children of Israel journeyed from Rameses to Succoth, about six hundred thousand on foot that were men, beside children. (Rameses was the capital of Egypt at this time) (Succoth = booths)

(600,000 fighting men; they were about 2.1 million Israelites altogether – wives, children, elderly)

³⁸ And a mixed multitude went up also with them; and flocks, and herds, even very much cattle. (These were people that had married into the Israelite community who went with them)

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 knew that they had better leave quickly, before the Egyptians change their minds)

⁴⁰ Now the sojourning of the children of Israel, who dwelt in Egypt, was four hundred and thirty years. (430 years after Abraham was told that this would happen in Genesis-15. It was 400 years after Jacob and family entered Egypt)

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 people, their livestock and all of their possessions)

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.

See Jeremiah-33:20 (The Son of David will be Jesus Christ <God in the flesh>, who will reign on the throne for ever)

(The night of the Lord – in the end times, the antichrist comes first and there will be darkness and confusion on Earth, although God is still in charge. The Day of the Lord is at the 7th trump, when Jesus returns as Messiah and ends antichrist's rule)

NOTES: (Today, the Cherokee Indian nation still celebrates the day of the green ears, and they still call God Yahoveh. It is believed that they are descended from the 10 northern tribes of Israel, though it can't be proven. There are legends of many groups of people having sailed across the Atlantic to North America. The Vikings, Moors, and Israelites are some of those groups)

(We now know that native peoples migrated to the eastern US via Iceland and Greenland about 25,000 years ago. This was 10,000 years before the Asian people migrated from Asia via Russia and Alaska to the western US)

⁴³ And the LORD said unto Moses and Aaron, This is the ordinance of the passover: There shall no stranger eat thereof: (stranger = heathen, non-believer) (This is a meal between God and those who are faithful to Him)

⁴⁴ But every man's servant that is bought for money, when thou hast circumcised him, then shall he eat thereof. (Circumcision meant that they had become believers in Yahoveh)

NOTE: (Circumcision of the New Testament is spiritual <of the mind>; not physical <of the body>. It includes all the people <men and women> who accept Jesus Christ as God with us - Our Messiah and Savior. Christ became our Passover at the crucifixion. Jesus said – I am the way) see 1Corinthians-5:6-7

⁴⁵ A foreigner and an hired servant shall not eat thereof. (Those who do not believe that Yahoveh is God are not allowed to eat at God's table)

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. (The Passover sacrifice was to be the best of the flock, with no broken bones or any blemishes)

NOTE: (When Jesus was crucified on Passover, not one bone was broken in His body. It was God's plan to sacrifice Himself, as Jesus, to defeat death and the Devil. Satan signed his own death warrant when he engineered the crucifixion of Jesus <God in the flesh>. Satan will die at the end of the Millennium, after he has tested people one last time)

See Hebrews-2:14 (Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil)

⁴⁷ All the congregation of Israel shall keep it. (Even until this day)

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. (Circumcision was the showing that a man was a believer in Yahoveh. Only true believers were circumcised)

NOTE: (Jesus ended that practice with the crucifixion. HE shed His blood for all who will believe on Him. The crucifixion also ended the practice of sacrificing animals to God. Our sacrifice to God today is our love and our worship)

⁴⁹ One law shall be to him that is homeborn, and unto the stranger that sojourneth among you. (Only the blood ordinances and statutes were fulfilled by Jesus. That law of God today is still the Ten Commandments)

⁵⁰ Thus did all the children of Israel; as the LORD commanded Moses and Aaron, so did they.

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. (As He promised that He would do)