

THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB

Exodus 12:1-13
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Introduction

Most Christians have an incomplete or distorted view of Passover.

Because Christians associate Passover with the Crucifixion of Jesus they think it is a very sad and solemn time of the year.

To Jews, however, Passover is a joyous celebration, the yearly commemoration of the night when God delivered them from the bondage of slavery in Egypt.

We need to be re-educated in order to change the way we view Passover.

1. Why Passover Should Be Studied

- a. These are the Feasts of the LORD - Lev 23
- b. Jesus observed these while He walked upon the earth.
- c. The Feasts are all a picture of Christ.

מוֹעֵד (*mo-ed*) - appointment, fixed time or season, assembly

2. How Passover Is Celebrated

- a. The Selection of the Lamb - Ex 12:3 (*10th day of first month*)
- b. The Search for Leaven - Ex 12:15
- c. The Seder Plate
- d. The Lighting of the Candles

- e. The First Cup - The Cup of Sanctification
- f. The Breaking of the Matzah - *It is wrapped and hidden away*
- g. The Ten Plagues Remembered
- h. The Second Cup - The Cup of Deliverance
- i. The Afikomen is Found / Redeemed / Distributed
- j. The Third Cup - The Cup of Redemption
- k. The Fourth Cup - The Cup of Acceptance / Praise

3. What Passover Symbolizes

- a. Jesus Christ is our Passover - I Cor 5:7
- b. Jesus is the Lamb of God - John 1:29
- c. Jesus presented Himself on Lamb Selection Day
- d. Jesus is without spot or blemish - II Cor 5:21
- e. Jesus was examined and found to be faultless - Luke 23:14

ανακρίνω (*anakreeno*) - scrutinize, investigate, examine

f. Jesus Christ is the Bread of Life - John 6:30-35

בֵּית-לֶחֶם (*beit-lechem*) - Bethlehem - “House of Bread”

g. Christ is the Afikomen - the middle piece of Matzah

h. Christ took the Cup of Redemption to represent Himself

i. Christ’s blood alone saves us from death

1) It must be applied personally

2) Without His blood there is only eternal death

Conclusion

Passover is a living picture of how salvation is obtained.

Salvation has always been about faith. The participation in Passover was hinged upon faith. Not to participate in the activities meant death.

For people today the same is true. Failure to accept the Passover Lamb still means death.

In both the Old and New Testament the blood of the Lamb delivers individuals from slavery - the Jews were delivered from the bondage of Egypt - Believers are delivered from the bondage of sin.

The Crucifixion of Jesus was a repeat performance of Passover.

Jews celebrate Passover without realizing it’s actually Communion.

Christians partake of Communion without realizing it’s Passover.