

Exodus 12:1-28

When He Sees the Blood

A new beginning announced ...

- I. Keep the Feast
 - A. Prepare the Sacrifice
 - B. Cover Your Homes
 - C. Plan a Hasty Exit
- II. Know What's Coming
 - A. Judgement
 - B. Deliverance
 - C. Commemoration
- III. Behold the Lamb
 - A. Jesus Christ
 - B. Our Covering
 - C. Celebrated

... and they bowed and worshiped.

Children, Listen ...

1. What terrible thing was about to happen to the Egyptians who did not obey God?
2. What were the people of Israel to do with the blood of the lambs that were to be sacrificed?
3. How would households that obeyed God and did that be different than all the others?
4. Why did Israel have to be ready to eat the Passover meal in haste?
5. We don't celebrate Passover anymore, but we have the Lord's Supper instead. Passover reminds us of Israel being delivered from Egypt. What does the Lord's Supper remind us we are delivered from? How did that deliverance take place?

Pre-Planned Memorial?!

Memorial days are by definition reflective, as they cause us to look back on an event or a person worth commemorating on a regular basis. A date is fixed on the calendar and, in most cases, the celebration, joyous or somber, is anticipated year after year. But Passover has a twist to it that only God could design. He tells His people in detail how and when to celebrate an epic event that has not even take place. He has promised Israel that it will happen, and His word is sure. He not only spells out what they must do in anticipation of the exodus, He commands them to celebrate the incident for years to come. Central to the original event, and subsequent celebrations of it, is the blood of the Lamb. That points clearly to Christ, the Lamb of God. Deliverance is not forgotten, but the profound truth of Exodus has been realized in the crucifixion of Jesus that has provided a far greater deliverance for sinners! Jesus institutes another 'remembrance' in place of Passover *before* His death! We celebrate that on a regular basis in the Lord's Supper. Interestingly, the formula Paul provides shows us that even this sacrament will become obsolete in the same way Old Testament Passover has, anticipating yet another solid promise given to us by God. He writes: "As often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes." 1 Corinthians 11:26