



The Harvest

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The Passover Lamb (Tell Your Children)

“Now when it happens that your children ask you, ‘What does this ceremony mean to you?’ you are to say, ‘It is the sacrifice of Adonai’s Passover, because He passed over the houses of the people of Israel in Egypt, when He struck down the Egyptians, but spared our households.’ So the people bowed their heads and worshipped.”

~ Exodus 12:25-27 ~

The scene is set for us in the first eleven chapters of Exodus: Israel, God’s chosen and beloved, is enslaved. His people are abused and belittled by the Egyptians. The sin against them is abundant and fierce. God hears the cry of the ones He loves, the ones who love Him. And He sends a way out – a way of escape – a way of freedom.

The judgement God pours out on the Egyptians is righteous and intense. The final judgement is the biggest of the ten, and God makes a way for His people to escape it. *Read Exodus 12:1-11.* We read later in the chapter that Israel followed the commands of the Lord, and they were able to escape their captors. They were free. They could again worship the Lord as they were created to do.

Pause: What does this mean for us today? How have you applied this prophetic story to what happens later on in the Scriptures? How have you made it relevant to your life now?

“Therefore, you are to observe this day throughout your generations as an eternal ordinance” (Exodus 12:17b). We see Yeshua Himself keep this command to celebrate the Passover. In *Luke 22*, we get details about the Messiah’s instructions to His disciples. They sit down to commemorate the Passover out of Egypt together. And what does Yeshua tell them? First, He tells them that He’s been awaiting this moment (*verse 15*). We see that He’s preparing His disciples. He reveals that He will suffer. He tells them that the communion they take together is symbolic – that it finds its fulfilment and its true reality in Him. He tells them that partaking of the communion and of the Passover in general serves as a remembrance of Him and what He’s about to accomplish.

What He’s doing is weighty. The disciples know this. And yet, they start to argue about other things – matters that are far less important. Instead of focusing on the Passover and the striking resemblance of Yeshua’s sacrifice to that of the Passover lamb, they argue about who is the greatest in their group (*Luke 22:24*). They allow themselves to get distracted by the pull of pride.

God knew that our tendency would be to focus on everything else except how He has delivered us. He knew we would get distracted. He knew that the world would pull our minds and our hearts, when He should be the One who holds our attention. For this reason, He address this particular issue all the way back when the first Passover occurred in Exodus. Read *Exodus 12:24-27*. He commanded that His people remember the Passover – how God delivered His people – to ensure that they would refocus on the One who should be the center of their focus. They were to pass the story on to their children for generation to generation. They were to stay rooted in their salvation.

We know that Yeshua is our Salvation. He is the ultimate Passover Lamb. He provides freedom. He provides escape from sin. He is our atonement. Just like the blood on the doorposts of the homes of the Israelites saved them from the loss of their firstborn, the blood of Yeshua covers us from eternal judgement. The Lord broke the bonds of sin. He laid His life down for us, and we are forgiven.

We must never lose sight of the importance of Passover. Read *Exodus 12:24-27* one more time. God's people were commanded to keep the Passover even when they were freed. Even when the threat of destruction, of condemnation, of death passes, we still remember. Even when God did the saving in the past, we don't let ourselves forget. **We cannot cheapen salvation by acting as if it lies only in the past.** So dwell on the important truths found in *Exodus 12*, *Luke 22*, and Passover. Teach it to your children, and don't let yourselves forget. In Him, we are forgiven and freed.