

### 1. Exodus 12 – the Lord's Passover

- Passover is arguably the most important of the biblical holidays (seven holidays in Leviticus 23)
- Passover and the redemption of Israel from Egypt loom large in the national and individual psyche of first-century Israel.
- Passover celebrations appear throughout the OT at moments of spiritual rebirth:
  - Israel celebrates the birth of the nation out of Egypt at moments of spiritual rebirth
  - **Joshua 5:10** – the nation enters the Promised Land
  - **2 Kings 23:21** – Josiah renews the covenant between God and Israel.
  - **2 Chron. 30:1** – Hezekiah restores religious practices to the Temple.
  - **Ezra 6:19-20** – Return from captivity and reestablish the Temple in Jerusalem.
  - **New Testament** – many in Jesus' day were looking for a Messiah that would deliver them as a nation - a rebirth after throwing off the oppression of Rome.
  - **Jesus** provides spiritual redemption rather than physical redemption – and ultimately is central to God's plan of redemption for the world.

### 2. When does Passover and the Festival of Unleavened Bread begin?

- A Jewish day begins at sundown – call it 6 PM.
  - “there was **evening**, and there was morning.” Gen. 1:5
- “The LORD's Passover begins as twilight on the fourteenth day of the first month.” (Lev. 23:5)
  - The Passover is never called a feast – it's just called “the LORD's Passover.”
  - Twilight?
- The Festival of Unleavened Bread – begins on “the fifteenth day” of the first month when the fifteenth day begins – at 6 PM.
  - The festival begins with an evening meal.

6 PM	6 PM	6 PM						
	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	
14 <sup>th</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup>	16 <sup>th</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup>	18 <sup>th</sup>	19 <sup>th</sup>	20 <sup>th</sup>	21 <sup>st</sup>	
	<b>Sabbath</b>	<b>First Fruits</b>					<b>Sabbath</b>	

### 3. Twilight? – how do we conceive the term twilight?

- Hebrew – **בין הערבים**
- Literally – ‘between the settings’
- This phrase has been interpreted as the **afternoon** of the 14<sup>th</sup> day.
- **Josephus, Wars of the Jews – Book 6, (423)** – mentions that the Passover lamb was slaughtered in the Temple starting at 3 PM and completed by 5 PM.<sup>1</sup>
- **David Kimhi – RADAQ** – (1160-1235) – explains the first ‘setting’ occurs when the sun passes its zenith (12 noon), and the second ‘setting’ is at sunset. Between these two times is 3 PM.

<sup>1</sup> Sarna, Nahum (1991). *JPS Torah Commentary: Exodus*, The Jewish Publication Society, p. 55.

“For Christ, our Passover lamb has been sacrificed.” 1 Cor. 5:7

Exodus 12	Jesus, God's Passover Lamb
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Lamb selection day</b></p> <p><b>Ex. 12:3</b> - “tenth day of the month” select a lamb (v. 3)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Lamb Selection Day</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Jesus arrives in Jerusalem 5 days before Passover – (John 12:1; 12)</li> <li>- 15<sup>th</sup> – 5 = the tenth day.</li> <li>- We call this Palm Sunday. The day that everyone is required to select a lamb.</li> <li>- Jesus is presenting himself as the Passover Lamb.</li> </ul>
<p>- <b>Ex. 12:5</b> - a lamb <b>without defect</b></p>	<p>- “a lamb <b>without blemish or defect</b>” 1 Pt 1:19</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sacrifice at Twilight</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Ex. 12:6b</b> – “fourteenth day” and “slaughter them at twilight.”</li> <li>- the sacrifice happens at 3 PM, and the lamb is roasted for dinner on the 15<sup>th</sup> day.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Jesus' Death</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mark 15:34; Matt. 27:46; Luke 23:44</li> <li>- “at three in the afternoon (ninth hour), Jesus cried out in a loud voice.”</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Blood on Door/Blood as a Sign</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Ex. 12:13</b> “The blood will be a <b>sign</b> for you on the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you.”</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Covered in the Blood of Jesus</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 1 John 1:7 – “and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.”</li> <li>- see also: Matt. 26:27-28; Heb. 13:11-12.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Feast of Unleavened Bread</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Ex. 12:17</b> – “Celebrate the Feast of Unleavened Bread.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Feast of Unleavened Bread</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>John 19:31 – “now it was a day of Preparation and the next day...a special sabbath.</li> <li>- see also 1 Cor. 5:7</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>A Night for Watching</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Ex. 12:42</b> – it is to be a “night for watching” – a vigil.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>“keep watch with me” – Matt. 26:38b</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Jesus has his disciples “keep watch” in the garden.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>No broken bones</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Ex. 12:46</b> – “do not break any of the bones”</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>No Broken Bones</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- John 19:33 – “they did not break his legs.”</li> <li>- see also John 19:36</li> </ul>