

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

- Passover is arguably the most important of the biblical holidays (seven holidays in Leviticus 23)
- Exodus 12 – the Exodus from Egypt dominates the first five books of the Bible (the Torah)
- 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 Old Testament at critical junctures for the nation of Israel.
  - 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.

### 2. Passover and the Gospels

- The Passover and Unleavened Bread holidays frame the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus.
- Luke 22:1 & 22 –
  - See also: Matt. 26:2, 17; Mark 14:1, 12; John 12:1, 13:1.
- Many Jews in Jesus' day wanted him to deliver the nation once again from the oppression of the Roman Empire
- Jesus provides **spiritual redemption** rather than physical redemption for the nation.

### 3. Passover is the first of the seven biblical holidays:

Holiday	Exodus	Leviticus
- Passover	Exodus 12:11	Lev. 23:5
- Unleavened Bread	Exodus 12:14-15	Lev. 23:6
- First Fruits		Lev. 23:9-14
- Feast of Weeks (Pentecost)		Lev. 23:15-16
- Feast of Trumpets (Rosh Hashana)		Lev. 23:24-25
- Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur)		Lev. 23:26
- Feast of Tabernacles		Lev. 23:34

#### 4. Flow of the book of Exodus – the process of redemption

- Slavery
- Blood of Sacrificed Lamb
- Water baptism
- Ascend Mountain
- Building the Tabernacle – a space for God’s presence
- God’s presence - dwelling amid the community

#### 5. Four Expressions of Redemption:

- Exodus 6:6-7
  1. “I will **bring** (אצ') you out” –
  2. “I will **deliver** (rescue) (ציל) you” –
  3. “I will **redeem** (גאל) you” –
    - In the ancient Near East, redemption is restoring someone back into their rightful place within the father’s house (John 14:2).
    - A kinsman-redeemer – there is an element of personal relationship.
  4. “I will **take** (קח) you as my own” –
    - Take as in marriage.
    - God is “taking” the Israelites in marriage
    - Mount Sinai is a marriage ceremony.

#### 6. Passover Celebration – Four Cups of Wine:

- Cup of Sanctification – “bring you out.”
- Cup of Deliverance – “rescue you.”
- Cup of Redemption – “redeem you.”
  - The third cup – after dinner - is the cup that Jesus expresses as the blood of the New Covenant (Luke 22:20)
- Cup of Consummation (Restoration or Praise) – “take you as my own” like a bridegroom taking his bride.
  - Revelation 19:7-9; 21:1-2 – the bride of Christ finally joined the bridegroom.