

The Passover as Exodus:

Read Ex. 12

Connections in Exodus:

1. Remember when fire has been around in Exodus? Who do you think of when you see fire? See Ex. 3:2; 9:23-24; 12:8.

a.

Should I Stay or Should I Go: Feast of Unleavened Bread:

2. Remember Moses' repeated request to Pharaoh. Where were the Israelites supposed to go? See Ex. 5:1; 10:9.

a.

3. Remember Moses' other request to Pharaoh. What was supposed to happen in the wilderness? See Ex. 3:18; 5:3.

a.

4. But what happens in Ex. 12:26-27? What is the significance of this? Consider also Ex. 5:8, 17; 8:8, especially 8:25-26; also 8:27-29; 10:25. Why couldn't the people go offer the sacrifice as Moses requested? What two things did God do in response to this?

a.

5. What is the significance of God's salvation in this way? Consider how God decides the people will feast in Ex. 12:14.

a.

6. Remember how God used his plagues to judge and to save? How do we see God at work in Ex. 12:12-13?

a.

Giddy Up and Go:

1. Have you ever baked bread and waited for it to rise? What did the Israelites do? See Ex. 12:8.

a.

2. What other details do you see regarding how quickly the Israelites left? Consider Ex. 12:11.

a.

Structure of Exodus 12:

Read Ex. 12 again:

1. You'll notice that chapter 12:1-28 discuss the passover, how verses 29-32 discuss the final plague, and how verses 33-42 discuss the exodus and verses 43-51 discuss the Passover once more. What is the significance of the final plague being bracketed within the passover?

a.

2. See Ex. 12:23, 30. While the Egyptian firstborn are killed, what happens because of the passover? See Ex. 12:51.

a.

Passover as Exodus:

1. Why do the Egyptians finally allow the Israelites to go? Who are they referring to when they say “we” in Ex. 12:33? To whom does this imply application and the lack of application? Consider God’s promise in Ex. 4:22-23.
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
2. Furthermore, why are the Israelites spared? See Ex. 12:7
 - a.
3. What about us? Consider Heb. 9:22 and 1 John 1:7.
 - a.

Small group (5 mins)

Day of Atonement and Passover:

1. First, do you know what other religious day happened on the tenth of the month? See. Leviticus 23:27.
 - a.
2. Isn’t it strange how the taking of a lamb in the passover also happens on the 10th day? How can you compare and contrast the day of atonement with the passover? Consider these guiding questions to fill in the chart: On Passover, did the Israelites go to the temple? Where were they? What did they sacrifice? Why?
- 3.

Day of Atonement	Passover
fasting	
Sacrifice of a goat	
In the holy of holies of the temple	
For forgiveness of sins	
Others?	

Christ as Exodus:

4. Who do we call our passover lamb today? See John 1:29.
 - a.
5. How is it that we have passed from death to life? How is Christ like the passover lamb described here? See Ex. 12:5, 7; 1 Peter 1:19. See also Ex. 12:26-27 Ephesians 5:2. One other connection can be found in Ex. 12:46 and John 19:36.
 - a.
 - b.

Take Home:

I urge you to do the following this week:

1. Consider the judgement with which God struck the Egyptians and also his mercy to his people Israel. How did God make a way of salvation for the Israelites?
2. Pray this week in thanksgiving for Jesus being your passover lamb. Because of him, your sins are forgiven and instead of eternal death, you will live with him!

Closing Prayer:

Dear Heavenly Father, we praise you for revealing yourself to the Israelites and for making yourself known to them by delivering them from the Egyptians. We also praise you for delivering us from our sin and the death we deserve. Thank you for sending Jesus. We ask that you would strengthen us this week with this comfort: Jesus died in our place. In Jesus' name, amen.