

**"The 10 Plagues upon Egypt"**

**Part 23**

**Exodus 7-12**

**Introduction:** Tonight, in our study of the life of Moses we have come to the preparation for the tenth and final plague. As we enter into chapter 12 of Exodus, we shall see that there is more written about protection from the plague than there is about the plague. The protection will come through a lamb and as we study this protection, we shall see a wonderful picture of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

**"The Protection from the Slaying**

**1. The provision of the Lamb**

**Notice Exodus 12:1-2**

We see here in verse 2 that the Passover will mark the beginning of a new year for Israel. Keeping in mind that the Passover Lamb is a picture of our Savior Jesus Christ then we can see that just as the Passover would mark the beginning of a new year so it is with us that when we come to Jesus Christ and trust in His finished work upon the cross, that we are saved and on that day we begin a brand new life.

**2 Corinthians 5:17**

*<sup>17</sup> Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.*

**Ephesians 2:13-15**

*<sup>13</sup> But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.*

*<sup>14</sup> For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;*

*<sup>15</sup> Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace;*

As born-again believers we are made new in Christ. Salvation is the beginning of a new life for us just as the Passover would be the beginning of a new year for Israel.

**Notice Exodus 12:3-4**

There are several points here to be seen concerning the Lamb.

**a. The appointment of the Lamb.**

The Lamb was by Divine appointment. This was not Moses or Aaron's idea it was God's appointed way of protection for Israel. God appointed only one way for Israel to be protected from this tenth and final plague and that was by a Lamb. God did not appoint several ways, nor did He allow the people to choose their own way of protection. It was God's way or no way. If Moses had told the people, they could choose their own way or if he had fabricated his own way and preached this to the people, he would have led thousands upon thousands to their death.

**Application:**

This is a picture of God's salvation for all the world today. There has been ONE WAY appointed to man as a means of forgiveness and that ONE WAY is through Jesus Christ.

**John 14:6**

<sup>6</sup> *Jesus saith unto him, **I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.***

**Acts 4:12**

<sup>12</sup> ***Neither is there salvation in any other:** for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.*

Throughout the Bible we see that it is many times the lamb which God choses to provide protection from His judgment. It starts in the book of Genesis.

**Genesis 4:1-5**

*And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD.*

<sup>2</sup> *And she again bare his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.*

<sup>3</sup> *And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD.*

<sup>4</sup> *And **Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock** and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering:*

<sup>5</sup> *But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell.*

Most likely there were lambs slain before this.

**Genesis 3:21**

<sup>21</sup> Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.

The clothing made for Adam and Eve was probably from several lambs and this is most likely how Abel knew to bring a lamb for his sacrifice. So, all through the Old Testament lambs were sacrificed to make atonement for sin. Then we come to the Gospels and we read John the Baptist's words:

**John 1:29**

<sup>29</sup> The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

The blood from the lambs of the Old Testament could never take away the sin of the worshipper but it only covered his or her sin, but the blood of the Lamb of God takes away our sin. His blood is the blood of the New Covenant which states:

**Jeremiah 31:33-34**

<sup>33</sup> But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.

<sup>34</sup> And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

Then in the book of Revelation the Lamb is spoken of some twenty-eight times. In the beginning of the book we see the Lamb as if He had been slain.

**Revelation 5:6**

<sup>6</sup> And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.

Then at the end of Revelation we see the Lamb on the throne.

**Revelation 22:3**

<sup>3</sup> And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him:

b. The application of the Lamb.

**Notice Exodus 12:3**

The provision of the Lamb was for everyone. Every man had to take a Lamb for his household if he wanted protection for his family from the slaying of the firstborn. None were exempt in this. The Lamb was needed for protection for every family and if a family would not take a Lamb the firstborn was sure to die.

In the same way the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ, must be accepted by every individual if they are going to have protection from the judgment of God. There is not one person who is exempt. It does not matter what position they hold; it does not matter how rich they are, it does not matter where they live or where they work. Every person in this world needs the Lamb of God and all who die without Him will face the judgment of God for their sins.

**Revelation 20:11-15**

*<sup>11</sup> And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.*

*<sup>12</sup> And **I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God**; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.*

*<sup>13</sup> And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.*

*<sup>14</sup> And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.*

*<sup>15</sup> And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.*

**c. The availability of the Lamb.**

**Notice Exodus 12:4**

The Lamb would be eaten by the family so if there was a small family and they could not consume the entire Lamb they were to share with another family. So, what we need to see here is that a Lamb was available for all. There would not be any families excluded because they did not have a Lamb.

**Application:**

There are two points of application for us to see here.

- **Jesus Christ is available to all people.**

There is no one who is too sinful, there is no one who is too poor, there is no one who is too good, and there is no one who is too lost. Jesus Christ is available to and for all people. I have heard of people who believe they are too sinful to be saved but that is just a lie that Satan has sown. The Bible is very clear that salvation is available for every individual person.

**John 3:14-17**

*<sup>14</sup> And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:*

*<sup>15</sup> That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.*

*<sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

*<sup>17</sup> For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.*

**Revelation 22:17**

*<sup>17</sup> And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.*

➤ **Jesus Christ MUST be shared with those who do not have Him.**

The Passover Lamb was to be shared with all families to be sure everyone was protected. The Israelites needed to be sure no one was excluded in the protection from the judgment.

In the same way we too are to be sure everyone has access to the Lamb. That means we must fulfill the great commission.

**Mark 16:14-15**

*<sup>14</sup> Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen.*

*<sup>15</sup> And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.*

Verse 15 could also read, "Go into all the world and share the Lamb to be sure everyone knows of the coming danger and everyone is presented with the way of escape."

**2. The character of the Lamb.**

**Notice Exodus 12:5**

The Lambs which would be used in the protection of Israel had to be without blemish. They had to be "perfect". They could not keep the best for themselves and offer a crippled Lamb for the sacrifice. There are three points concerning Jesus Christ that we can see here:

**a. The sinlessness of Jesus Christ.**

Jesus Christ as the Lamb of God who would die for our sins needed to be sinless and perfect. If He would not have been sinless, He could not have died for our sins because He would have had to die for His own sins. He was sinless and therefore His death on the cross was for our sins and not His. Let us consider a few verses that speak of our Lord's sinlessness.

**Isaiah 53:9**

<sup>9</sup> *And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth.*

**2 Corinthians 5:21**

<sup>21</sup> *For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.*

**1 Peter 2:21-22**

<sup>21</sup> *For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:*

<sup>22</sup> *Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:*

**1 John 3:5**

<sup>5</sup> *And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.*

**Conclusion:**

Tonight, as we partake of the Lord's Table, we are remembering the sinless Lamb of God who died to take away our sins. We praise God that He was without sin because if He was not then we would have absolutely no hope at all. For if He was not sinless then He did not qualify to be our Savior and His death was in vain.