

"The 10 Plagues upon Egypt"

Part 24

Exodus 7-12

Introduction: Tonight, as we return to our study on the life of Moses, I want to do a quick review to refresh your mind. Two weeks ago, we started into Exodus 12 where we find the tenth and final plague. As we look at this plague, we shall see that there is far more attention given to the PROTECTION from the plague than there is about the plague itself. The main focus in our text is the LAMB. The reason for this is very clear. The Passover Lamb is the clearest picture in the Old Testament of Jesus Christ the Lamb of God. We see within this text the ONLY way of salvation, we see the sinless character of Jesus Christ, we see the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, we shall see who was responsible for the death of our Lord, we shall see the power in the blood of the Lamb, we shall see a clear symbol of the cross, and the list goes on and on. The point is this is a very detailed description of the salvation which God has provided for us.

"The Protection from the Slaying

1. The provision of the Lamb

This would be the start of a new beginning for Israel.

Exodus 12:1-2

a. The appointment of the Lamb.

This was God's way and there was no other way to escape the judgment.

b. The application of the Lamb.

Exodus 12:3

c. The availability of the Lamb.

Exodus 12:4

a. Jesus Christ is available to all people.

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

2. The character of the Lamb.

Exodus 12:5

a. The sinlessness of Jesus Christ.

This now brings us to where we are tonight.

b. The Sonship of Jesus Christ.

Notice Exodus 12:5

The Lamb was to be a male not a female and God was very specific about this. This is because this Lamb was a picture of the sacrifice for all mankind and the only sacrifice that God would accept as the payment for our sins was the sacrifice of His SON. Salvation would not come through God's daughter or through God's mother. Jesus Christ was the SON of God; He was a man.

Luke 2:6-7

⁶ And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

⁷ And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

I point this out because there are people today who have changed the words of certain hymns and they have reworded different Bible versions to align with their perverted philosophies. There are people who are offended because God's plan of salvation came through a MAN and they do their best to change the Truth. These are straight forward attacks against the Bible, and it is evidence that these people have clearly rejected Jesus Christ.

Romans 1:22, 25

²² Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,

²⁵ Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.

From the beginning when God first announced that He would provide a Redeemer, He made it clear that the Redeemer would be a man.

Genesis 3:14-15

¹⁴ And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:

¹⁵ And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

3. The killing of the Lamb.

Notice Exodus 12:6

a. The time of the slaying.

The Lamb was to be kept for four days and then it was to be killed in the evening. The evening here corresponds with the death of Jesus Christ. The evening refers to the time from noon to the setting of the sun.

Matthew 27:45, 50

⁴⁵ *Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour.*

⁵⁰ *Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost.*

The sixth hour would be equivalent to our noon and the ninth hour would be 3 pm. Therefore, Jesus died in the evening just as the Passover Lambs.

Application:

There is an application here that contains great comfort. When I read of the time of the death of our Lord, I can clearly see the hand of God controlling all the events. With all that Jesus went through He could have been crucified at any hour of the day, but God took all of the events and used them to make sure His Son died in the evening so that the picture in Exodus 12 would be accurate.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:

² *A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted;*

³ *A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;*

⁴ *A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;*

⁵ *A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;*

⁶ *A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away;*

⁷ *A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;*

⁸ *A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.*

For everything God has a time for events to unfold. Let us notice what God said concerning the birth of Isaac.

Genesis 17:21

²¹ *But my covenant will I establish with Isaac, which Sarah shall bear unto thee at this set time in the next year.*

Genesis 21:1-2

And the LORD visited Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did unto Sarah as he had spoken.

² *For Sarah conceived, and bare Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him.*

Looking at all of this we can accurately determine that God has a set time for the events in our lives also. There was a day for us to be born and there is a day for us to die. The point I want you to see is that God is sovereign over all the affairs of this world and He works all things together to accomplish His purpose and plan.

b. The slayers of the Lamb.

Notice Exodus 12:6 again.

Here in this verse we are told the "whole assembly of the congregation of Israel" was to kill the Lamb. This is a general statement and so what would take place was that the head of every household would slay the Lambs. But while it was only the heads of the households, they represented all of Israel.

When Jesus Christ was crucified it was the religious leaders who sentenced Him to death, but they represented all of Israel.

Acts 2:22-23

²² *Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know:*

²³ *Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:*

Let us notice what Isaiah wrote concerning who is guilty.

Isaiah 53:4-6

⁴ *Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.*

⁵ *But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.*

⁶ *All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him **the iniquity of us all.***

Every one of us are guilty of nailing Jesus Christ to the cross because we are all sinners.

1 John 2:1-2

My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:

² *And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, **but also for the sins of the whole world.***

We are all guilty because we are all sinners. It is your sin and my sin that has nailed Jesus Christ to the cross. Just as all Israel was represented by the heads of the households so we were represented by all those who were at the cross when Jesus died.

c. The exception in the slaying.

Notice Exodus 12:46

There was not to be any bones of the Lamb broken. This too pictures the death of our Lord.

Psalm 34:20

²⁰ *He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken.*

When Jesus was crucified it looked like this prophecy would not be fulfilled. But God's Word cannot be broken. He is true to His Word and what He promises will come to pass.

John 19:30-33

³⁰ *When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.*

³¹ *The Jews therefore, because it was the preparation, that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the sabbath day, (for that sabbath day was an high day,) besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away.*

³² *Then came the soldiers, and brake the legs of the first, and of the other which was crucified with him.*

³³ *But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs:*

The legs of the criminals were broken so as to speed up their death. They could not push up to breath with broken legs so they would suffocate. But when they came to Jesus, they seen that He was dead and there was no need to break His legs, so the prophecy was fulfilled.

Application:

I just want to remind you that we can fully depend upon the Word of God for it will never fail. God will fulfill His Word even in the darkest of circumstances when it looks like there is absolutely no hope, we can be sure the Word of God will stand true.

Hebrews 6:17-20

¹⁷ *Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath:*

¹⁸ *That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:*

¹⁹ *Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil;*

²⁰ *Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.*

4. The blood of the Lamb.

a. The prominence of the blood.

Notice Exodus 12:13, 23

When God would pass through the land of Egypt the night of the tenth plague it would be only those who applied the blood that would be safe. The presence of the blood would keep the people of Israel safe from the judgment that night. Killing the Lamb would do no good if the blood was not applied. The blood only had the power to save. It was not prayer, it was not good works, and it was not family name. It was the blood and only the blood that would shelter the people of Israel.

This is a picture of how the blood is essential to the salvation of our souls. Let us notice some verses that speak of the importance of the blood.

Hebrews 9:22

²² And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.

Matthew 26:28

²⁸ For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

Romans 3:24-25

²⁴ Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

²⁵ Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

Ephesians 2:13

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

Colossians 1:14

¹⁴ In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:

1 Peter 1:18-19

¹⁸ Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers;

¹⁹ But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

Conclusion:

Next week we will come back and continue to look at the blood of the Lamb. As we close, I will remind you that it is the blood of Jesus Christ that does what nothing else can do. It washes away all our sin. It is as powerful today as it was on the day, He died for the people who come to Him today are washed in His blood and we are cleansed daily in His blood.

1 John 1:7

⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.