

# CHRIST OUR PASSOVER

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### INTRODUCTION:

**1 CORINTHIANS 5:7** God's redemptive plan is revealed in Israel's seven feast days: Passover, Unleavened Bread, First Fruits and Pentecost (spring); Trumpets, Atonement and Tabernacles (fall). All seven feasts point to Christ.

### THE PASSOVER

1. Instituted at the end of the plagues that shook Egypt to its foundation. All ten we're to show that Jehovah was greater than all the false gods of the Egyptians, and to persuade Pharaoh to release the Israelites so they could serve Him (**EXODUS 8:1**).
2. The Israelites were protected from the first nine without doing anything. The last plague required their cooperation, or they too would suffer the death of their firstborn.
3. Instructions (**EXODUS 12:1-14 NLT**).
  - A. A male of the first year without spot or blemish. Any tiny spot or blemish would disqualify the lamb. It had to be sacrificed, roasted and eaten. **DEUTERONOMY 16:5-7**
  - B. The blood had to be caught in a basin and applied to each house. If there was no blood, the firstborn died.
4. What is taught?
  - A. God's way is substitution. We can't save ourselves.
  - B. God's way is blood. **LEVITICUS 17:11-14**
  - C. The provision required personal application.
  - D. They were considered a blood bought, redeemed people.

### CHRIST OUR PASSOVER LAMB

In Revelation, Christ is called "The Lamb" over 20 times: (**REV. 5:6,12; 7:14; 12:11; 14:4**. The New Jerusalem is called the Lamb's wife (**REV. 21:9-10**). **REV. 21:23, 27; 22:1, 3**

### THE TRUE LAMB OF GOD – JOHN 1:29-34

For centuries, Passover lambs were raised in Bethlehem to be brought to Jerusalem and sacrificed at Passover to remind them of their deliverance from Egyptian bondage. What they failed to see was what the Passover foreshadowed. **HEBREWS 10:4** says animal blood can't take away sin (250,000 sheep were slaughtered during Passover). **1 CORINTHIANS 5:7 (NLT)**

- Jesus was born in Bethlehem where angels appeared to shepherds watching over lambs being raised for Passover.
- 30 years later, John identifies Jesus as the Lamb of God.
- Pilate confirms Christ is without fault. (**JOHN 18:38-39, 19:4-6**). Peter confirms it (**1 PETER 1:18-19**).
- Jesus was crucified on Passover in the evening, just as the first sacrificial lamb was being slaughtered. He didn't come to Jerusalem to celebrate Passover; He was there to become our Passover.
- Jesus' Blood was shed and applied. (**HEBREWS 9:12, 22**)

### PASSOVER FULFILLED

1. Our sin substitute is Jesus. **ISAIAH 53:1-5**
2. His Blood is the way. **HEBREWS 10:19-22**
3. We must apply the Blood. **ROMANS 10:10-13**
4. Believers are redeemed and Blood bought. **REV. 5:5-9**

### CONCLUSION:

The message of Passover is salvation by substitution. It's the message of Good Friday and the hope of all the world.