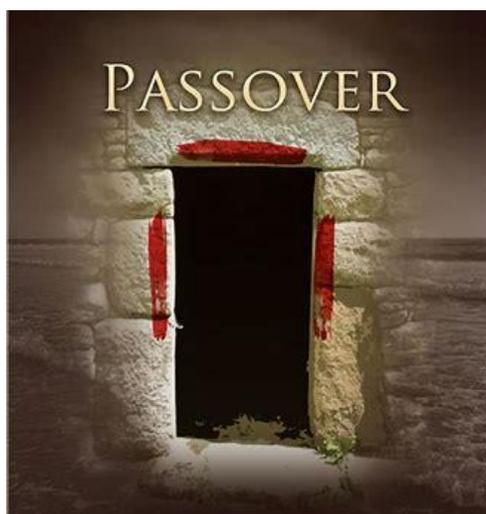


**The Passover Story 2020**

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### **Preparation for Tonight**

**Please have your Bibles if you want to go through it with me or just follow along with me here. If you want to do communion with us, please put your elements out before we start. So, when that time comes, you'll be ready. I have made another meeting on Zoom, just in case we go past 40 min. Since, for free that is all you can do in one sitting. You can have multiple of them though.**

**Below is an overview from Joseph to Moses to Jesus in Passover. I would like to get through all of this. Normally, you can ask questions and have discussion. But this is a special sermon, for a specific purpose. I hope it reminds you why we are here, and what we have to do. If you don't have any questions, feel free to ask me beyond this meeting. I am working on doing a live podcast on YouTube. But I have to wait 24 hrs. for them to put it through. Maybe I can do this for the Friday/Saturday service, if it works. Sorry about the short notice invitation. I hope I can see all of you!**

**Peace and Grace,**

**Pastor Heather Smith**

**P.S. At the end of this sermon, I have pasted pictures and timelines of Passover related charts. I hope you enjoy this!**

## **Joseph and Egypt**

(Some-Paraphrased: Gen. 37:12- Ex.12:42 (NIV 2011)). Believe it or not, our story starts when Joseph was sold to the Ishmaelites Midianite merchants on their way to Egypt. While in Egypt, one of Pharaoh's officials as captain of the guard (Potiphar), bought Joseph from the merchants. Joseph's master knew God was with Joseph, whom allowed Joseph to succeed in things he did. This gave him favor, so Joseph became his assistant. Potiphar gave Joseph control in all he had, so the LORD blessed the household. Potiphar's wife like Joseph, and tried to get him to bed. He refused, but that is not what she told her husband. So, Potiphar had his put in jail. While in jail, Joseph had a knack for understanding dreams, which is why his brothers sold him in the first place, along with being the favorite son. Word got out to Pharaoh, whom was having bad dreams himself. So, Pharaoh called on Joseph to translate his dream. God told Joseph about Pharaoh's dream: "7 years of great abundance, followed by 7 years of famine. The famine will be so great that, the abundance won't be remembered. Joseph told Pharaoh that he would need to appoint a commissioner to direct the people to save a 5<sup>th</sup> of the harvest during the abundant years. So, Pharaoh appointed Joseph. By the time the famine hit, Joseph's family was in bad shape. Not knowing that Joseph was head of Egypt, they went to him to ask for help. (There is more to this story, but this is how the tribes started to be in Egypt.) Joseph's family stayed in the Egypt as guests, until he dies at 110 years old. Joseph told his family that God will keep his promise he made to Abraham, Isaac, and their father Jacob to help them to the promise land. When they go, they must take Joseph's coffin with them.

## **Death of Firstborn Males**

After the family had died off, the new king didn't care about all that Joseph did. All he saw was these people were too many. So, they made them as slaves with forced labor, and made cities for the new Pharaoh. The King of Egypt, told the Hebrew midwives to kill any male born child, but a girl can live. Since, the midwives feared God, they didn't listen. When asked why, they lied and said the Hebrew women are too quick to bore their children before they get there. God found favor with them, and gave them their own families. But Pharaoh, ordered all the people again, to kill the males and throw them into the Nile, and again let the girls live.

A family from the tribe of Levi, had a baby boy and hide him for 3 months until she couldn't anymore. She made a special basket and sent it up the Nile, while his sister watched him carefully to make sure he was okay. Pharaoh's daughter found the child, and took him. The sister helped Pharaoh's daughter get the baby's mother to nurse the baby, not knowing she was his real mother. Pharaoh's daughter took the baby as her own, and named him Moses, meaning "I drew him out of the water."

### **Moses vs. Pharaoh**

When Moses had grown, he went out where his people were, not knowing they were his people yet. He saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew worker, went no one was looking. He killed the Egyptian and hid the body in the sand. On the next day, he saw two Hebrew workers fighting each other, and asked why? They got defensive, and asked him are you going to kill us too? Pharaoh heard about what happened, and want Moses's head, so Moses fled Egypt to Midian.

Moses found favor with Reuel and his 7 daughters who were shepherds. Zipporah the eldest, married Moses and had a boy named Gershom meaning "I have become a foreigner in a foreign land." After a long time, the king of Egypt died, but the slavery carried on. God heard

their cries, and remembered his *covenant* with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. (*A covenant is a promise that is not to be broken by either party. Usually there are stipulations if it is broken.*)

One day while Moses was tending to the sheep of his father-in-law Jethro, who was priest of Midian; leading them around Mt. Horeb. Which was the mountain of God. Moses saw the angel of the LORD in a burning bush, which did not burn up. God called Moses, and told him to take his sandals, for it was holy ground. He said, “He was the God of his father, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.” Moses tried to hid his face for he was afraid. God told Moses, he has heard the cries of his people, and he wanted Moses to rescue them from the Egyptians. He said that he will bring them into the “land of milk and honey – the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites.” At first Moses didn’t want to do it, “Who am I for Pharaoh to listen to me?” God said he would be with him every step of the way, and after he saves them to bring the Israelites to this mountain to worship him. When Moses asked, whom should I name of who sent me; God said, “I AM has sent me to you.”

### **The Plan of God**

The elders will meet with the king of Egypt, to tell him that the LORD our God has met with us. Let us take a 3 day’s journey into the wilderness to offer sacrifices to the LORD our God. God knew he would not listen, so then I will perform many wonders before the people. After all is said and done, he will let you go. When you leave, the people will give you all you want, to get you to go, and you will plunder the Egyptians. The LORD helped Moses learn about his staff, so he could used it in front of Pharaoh. The LORD showed him many things, that he would use to help make them see whose God was real. Even after all this, Moses didn’t want to speak, which made God mad. Be he allowed him to use Aaron a Levite and his brother, to talk for Moses and God. God said he would teach them both what to do. Moses told Jethro to let him

do as God has asked of him, and he gave him his blessing. Moses then took off with his wife and sons.

God told Moses that all the people that wanted Moses dead, are gone. When you get there, you will perform all the wonders that I have give you, but I will harden Pharaoh's heart, so he will not let you go. You tell him, "That Israel is my firstborn son, and I told you, Let my son go, so he may worship me. But you refused to let him go, so I will kill your firstborn son." At a stopping place, the LORD met Moses and was about to kill him. But Moses's wife Zipporah took a knife, and cut off her son's foreskin and touched Moses' feet. She told the LORD, "Surely you are a bridegroom of blood to me, (meaning the circumcision covenant); and the LORD left Moses alone. The LORD then told Aaron, to have Moses meet him in the wilderness, to kiss him. Moses came back and told Aaron all the things the LORD will have Moses say and signs that he will command him to perform. When the family got to Egypt and told the elders what will happen, they believed and bowed down to worship the LORD for hearing their cries.

Like, the LORD had said, Pharaoh didn't want to listen to let the people have a festival for the LORD in the wilderness, to go on a 3 day's journey to offer sacrifices to the LORD, or he will strike them with plaques or with the sword. All the king of Egypt cared about was is labor missing work. So, he made it harder on the people by not allowing them to have straw to make the bricks, and get their own straw; on top of not losing any quota. Moses questioned God about why he made it harder on their people? The LORD said, "Now you will see what I will do to Pharaoh. Because of my mighty hand he will let them go; because of my mighty hand he will drive them out of his country." God told Moses, with Abraham I made a covenant without being fully known to give them the land of Canaan, where they resided as foreigners. I have remembered my covenant. "Therefore, say to the Israelites: I am the LORD, and I will bring you

out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. I will free you from being slaves to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgement. I will take you as my own people, and I will be your God. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God, who brought you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. And I will bring you to the land I swore with uplifted hand to give to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob. I will give it to you as a possession. I am the LORD.” When Moses returned no one wanted to listen to him, not the Israelites or Pharaoh. The LORD told Moses and Aaron they would bring the Israelites out of Egypt by their divisions. (There were 12 tribes of Israel in total).

### The Fight for God’s People

God told Moses that he will make him like a God to Pharaoh, and Aaron his brother will be Moses’s prophet. Moses will say everything God tells him to say, then Aaron will repeat it to Pharaoh. This is the plan of the LORD our God to get his people out into the land he promised. Moses was 80, and Aaron was 83 when they started to speak with Pharaoh.

To get Pharaoh’s attention, God used Moses’s staff as a snake, while Pharaoh’s magicians made two other snakes; Moses’s snake ate their snakes. It was on! Pharaoh’s heart was hardened as God had said. So, comes the plaques of Egypt, like they have not been seen since. *But God did “warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book (Bible): if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book. And if anyone takes words away from this book of prophecy, God will take away from that person any share in the tree of life and in the Holy City, which are described in this book. He who testifies to these things says, ‘Yes, I am coming soon.’” (Rev. 22:18-20 NIV).*

### The 10 Plaques

Plaque 1: Blood – Pharaoh is at the Nile in the morning, Moses confronts him saying “Let my people go, so they can worship me.” Of course, he says “No!” So, Moses has Aaron put the staff that changed into a snake into the water, and the water turns to blood. All the fish died, and the river stunk, and no water in the land was usable. From the waters of Egypt – streams, canals, ponds, reservoirs, even in the vessels of wood and stone that held water. But the magicians could do the same thing. So, Pharaoh did not listen.

Plaque 2: Frogs – 7 days since the blood. Moses went to Pharaoh and asked again. He said, “No!” Moses said that frogs will come up everywhere, flooding every part of their homes, and bed, ovens, troughs, just everywhere. So, Moses has Aaron raise the staff over the streams and canals and ponds for the frogs to come up into Egypt. But the magicians did the same thing. Pharaoh told Moses and Aaron to pray to God to take the frogs away, and he would let them go worship the LORD. Moses let Pharaoh pick the time, he would let them go pray. Pharaoh said, “Tomorrow.” Moses told him that it will happen, so he would know the power of the LORD. All the frogs died, and were everywhere. They were piled into heaps, and the land reeked of them. But again, he hardened his heart once it was over.

Plaque 3 – Gnats – LORD to Moses to tell Aaron to hold the staff over the dust of the ground, and the dust will become gnats. They came of people and animals. This time the magicians tried this, they could not. They admitted this was the finger of God, but Pharaoh’s heart was hardened, and would not listen.

Plaque 4 – Flies – Moses got of early to meet Pharaoh at the river, and asked him again. If not, the LORD will send swarms of flies in Egypt, except Goshen will be spared, where the LORD’s people live. The LORD said he would make a distinction between my people and Pharaoh’s. This will happen tomorrow. Pharaoh called on Moses and Aaron, “Go, sacrifice to

your God here in the land.” Moses said, “That would not be right. The sacrifices we offer the LORD our God would be detestable to the Egyptians.” They would stone them. They have to take the 3 days journey. Pharaoh would not let them leave that far. He ordered them to pray for him. Moses promised, as soon as he leaves him, he will pray for him; then tomorrow the flies will leave. Again, Pharaoh hardened his heart once again.

Plaque 5 – Livestock – The LORD told Moses to talk to Pharaoh again, asking the same thing, with the same response. So, he brought down a terrible plague on the livestock in the field – all horses, donkeys, camels, cattle, sheep, and goats. Again, God made a distinction between Israel and Egypt. They set a time again of tomorrow this would take place. It did. Pharaoh investigated the livestock of his versus theirs, and found no livestock of Israel was harmed. His heart hardened.

Plaque 6 – Boils – The LORD told Moses and Aaron to take soot from a furnace and have Moses toss it into the air in the presence of Pharaoh. It would become like fine dust over the whole land of Egypt, and festering boils will break out on people and animals throughout the land. The magicians couldn’t even stand before Moses because of the boils were on them and all Egyptians. Again, a heart hardened.

Plaque 7 – Hail – Moses got up early to face Pharaoh again, and ask the same questions, with the same answer. They said if it is still a “no,” the LORD will send the full force of my plagues against you and against your officials and your people, so you may know that there is no one like our God in all the earth. “For by now I could have stretched out my hand and struck you and your people with a plague that would have wiped you off the earth. But I have raised you up for this very purpose, that I might show you my power and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth.” Tomorrow, a hail storm that has every fallen-on Egypt, from the day it was

founded till now. Give order to bring everything in for shelter, for everything that is alive will die that the hail touches. Moses stretch out his hands and staff to the sky, and the LORD sent thunder and hail, and lightning flashed down to the ground. He rained hail everywhere but, Goshen. It stripped the fields and trees, both animals and people too. Pharaoh called Moses and Aaron, and said, “This time I have sinned, the LORD is in the right, and I and my people are in the wrong. Pray for we had enough of thunder and hail. I will let you go; you don’t have to stay any longer.” Moses said, “When I have left the city, I will pray and it will stop; so you will know the earth is the LORD’s. (Flax and barley were destroyed, but the wheat and spelt were not, because it ripen later.) Again, Pharaoh lied.

Plaque 8 – Locusts – The LORD told Moses to go again to Pharaoh, for the purpose of people remembering what he has done, to tell the generations how the LORD has dealt harshly with the Egyptian and how he has performed signs among them, so that everyone will know that he is the LORD. Moses asked, “How long are you going to refuse to humble yourself before the LORD?” He asked again. If you don’t, tomorrow locust will destroy everything that was left after the hail. They will blanket the ground, and fill your houses. No one has ever seen this before. Pharaoh’s officials told him, “How long will you continue to let Moses do this to us? Just let them go worship their God. Egypt is ruined enough!” Pharaoh called them back, “Go, worship the LORD, but tell me who is going.” Moses told him everyone and the flocks and herds will be going to celebrate a festival to the LORD. Pharaoh said, “The LORD be with you – if I let you go with everything. Clearly you are bent on evil. No! Have only the men go and worship. Then they drove Moses and Aaron out from Pharaoh. So, the locust came by the east wind that blew all day and night. By morning they came, and ate everything. The ground was black with them. Nothing green remained. Pharaoh called them back quickly, admitting sin once again. He

asked for prayer once again, also. The LORD changed the wind to a strong west wind, and carried them into the Red Sea. None was left. Heart hardened, no one was to go.

Plaque 9 – Darkness – Darkness was next, so dark you can feel it. For 3 days, total darkness covered the land of Egypt. No one could see anything or even move around. But all the Israelites had light in the places where they lived. Pharaoh told Moses to go, take everyone, but the flocks and herd had to stay. Moses said we need to make sacrifices and burnt offerings. They must go too. He still was not willing. Pharaoh yelled at Moses to leave him, and don't come back, otherwise Moses will die. Moses said as you wish.

Plaque 10 (Last Plaque) – Firstborn – The LORD told Moses one more will come on Pharaoh and Egypt. He will let you go after this! He will drive you out completely! (The LORD made Moses and the people highly admired in Egypt by Pharaoh's officials and people.) So, when they were told to ask their neighbors for articles of silver and gold, they gave it to them. The LORD said, "About midnight I will go throughout Egypt. Every firstborn son in Egypt will die, from the firstborn son of Pharaoh, who sits on the throne, to the firstborn son of the female slave, who is at her hand mill, and all the firstborn of the cattle as well. There will be loud wailing throughout Egypt. You will know the LORD has made distinction from Egypt and Israel. All the officials will come bowing to me, telling you to go all of you. I will leave this land.

The LORD before Moses and Aaron said, "This month is to be for you the 1<sup>st</sup> month, the 1<sup>st</sup> month of your year. On the 10<sup>th</sup> day, each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household. You are to share with smaller households. They will be 1-year old males without defect, you can take sheep or goats. Take care of them till the 14<sup>th</sup> day of the month. Then you must slaughter them at twilight. Take the blood, and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs. That same night they are to eat the meat

roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast. Do not eat the meat raw or boiled in water, but roast it over a fire – with the head, legs and internal organs. Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it. This is how you must eat it; with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the LORD’S PASSOVER.

### **Passover Sanctions**

This is the day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD – a lasting ordinance. For 7 days you are to eat bread made without yeast. On the 1<sup>st</sup> day remove the yeast from your houses, for whoever eats anything with yeast in it from the 1<sup>st</sup> day through the 7<sup>th</sup> must be cut off from Israel. On the 1<sup>st</sup> day hold a sacred assembly, and another one on the 7<sup>th</sup> day. Do no work at all on these days, except to prepare food for everyone to eat; that is all you may do. Celebrate the Festival of Unleavened Bread, because it was on this very day that I brought your divisions out of Egypt. In the 1<sup>st</sup> month you are to eat bread without yeast, from the evening of the 14<sup>th</sup> day until the evening of the 21<sup>st</sup> day. For 7 days no yeast is to be found in your houses. Even if they are a foreigner or native-born, all must obey or be cut off from the community of Israel. Wherever you live, you must eat unleavened bread.

### *It’s Time for the Last Plaque*

Moses called all the elders to slaughter the Passover Lamb. They took a bunch of hyssop, dip it into the blood in the basin and put some of the blood on the top and both sides of the doorframe. No one is to go out that door until morning. When the LORD goes through the land to strike down the Egyptians, he will see the blood and pass over that doorway, and he will not permit the destroyer to enter your houses and strike you down. When you enter the land I have

promised, observe this ceremony. You tell your children about this day, and why it is important, and who saved you from the Egyptians.

At midnight the LORD struck down all the firstborn in Egypt animal and human. There was not a house without someone dead. Pharaoh called Moses and Aaron, told them to leave, take everything, and bless him. The Egyptian urged the people to hurry and leave the country. So, the people took their dough before the yeast was added, and carried it on their shoulders in kneading troughs wrapped in clothing. (Hence, the unleavened bread and why they needed to be ready to leave at a moment's notice). The people lived in Egypt for 430 years to the day, all the divisions of the LORD left Egypt. Because the LORD kept vigil that night to bring them out of Egypt, on this night all the Israelites are to keep vigil to honor the LORD for the generations to come. There are restrictions and a way to do Passover, but we will not go into that now. (They are in Exodus 12:43-51 if you want to read them.)

### **Passover Today**

Why was this important to know? Because the world is torn and dying once again. People are worshiping idols, giving up their children to demons (abortions), having gay relations, poisoning the land with all sorts of evil (GMO's, Chemtrails, Radiation, etc.) the elites are doing anything they can to depopulate and kill off who they don't want. People even think they are gods, it's all about them, they don't care about others. These are all things that God does not like, and he said there will be a time again with great suffering. He will show us who he is again! We have seen great numbers die off from this virus, and other ones before. But this one has killed so much faster, with no end in sight as of right now. We must turn back to our Father, Creator, and God that has saved us from Egypt, and will save us once again. But we must turn to him, and trust him with our whole hearts! He is not the God of Fear, the Devil does that. He is not a liar,

like the Devil is. He is a God of the living and light, not of darkness and death. You must choose who you will serve! You can't stay on the fence and be lukewarm. Now is the time, you don't know how much time you have left.

God wants us to be doers of the Word. Help selflessly for others 1<sup>st</sup>, without complaining. Love others as God has love you. For he gave his only son so you may be saved from sin and death. (John 3:16) He commanded us to love, as he has loved. Which means to give yourself selflessly for others. This is how all people will know you are God's people, if you have love for one another. (John 12:34-5) Read Hebrews 1:1-2:18, it tells you everything about the purpose of Jesus, and who you are. We are Abraham's descendants and Children of God. We need to start acting like it! We need to help this fallen world, know God and Jesus once more before death comes to destroy once again. The people need to rejoice in the LORD, and praise him for all he has done, even if you can't see the plan or purpose. The LORD God has one and is being worked out as we speak.

### Jesus's Death

Jesus fulfilled the Passover lamb once and for all, when he dies for us on the cross. On Passover, Jesus laid down with his friends to eat, instead of getting ready to leave. This is because free people from sin, don't need to run from our slavery of sin. They praised him with palms, and then turned their backs as fast to go against him. Yet, they could find no fault in him. He whipped, gouged, tore his flesh from his bones, and it wasn't enough. They put a crown of thorns that dug into his head, and put a cloth on his open wounds. Later, tearing it off after it had dried, just to open the wounds once again. They said crucify him, and set a trouble-maker free (Barabbas). They still wanted more blood. We still do this every time we disobey God, and go towards the evil, dark, things of this life. They took him and made him walk with a heavy

plank/cross upon his shoulders, as they kept whipping him. Dehydrated, loads of blood loss, barely able to keep his footing he went down along the road of people. Like a parade, on the way to Golgotha, The Place of the Skull. The soldiers pulled a Simon of Cyrene to help Jesus carry the cross up the hill. It was now 9:00 am when they nailed him to the cross. Soldiers offered him gall (wine mixed with myrrh/vinegar) but he didn't take it. They cast lots, and divided up his clothes like it was eBay and bid on them. They nailed a sign that said, "King of the Jews." Around noon till 3 pm darkness fell over the land. (Remember the Plaques). Jesus cried out, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (This was due to Jesus taking all sin from the beginning of time to the end of time. God cannot be around sin, so for the 1<sup>st</sup> time in Jesus's life, God could not be there for him.) Jesus was crucified with two rebels, one on each side. People mocked Jesus along with one of the rebels. The other rebel, stood up for Jesus, saying we deserve this, but he doesn't. Jesus told him; he will be with him in paradise. Jesus called out to God to forgive the people for they know not what they do. Jesus called out with a loud voice around 3 pm, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." With that the curtain of the temple was torn in two, and he took his last breath. The Centurion, then knew who Jesus was.

### *Why Jesus?*

Jesus came to reverse the curse Adam had brought upon the earth. Where Adam disobeyed, Jesus obeyed. He was the only one who could've saved us. He was the 1<sup>st</sup> born of God; Adam was created. He had God's DNA, and Mary's DNA of humans. He was fully human with the one chromosome from God. Which made him be able to withstand all that beating and loss of blood. No regular human could ever do what he did. He laid down his life for everyone who wants to know him. Have a relationship with him and the Father. God wants all to come to him, but because of free will, you can choose to obey God's will or not. But like the Egyptians,

don't be upset, when God comes for judgement upon the land and your taken up in it if you choose to turn away from him.

God deserves our respect, honor, and praise! We have everything we could every need to live, but we squander it and are selfish creatures. Don't you know if you share and give selflessly, God will help you and answer your prayers? Don't you know that if you obey his will above your own; he will be there to protect you, like the Israelites. If you know him and his son, they can fight for your salvation at judgement time. Jesus is you attorney, and the Devil is you prosecutor. Without Jesus, you have only your sin and the Devil to win your judgement. With Jesus, he already paid for your sins. So, you can be free from them and be in paradise with him. What will you choose to do with your life? I invite you to communion with us, and pray for all the people of the world. Pray for salvation and God's love to save us from this curse. Pray for Jesus to be in our hearts, and thank him for all he has done. Pray for God's grace and peace, and Jesus's redemption from sin. Pray for protect tonight to cover all the people we care about. Pray for the blood of the lamb to be on our doorpost of our hearts. To protect us from the destroyer, to let it Passover his people. Thanks be to God! And all God's children said, Amen!

### **The Call**

Let us now come into prayer, of confession to our LORD; so, nothing stops up from being with our Father and brother. Come let us pray silently to our LORD.

Let us pray the LORD's Prayer:

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

“Our Father who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be your name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done,  
On earth as it is in heaven,

Give us this day our daily bread,  
 And forgive us our debts,  
 As we forgive our debtors,  
 And lead us not into temptation,  
 But deliver us from evil one,  
 For thy is the kingdom,  
 And the power,  
 And the glory forever. Amen”

Lord please come into our homes, and protect us from this virus and any other evils of this land. Guide us into your obedience and will. Please, help us when we fail you. Help us have self-control, kindness, goodness, patience, faithfulness, love, joy, peace, and gentleness. For this is what is fruitful to you. Help us be strong and not give into temptation, and not be led astray from false doctrines and false teachings of any kind. Let us not fall for wolves in sheep’s clothing. Deliver us from all kinds of evil; ones we can and can’t see! Help us love as you have loved us! Grace and Peace be to the Father and the Son. Amen.

### **Communion**

### **Prayer**

### **Benediction**

Go into the world carefully and aware that things will try to drive you apart. Don’t be distracted by anything that carries false narratives. Keep your eyes on God, and pray often. Know God and his Son intimately. Read his holy WORD! See how he deals with disobedience. There is nothing to fear, if you have God’s Amor on. (Ephesian 6:10-17). Remember all that Jesus has fulfilled, and praise his holy name! Stop running to evil, turn and repent from the sin you have done; and never go back. So, you may be blameless on the Day of Christ, and be welcomed with open arms in paradise. Go and serve others, for when you do. You are also serving God! Go in Peace and Forgiven People of God. Amen!

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**CHRIST** is the key to what God had been pointing to in all the history of God's people.

One way to see this is to examine parallels between Old Testament people, events, and things, and the life of Jesus in the New Testament.

We find some of these parallels in Romans 5. Paul writes that sin entered into the world through one man, Adam, and sin led to death for all men, for all have sinned. He also writes that Adam was a figure of someone who was to come (Romans 5:12).

Paul said that if the sin of one person, Adam, would cause many to die, how much more could the gift of God's grace, by one person—Jesus Christ, cause many to be righteous and have eternal life!

The Bible is full of these parallels or "types." The study of "types" is called typology. In the example above, this method (typology) calls Adam the type and Christ the antitype (opposite).

# Adam

## ADAM (Genesis 2-3)

Adam was the first human God created. He was responsible to care for the Garden of Eden. His disobedience of God's commandment introduced sin and death, so humanity and all of creation became corrupted by sin.

ADAM	CHRIST
Adam was the first person in this creation.	In his resurrection, Jesus is the first person in this New Creation (1 Corinthians 15:23).
Adam was called the son of God (Luke 3:38).	Christ is the Son of God (John 1:14).
Adam was God's administrator or ruler (Genesis 1:28).	Christ is God's Anointed to be King (Matthew 1:16).
Adam was the head of the race (Genesis 3:20).	Christ Jesus is the Head of the New Creation (Romans 5:12-24).
His actions brought consequences to his children causing them to inherit sin and death (Genesis 3:16-19).	His actions brought consequences to God's children causing them to inherit righteousness and life (Romans 5:12-19, 1 Corinthians 15:20-22, 45-49).
Adam joined Eve and rebelled against God (Genesis 3:6).	Christ redeemed his bride (the church) by obeying God (Revelation 19:7-9).
Adam's shame required the death of an animal to cover it (Genesis 3:21).	Christ was shamed, stripped and slain to cover our shame (Matthew 27:27-35).
Instead of closeness with God, we experience isolation and loneliness. Instead of love and care for each other, we experience violence and hatred.	Through Christ's redemptive action, we can experience true life, a close relationship with God and his love, and care for others.

## QUESTIONS

*Because of Adam's sin, the good world God made became corrupt. How does Christ "fix" what Adam "broke?" (Romans 5:15-19)*

## ADAM

is a good first example of a type. It shows very clearly that typology focuses on specific events or character traits rather than on the person as a whole. There are big differences between Adam and Christ; in fact, they are opposites of one another. So it is not that Adam was like Christ; rather, some features of his story parallel Christ's life and ministry. Some are positive and others are negative.

CHRIST IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

# CHRIST IN THE PASSOVER

*"For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. Therefore, let us keep the Festival."*

—1 Corinthians 5:7-8

## OLD TESTAMENT ORIGIN OF THE PASSOVER

THE PASSOVER is the Old Testament feast that celebrates and remembers God's liberation of Israel from Egypt. After Joseph saved Egypt from starvation (Genesis 41), the Israelites lived in Egypt as guests. Eventually, the Egyptians forgot about Joseph and enslaved the Israelites (Exodus 1:6-14). The book of Exodus explains how God freed his people from Egypt. Because of the hardness of Pharaoh's heart, God punished Egypt with ten plagues (Exodus 7-11). During the last plague, God killed all the first-borns—humans and animals—in the land of Egypt. However, God gave his people a way to escape the destruction: a lamb could take the place of the first-born in the family. God gave Moses the instructions for the time when God's punishment passed over the Israelite homes (Exodus 12). This is the Passover. The Passover feast was to be repeated throughout the generations as a memorial forever.

The following information looks at:

- ▶ The Old Testament origin and celebration of the Passover
- ▶ Passover symbolism and how it anticipated Jesus' work
- ▶ The Passover feast's relevance for Christ's followers today
- ▶ A comparison of Jesus with the Passover lamb

THE YEAR AD 70 marks a defining moment in the history of Judaism. The Roman armies destroyed the temple. The temple played a crucial role in the Jewish faith. Until then, the main component of the Passover was the sacrifice of the lamb in the temple. When the temple disappeared, the Haggadah, the "telling" of God's acts of deliverance, became the central part of the Passover. Today a roasted lamb shank bone symbolizes the lamb that would have been sacrificed in the temple.



## THE PASSOVER IN THE BIBLE

In Exodus 12, God gives Moses the instructions and requirements for the Passover.

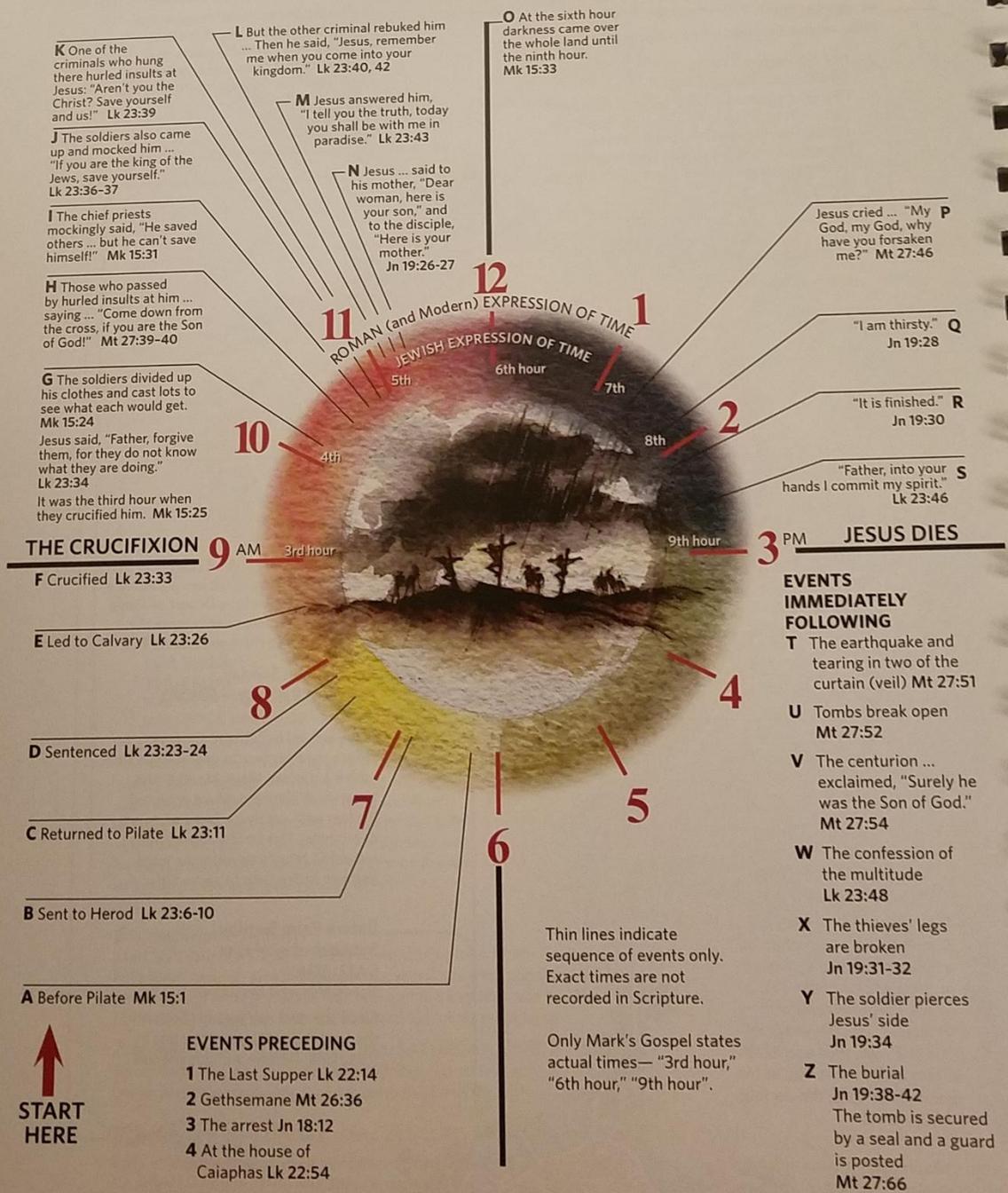
EXODUS 12	CHRIST
12:1-2—The feast marked a new year, a new beginning for the Israelites.	In Christ, every believer is a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17). Old things and the old life are past.
12:5—A male lamb in its first year was taken into the home on the tenth of Nisan (the first month of the Jewish calendar). While in the home, it was closely inspected to see if there were any blemishes or disfigurements. If it was without defect, it was then sacrificed on the fourteenth of Nisan.	Christ was closely inspected by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pilate (Matthew 27:11-26; Luke 23:1-6; 13-25; John 18:28-19:16)</li> <li>• Herod (Luke 23:8-12)</li> <li>• Annas (John 18:12-13; 19-24)</li> <li>• Caiaphas (Matthew 26:57).</li> </ul> They could find no fault in him. Christ is the "lamb without blemish or defect" (1 Peter 1:19).
12:6—The "whole community" of God's people was required to participate in the sacrifice.	Accepting Christ's sacrifice is required for all who want to be part of God's community (Romans 3:21-26).
12:7, 12, 22—The blood of the sacrificed lamb was applied to the doorframe—the lintel and side posts. Because of the covering of blood, the house was spared from God's plague.	Christ shed his blood to rescue his people. We need to be covered or justified by the blood of the Lamb to be rescued from condemnation (Romans 3:25; 5:9). Christ is the Lamb that takes away the sins of the world (John 1:29).
12:14—The Passover was to be kept as a remembrance forever.	During the Last Supper, Jesus refers to the bread as "my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me" (Luke 22:19).
12:46—God commanded Israel not to break any bones of the sacrificed lamb.	To speed up Jesus' death, the Roman soldiers were going to break his legs. However, Jesus was already dead, so his bones remained unbroken (John 19:32-33).

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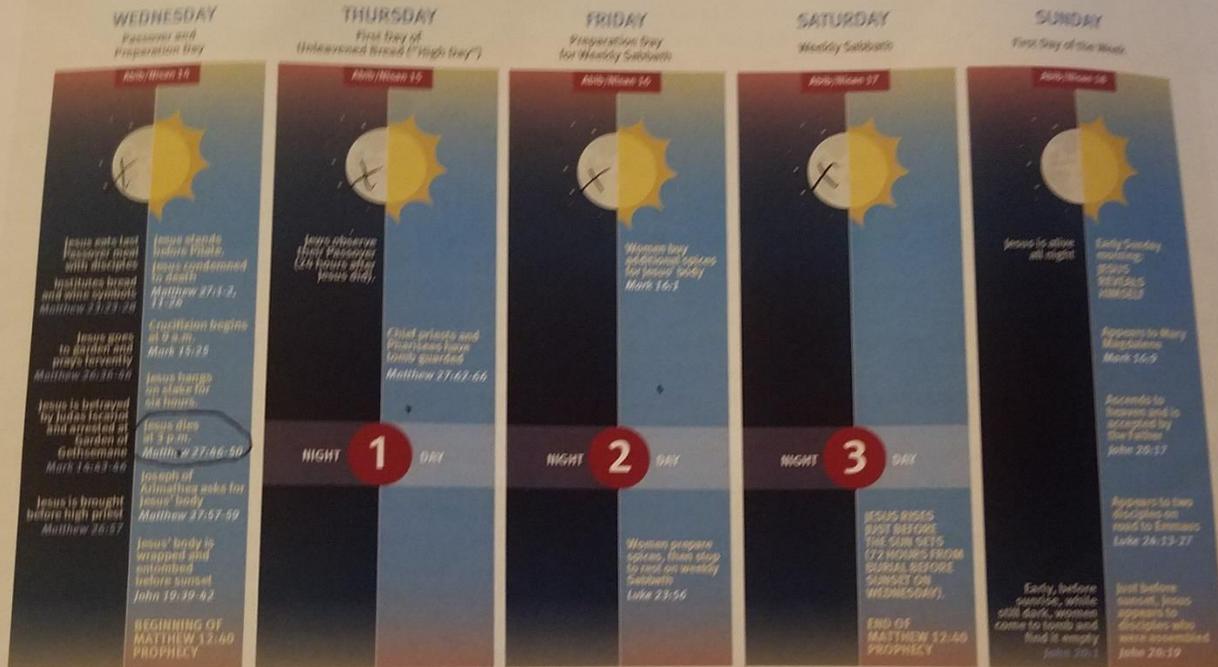
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# Jesus' Hours on the Cross



# Chronology of Christ's Crucifixion and Resurrection

3 DAYS AND 3 NIGHTS (72 HOURS), PROVING JESUS CHRIST IS THE MESSIAH (Matthew 12:38-40)\*



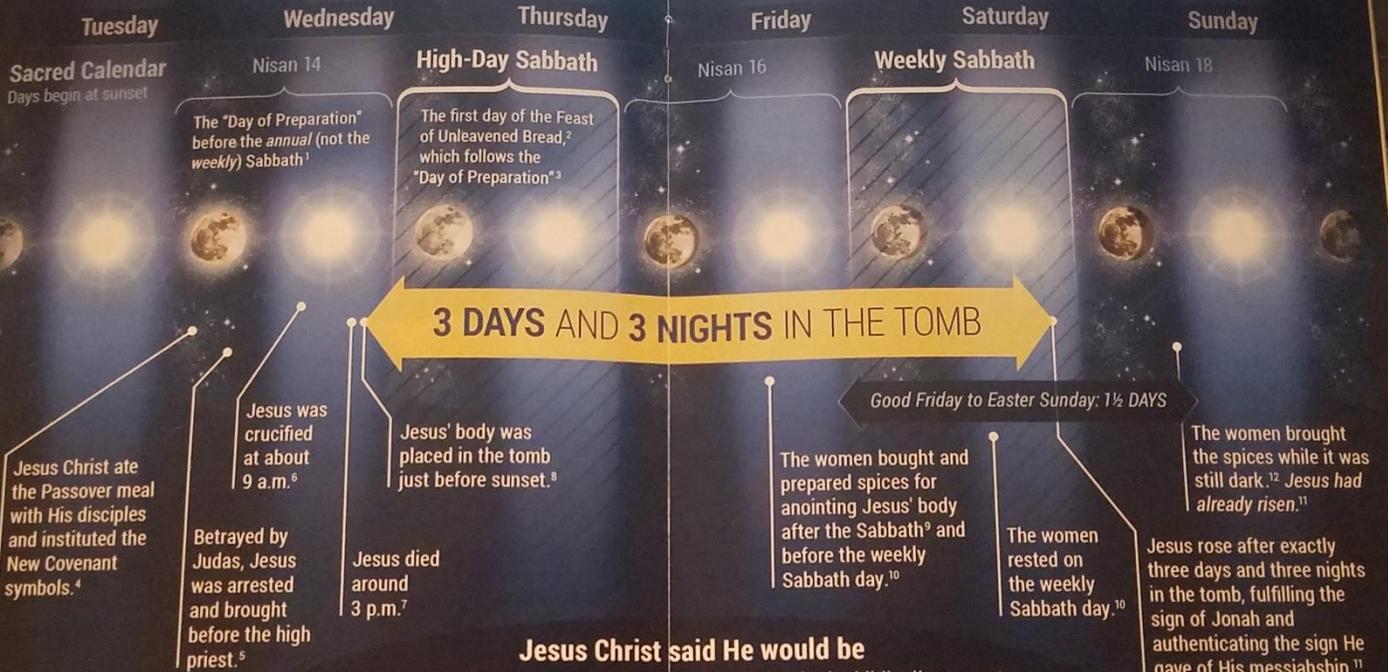
last supper

\*A biblical day begins at sunset and lasts until the next sunset (Genesis 1:5; Leviticus 23:32)

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# The Chronology of Jesus Christ's Death, Burial and Resurrection



**Jesus Christ said He would be** in the tomb for three days and three nights. What is the biblically accurate chronology of Jesus Christ's crucifixion and resurrection? This timeline accommodates three full nights and three full daylight periods. This is the only reckoning that fits Jesus' own prophecy of how long He would be in the tomb. It also fits perfectly with all the details recorded in the four Gospel accounts.

<sup>1</sup> John 19:31, Mark 15:42; Luke 23:54

<sup>2</sup> John 19:31; Leviticus 23:4-7

<sup>3</sup> Matthew 27:62

<sup>4</sup> Matthew 26:26-28

<sup>5</sup> Matthew 26:47-57

<sup>6</sup> Mark 15:25

<sup>7</sup> Matthew 27:46-50

<sup>8</sup> Matthew 27:57-60

<sup>9</sup> Mark 16:1

<sup>10</sup> Luke 23:56; Exodus 20:8-11

<sup>11</sup> Matthew 28:1-6; Mark 16:2-6; Luke 24:2-3; John 20:1

<sup>12</sup> Luke 24:1; John 20:1

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## The Annual Festivals of God

Roman Year	Passover	Feast of Unleavened Bread	Pentecost	Feast of Trumpets	Day of Atonement	Feast of Tabernacles	The Eighth Day
2013	March 25	March 26-April 1	May 19	Sept. 5	Sept. 14	Sept. 19-25	Sept. 26
2014	April 14	April 15-21	June 8	Sept. 25	Oct. 4	Oct. 9-15	Oct. 16
2015	April 3	April 4-10	May 24	Sept. 14	Sept. 23	Sept. 28-Oct. 4	Oct. 5
2016	April 22	April 23-29	June 12	Oct. 3	Oct. 12	Oct. 17-23	Oct. 24
2017	April 10	April 11-17	June 4	Sept. 21	Sept. 30	Oct. 5-11	Oct. 12
2018	March 30	March 31-April 6	May 20	Sept. 10	Sept. 19	Sept. 24-30	Oct. 1
2019	April 19	April 20-26	June 9	Sept. 30	Oct. 9	Oct. 14-20	Oct. 21
2020	April 8	April 9-15	May 31	Sept. 19	Sept. 28	Oct. 3-9	Oct. 10
2021	March 27	March 28-April 3	May 16	Sept. 7	Sept. 16	Sept. 21-27	Sept. 28
2022	April 15	April 16-22	June 5	Sept. 26	Oct. 5	Oct. 10-16	Oct. 17
2023	April 5	April 6-12	May 28	Sept. 16	Sept. 25	Sept. 30-Oct. 6	Oct. 7
2024	April 22	April 23-29	June 16	Oct. 3	Oct. 12	Oct. 17-23	Oct. 24
2025	April 12	April 13-19	June 1	Sept. 23	Oct. 2	Oct. 7-13	Oct. 14
2026	April 1	April 2-8	May 24	Sept. 12	Sept. 21	Sept. 26-Oct. 2	Oct. 3

In biblical reckoning, days begin in the evening (Genesis 1:5), when the sun goes down (Joshua 8:29; 2 Chronicles 18:34; Mark 1:32), and are counted "from evening to evening" (Leviticus 23:32). Thus, all God's festivals begin the sunset just before

the dates listed in this table. For example, in 2015 Passover is observed on the evening of April 2, after sundown, and the Feast of Unleavened Bread begins the following evening, April 3. The festivals end at sunset on the dates given.