Recap last week: God starts the Jewish Calendar. He starts it 14 days before the evening of the first Passover. As we saw last week, the Lord (a.k.a LORD/YAWEH/JEHOVA in the Old Testament) will use this calendar when He institutes His Holidays, Feasts, Festivals, and institutes His Laws. And since we witnessed that He started it with the Passover of the Exodus and concluded it, for all intents and purposes, with the Passover of the Lamb on the cross we must Highly regard it, and take note throughout any and all times it is mentioned throughout the Old Testament.

Exodus 12:14-20 The LORD gives strict instructions on the making of the bread for the feasts. This includes; not using leaven. Again, leaven will be symbolic of sin. The LORD also directs how the days are to be taken. Days to work, days not to work and that this feast/or observance is to be complied with throughout the generations. Notice also, in Verse 19 the LORD says, all who believe on the God of Israel, "whether he is a stranger or a native of the land" are to abide by His decree on this. This once again lets us know that that the God of Israel is the same God of the Garden, the same God of Noah, the same God of David, and the same God of the Cross (Jesus Christ). He is always inclusive and willing to accept all who choose Him. (Remember, Israel was supposed to be a Nation of Priests. Of course they did not want to share their God (and will not share Him until the 1,000 year reign)).

Exodus 12:21-23 If you read closely you will recognize that the "LORD" will decide which house to pass over. He makes the judgement call (based on obedience by faith), He does not do the executing. He allows the "destroyer" to do that. This is the same way He has dealt with his created man thousands of times up to now, and will continue to do hundreds of times more leading up to His final Command of accepting the Lamb who was slain for the sins of the world. Same M.O.! He gives clear instructions on what your faith is to look like and if you follow it your saved. But if you reject it your fate is death (eternal). That is why we have to listen (read) closely to what God has decreed, because if we don't we have sealed our own fate. Not God, but us.

Exodus 12:24: This ordinance is to be kept forever by the nation

of Israel, only, forever. Again, God makes this very clear when He says "you, and your sons." which of course includes the Israeli converts. And by forever, I believe (my opinion only) that this concluded at the final rejection of Jesus Christ around 70 A.D. and will resume once again during the Millenial Reign of Jesus, the Christ. The age of Grace has put a "pause" on Gods dealing with Israel on a one-on-One relationship until after the Tribulation. Until then He is dealing with all (Israel included) through the parenthetical time that we know as the Church Age, the Age of Grace.

Exodus 12:25-28 The LORD tells Israel to observe, obey, and especially share this observance throughout the generations. In other words, He is literally starting the Religion of Judaism right here.

Exodus 12:29-32 God rejectors get knocked out. Including Pharaoh. (But I believe God caused him to "give in" and let all of Israel to leave.) When we get to it we will read in Exodus 14:5 "Now it was told the King of Egypt that the people had fled, and the heart of Pharaoh and his servants was turned against the people; and they said, "Why have we done this, that we have let Israel go from serving us?" So he made ready his chariot and took his people with him".

and Exodus 14:8 "And the LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh King of Egypt, and he pursued the children of Israel....."

Exodus 12:33-36 Another one of God's most useful tools: The power of Prophecy! Throughout His Word He prophesizes. Sometimes Himself as in this case fulfilling what He had forfold Moses would happen at the end of chapter 3. But many more times through His chosen spokesman (aka. Prophets). Fulfilled prophecies of Jesus' birth alone are absolutely mathematical proof beyond any doubt that the Bible is actually Gods Word. (see printout of number of prophecies and one whole page of my sermon on "the Bible" on 9/27/26 that I somehow skipped over).

Exodus 12:37-39: 600,000 men plus women, children, the elderly, and non-Israelites can easily total 2-3 million people leaving Egypt!

Not only leaving Egypt but loaded to the hilt with gold, silver, livestock, flocks and herds and who knows what else. Interesting is that the Scripture verse tells us that they left with basically only what they had recieved from the Egyptians by God's provision. →

I base this on the end of verse 39: "..... because they were driven out of Egypt and could not wait, nor had they prepared provisions for themselves". Hence God telling them to eat the passover meal in haste with shoes on and belt..... To me this indicates to me that God made it happen this way so that they would be totally reliant on what God had provided when He soften the hearts of the Egyptian people to give them all these things to take with them on their journey. Basically, the shirts on their backs and the sandals on their feet were their doing, the rest was all Jehova Jireh! God likes to operate like that so that no one can praise their own planning. (This will once again happen at the midpoint of the Tribulation when God will once again save the fleeing Israelis. (see Pamout Matthew + Revelation)

Exodus 12:40~42: God is precise upon precise! I say that because scoffers say that the Bible has discrepencies. Hogwash! For Example: God told Abraham his people would be afflicted, in a foreign land, for 400 years. And here it says, "And it came to pass at the end of the 430 years - on that same day,..." So these ignorant fools say which is it? 400 or 430? This is where we answer, "If you would want to know the truth just seek the LORD and He will tell you," My people Israel were afflicted 400 years. This 400 years happened after the original 30 years where Isaac and family traveled to Egypt and found favor in Pharaoh's sight because of Joseph the second in the land".

Just another example of how God ochestrated 13,560,480,000 Trillion seconds (430 years) to be exactly how he wanted them to play out.

Exodus 12:43-51 It might seem like God is excluding foreigners, sojourners (posserers/wanderers), and even hired servants but He is not. He is including them if they adopt Judaism. "But every man's servant who is bought for money, when you have circumcised him, then he may eat it". "And when a stranger dwells with you (becomes part of your household) and wants to keep the Passover to the LORD, let all his males be circumsised, and then let him come near and keep it, and he shall be as a native of the land. God does this to exclude non-believers from a Holy feast. Remember, Israel is, and was, a set apart Holy people. They were to be equally yoked, a nation of Priests, in their own Land. With walls and borders protecting it. They were not to treat this Holy meal of remembrance as food. Also, note the lamb was not to have a broken bone (symbo Jesus)