The last Passover meal

Open up today in the OT – Exodus chapter 12 RF.

The whole understanding of the Lord’s Supper or the Eucharist as it was called within the early church, meaning THANKSGIVING, must first be viewed from the original Garden.

Eucharist is from a Greek noun meaning thanksgiving…the attitude of gratitude.

It is used in the verb form within 1Corinthians chapter 11 as the Apostle Paul is giving thanks as he teaches the Last Supper.

The Lord gave thanks (YOU-CAR-AS-STAY-O) when He broke the bread and lifted up the cup.

The Eucharist, is the new ritual instituted for the Church, this replaces the ancient Passover feast and ceremonies.

So, when we note the Passover it was the foundation and the shadow of the OT to highlight the coming of our Messiah, it encompasses HIS full work upon the cross.

/To understand the Lord’s Supper, we first look backward into the Garden and then into the call for the Passover of the Exodus generation. Gen 3:15-21, Exo 12:1-11 is the foundation and shadow of what we celebrate in remembrance of our LORD in the CA supper of the Eucharist. We (Church Age) look backward and forward in remembrance and into the future in certain faith of HIS return. The OT saints were looking forward – all the rituals were the shadow of the future reality.\

The problem arose over the years as the rituals which were designed to foreshadow the reality, yet they became obscured.

Not because GOD was failing to teach us but because mankind is attracted to works and rituals of the flesh.

We are always seeking our own power and our own goals.

/Gen 3:21 And **the LORD God made garments of skin** for Adam and his wife, and clothed them.

Exo 12:5 ‘Your **lamb shall be an unblemished male** a year old; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. 6 You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month, then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel is to **slaughter it at twilight**.\

The justice system of GOD had to be satisfied.

Fallen man could never accomplish pure righteousness and clear the divine justice system. Only perfection could pay the debt.

/God continued to make teaching tools available; everything from the building of the Ark, to the 10 Commandments, then into the details of the tabernacle and the Ark of the Covenant. Everything within OT teachings and rituals pointed to the person and work of TLJC, yet mankind either ignored it, or distorted it.\

Exo 12:1 Now the LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt,

/[Exo 12:2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/exo/12/2/s_62002) “**This month**shall be the beginning of months for you; **it is to be the first month** of the year for you.

Spring (March-April) was now the new beginning for the nation of Israel - it symbolized new life and new growth.\

Isreal actually had two calendars for a period of time – this was the spiritually ordained calendar; they abandoned this after Babylonian captivity. Many began using the calendar of the reaping of the first fruits as seen in the fall, known as the Civil Calendar.

This is not our lesson today, but once again showing us the distortion of mankind especially of Israel after the Babylonian influence.

[Exo 12:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/exo/12/3/s_62003) “Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying, ‘On the tenth of this month they are, each one, to take a lamb for themselves, according to the fathers’ households, a lamb for each household.

Ten being a number of organization and completion – a number for law and order - the right thing done in the right way.

The Israelites needed to be among fellow Bels and in an organized fashion. This did not include Unbelievers.

The LAMB is symbolic of one of the most innocent of God’s creations. A lamb lacks any real aggression and are gentle in nature.

[Exo 12:4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/exo/12/4/s_62004) ‘Now if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his neighbor nearest to his house are to take one according to the number of persons *in them;* in proportion to what each one should eat, you are to divide the lamb.

All Bels are called to partake – status of wealth or social status is of no concern. This was the call for all of true Israel.

/[Exo 12:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/exo/12/5/s_62005) ‘Your lamb shall be an **unblemished male a year old**; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats.

There is a great deal of searching needed to find a perfect lamb. the lamb needs to be in its prime, innocent, pure and heading into its adult life.\

[Exo 12:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/exo/12/6/s_62006) ‘You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month, then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel is to slaughter it at twilight.

/Fourteen represents deliverance, salvation or new beginnings. Twilight was the time in the latest part of the afternoon just before the sun set (5:30 -7pm). The Jews of the first century, would begin the task of slaughter the Passover lambs in the early or mid-afternoon. The same time our LORD was whipped, beaten and finally hung on the cross. The Jewish timetable for a day was from sunset to sunset – the Passover holiday began and ended upon the sun setting of those two days.\

[Exo 12:7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/exo/12/7/s_62007) ‘Moreover, they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses in which they eat it.

The innocent blood of the lamb was painted as a symbolic cross on the doorposts.

Death would PASSOVER the bloody cross of the doorway of every believing household.

Never was the blood to be on the floor because you should never trample on the innocent blood.

The smearing of the blood on the doorposts and lintel (support cross beam) with "hyssop" was an act of expiation. The hyssop plant had great medicinal use in the ancient world – a healing plant.

/[Exo 12:8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/exo/12/8/s_62008) ‘They shall eat the flesh that *same* night, **roasted with fire**, and they shall **eat it with unleavened bread and bitter herbs.**

The lamb had to be eaten, the fire not only ensured it was digestible, it represented the fire of God’s judgement upon Christ. Unleavened bread – purity of Christ, bitter herbs was the slavery of the cosmic system (Egypt).\

The roasting of the lamb was done as a whole – you laid out a whole roasted lamb body on the table for all to see before you cut it up.

Keep in mind this was a lamb they brought into the house for 4 days to get familiar with it before the slaughter and roasting of that lamb.

Four representing the creation of the sun, moon and stars over the earth. Also 4 is a very sacred number for the completion of buildings or structures in the ancient world.

The earth, moon, stars and sun were completed on the fourth day.

[Exo 12:9](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/exo/12/9/s_62009) ‘Do not eat any of it raw or boiled at all with water, but rather roasted with fire, *both* its head and its legs along with its entrails.

/[Exo 12:10](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/exo/12/10/s_62010) ‘And **you shall not leave any of it over until morning**, but whatever is left of it until morning, you shall **completely burn with fire**.

The work of Christ is completed one time – salvation is a one-time decision; it does not need to be repeated. God will destroy (fire) any works added to the Cross of Christ.\

Throughout this whole ordeal and ritual, it has to be the right thing done in the right way – it is a narrow gate.

[Exo 12:11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/exo/12/11/s_62011) ‘Now you shall eat it in this way: *with your garment* belted aroundyour waist, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it in a hurry—it is the LORD’S Passover.

There is an urgency within this ritual, do it accurately and urgently for there is no more time left for salvation. There will come a time when your clock and my clock – the time clock of our life that GOD ordained, will come to an end.

This world is not our permanent home.

/[Exo 12:12](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/exo/12/12/s_62012) ‘For **I will go through the land of Egypt on that night**, and fatally strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the human *firstborn* to animals; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments—**I am the LORD.**

This was the final proof of Yahweh's sovereignty – there is only one GOD (Triune), one way to salvation. All other gods, Unbels and lies will face the death of everlasting fire.\

Just as TLJC returns as the warrior-king with his troops in the 2nd Advent – it was GOD who directed and moved with HIS angelic military presences throughout Egypt, bringing forth a blanket of death on the land.

Egypt is often depicted as a symbol for the world – the cosmic system.

We are rescued from the slave market of the world by the blood of the LAMB of God.

[Exo 12:13](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/exo/12/13/s_62013) ‘The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live; and when I see the blood I will pass over you, and no plague will come upon you to destroy *you* when I strike the land of Egypt.

God was satisfied by the blood of the lamb. The Bel has a human body which is the house of our soul – God looks upon the righteousness of Christ in us.

The propitiation was the blood sacrifice of the precious LAMB of God who takes away the sins of the whole world.

/Passover began on the tenth with the lamb brought into the household; on the 14th they ate the Passover, and this was the first day of unleavened bread, the Feast of First Fruit was celebrated 3 days after the Passover meal. For seven days, they ate only unleavened bread. Eating the lamb was a picture of a non-meritorious faith in God’s salvation gift, the center of all of this is the - LAMB! \

You can now turn to the NT – go into 1Corinthians chapter 11 RF.

The command for the nation of Israel (dispensation of Israel), was this night is for the Lord, to be observed by all the sons of Israel throughout their generations.

TLJC came to fulfill all rituals and fulfill all prophecy and save a lost and dying world.

/The apostles celebrated the last official Passover feast watching the true LAMB of God, use the bread as the symbol of His spotless nature and the cup as the sign of His substitutionary death for all mankind. The pure bread, representing the humanity of Christ – the physical death. The cup representing the full plan of God the Father in relation to spiritual death (blood). The only one able to fulfill both was the impeccable, God-man Jesus Christ.\

Before twilight on the day of Passover, Jesus Christ was sacrificed for all humanity, fulfilling the reality behind the Old Testament shadow rituals.

This is one of the meanings that the TLJC stated when HE lifted the cup to give thanks at the last supper…the NEW Covenant.

Now - CA Believers, look backward at the cross in a memorial to God’s saving grace, we also anticipate the coming of Christ again. The Eucharist, the new ritual instituted for the Church, replaces the ancient Passover feast and ceremonies.

To this day, Judaism keeps the Passover and Feast of Un-leavened Bread, not as the Lord’s Passover but as “*the Passover, the feast of the Jews”.*

You see unless you are a Messianic Jew who wants to truly recognize Christ as our savior, any of these rituals now are blasphemous against TLJC.

As we prepare for the Lord’s Supper let us remember these principles.

/The "day of the Lord" (2nd Advent) and the “day of Christ” (Rapture) will be similar to what God did at the first Passover, involving judgment and blessing. In HIS perfect timing, in HIS perfect plan from eternity past, GOD will blanket the earth in a supernatural way. To not only save HIS children but begin the cleansing of fire for all of eternity. The Rapture will be the ignition point, all Bels removed (Exodus off the earth). The judgement will follow after 7 years of darkness will fall upon the earth.\

All Bels in Egypt, were spared the darkness of death falling upon their household. Just as ALL Bels go up in the Rapture and then ALL Bels go into the Millennial reign of Christ.

/The blood is the life energy of the body (Deu 12:23, Lev 17:11-14) and our true LIFE is in CHRIST. His life is eternal, spiritual life; therefore, HIS spiritual death is symbolized in the blood of the cup. The cup represents the full plan of GOD, including the fact that humanity is born in sin. Christ drinking the cup identifies HIMSELF with our fallen nature. TLJC spiritual death was a separation and pain we may never fully understand. \

Remember it is the saving work of TLJC within the spiritual death that paid for the sins of the whole world.

HIS humanity was also needed, that was to fulfill the prophecies and to give us the king, the mediator and the resurrection into Royality forever.

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/To drink the cup, means HE understood the full and perfect plan of God the Father. Jesus drank the cup of our sins, meaning a substitutional, spiritual death, as well as physical death (humanity). The perfect plan from eternity past included both, already vindicated through the justice system of GOD. The body is symbolized in Unleavened bread (sinless) – the person and work of Christ in full.\

When we partake of the Lord’s Supper we are now and forever agreeing with the perfect plan of God and the saving work of HIS precious SON.

In essence we are identifying with HIS life, death and eternal resurrection.

We are stating that the sins of the world were paid for through the spiritual death within the impeccable, body of Christ.

And we are solidifying our faith in HIS imminent return.

Let us read from the Apostle Paul’s teaching;

1Cor 11:23 For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread;

[1Co 11:24](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/11/24/s_1073024) and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, “This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me.”

In remembrance of our Lord let us eat the bread.

[1Co 11:25](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/11/25/s_1073025) In the same way HE also *took* the cup after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink *it,* in remembrance of Me.”

[1Co 11:26](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/11/26/s_1073026) For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

Let us drink the cup.

Let us pray…amen.