

CUTTING THE COVENANT



On the night of the Passover, God gave Moses specific instructions for the nation of Israel to follow in accordance to His Word. That night, in the midst of the plagues over Egypt, the Israelites were to sacrifice the Passover lamb without defect, unto the Lord. The blood of that lamb was applied to the door frames of their homes, where they ate the lamb. This was “the Lord’s Passover,” a day that is to be celebrated for generations to come.

The Bible tells us in Exodus chapter 12, *“For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the Lord. And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt. And this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and ye shall keep it a feast to the Lord throughout your generations; ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance forever”* (Exodus 12:12-14).

When that final plague of death swept over Egypt, the people inside those doors that had the blood applied to them were protected. The blood was their covering. If the blood had not been applied, there was no protection. Those with the blood on their door were passed over and spared.

A lasting ordinance had been set between God and His people. It marked the beginning of the Hebrew calendar, which is to be observed as a special day.

“And He took bread, and gave thanks, and broke it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: This do in remembrance of me. Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you...For I say unto you, that this that is written must yet be accomplished in me, And he was reckoned among the transgressors: for the things concerning me have an end” (Luke 22:20-21, 37).

Jesus came to completely fulfill the covenant that God set in place starting that first Passover night. As His disciples prepared for them to eat the Passover, prophetic fulfillment continued to fall into place.

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Jesus took the cup, sharing it with His disciples. Representing the Blood that He was destined to shed for the remission of all man’s sins, they drank from it. They also broke the bread to eat in remembrance of Him, and as a sign of His broken body that would be beaten and wounded for our healing.

The remainder of the Passion events following the Passover would go on to fulfill the old testament, and set in place the new covenant for us to live in today. The most powerful thing is that Jesus saw each one of us, even when we were afar off, as He walked up the hill of Calvary to die for us. He endured the pain and torture

before the cross, so that He could say, "It is finished," with His last breath, as the weight of the world's sins was placed heavily upon His shoulders.

But the story does not end there! Praise God! Jesus conquered death, hell, and the grave to raise victorious, holding the keys to the Kingdom. The veil is now rent, and we have free access to the throne of grace through this new and living way. All we have to do is accept this free gift of salvation, believing on the great redemptive work of the Son of God.

Not only do we still celebrate the Passover today to remember the great plan of redemption, but we offer our best sacrifices unto God as well. Bringing our offerings before His feet, we call His divine protection and provision over our lives. God will restore anything the enemy has tried to steal from you and bless you beyond your imagination, as you sow a Passover offering.

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Last year, several testimonies came in about how God had blessed people financially after they sowed their Passover offering. One lady had believed God with her husband for three years for a change in his work schedule.

She wrote that, "On Passover night, after church I was praying. At midnight I remembered my Passover offering. I said, 'Lord, remember my husband's job.' The following morning my husband was approached by the department manager to change his schedule. When my husband gave me the news I said, 'Yes, my Passover offering. That woman had a visitation by my Passover angel last night. To God be the glory.' What was once impossible or I should say what man made impossible, God made possible."

The Passover offering is a powerful celebration that will move heaven on your behalf. As this season of Christ's Passion approaches, remember the Passover and offer to God your very best. God will do greater than your greatest expectations.



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