

SESSION 14: PASSOVER & EXODUS

A. The Exodus- general information

- Refers to all the events between the passover and the crossing of the Red Sea
- The Exodus is the most important event in the history of the nation

B. The Passover

a. *Note the background*

- i. The ninth plague, darkness, was still in progress
- ii. Moses and Pharaoh have a last fiery exchange
- iii. Suddenly the Lord speaks to Moses of the last plague

b. *The Passover-Importance*

- i. The birthday of the nation
Exodus 12:2
(1) This month shall be the beginning of months to you
 1. Beginning of the year
 2. Beginning of the national existence
- ii. This is the event to which they are to look back

c. *The Passover - Meaning - 5 words*

- i. **SACRIFICE**
 - (1) Ex. 11:7 When this takes place you will understand how God makes a distinction between Israel and Egypt
 - (2) Israel's deliverance from this last plague is conditional
 - (3) The central feature of the

night was a sacrifice (not called a sacrifice)

1. Lamb was killed and the blood offered
2. Blood had to be presented properly

ii. **A NIGHT TO BE OBSERVED - Ex 12:41**

(1) Carries the weight of being a special night with an obligation to solemnly be kept

iii. **PERMANENT ORDINANCE. Ex. 12:14**

(1) This was one of 3 solemn assemblies in Israel kept every year

(2) There was never to be a time when the proceedings were to be stopped

iv. **MEMORIAL- Ex. 12:14**

(1) Purpose of that night is to look back and remember the goodness of God to them

(2) It would never be a sacrifice in the same sense as that first night but they were never to forget the benefit of that first sacrifice

v. **FEAST - Ex 12:14**

(1) Feast in that culture is primarily a fellowship

(2) This was to be a time between them and God

(3) Something of pleasure to Him as well as them

- d. *The Passover - typical significance*
 - i. Christ is our Passover
 - ii. Christ died for us at the Passover
 - iii. The Lord's supper takes the place of the Passover for the Christian

C. The Exodus

- a. After the passover, the nation began to move out of Egypt.
- b. On the withdrawal they asked for gifts from Egyptians- voluntary plundering.
- c. God does not lead them the way that would have been expected.
 - i. There was the appearance of confusion on Israel's part
 - ii. Everything is exactly the way God had planned.
- d. Egyptians change their mind and pursue with their best forces.
- e. God opens the sea miraculously and completely destroys the Egyptians.
- f. Israel was completely free and breaks out in a song of deliverance.