

# Exodus 12:1-14

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[ 0 : 00 ] Good morning. Be in the Old Testament this morning in the book of Exodus.

Exodus chapter 12. The book of Exodus is, of course, it's foundational to the entirety of Scripture. The book of Exodus being very important. It's where we see God delivering His people. Most of us are somewhat familiar with this account and this really history that's recorded for us here.

But it's much more than just something that happened in history that God just happened to want us to know. It is so much more than that.

We find in the book of Exodus not only the deliverance of God's people from the bondage in Egypt, but we also find a lot of the first hints at how God is to be worshipped.

[ 1 : 18 ] We find the instructions for the tabernacle and instructions for the clothing that's to be worn by certain people and how this is supposed to look and what this is supposed to be made of and so on.

But folks, before any of that happened, that was instruction as far as how God was to be worshipped. But before that happened, before those instructions were given, God's people had to be delivered.

They had to be delivered for they were even able to worship God. We're going to read about part of that deliverance account here this morning. Here in Exodus 12, I mean, up to this point, nine plagues have already been released upon Egypt against the Egyptians and against Pharaoh and against their gods.

These nine plagues, I mean, we read about the plague of frogs. We read about a plague of lice. We read about a plague of blood that goes over the river. We read about all these plagues that go on here.

And this is God giving warning and instruction about the final plague of the death of the firstborn. That is to come.

[ 2 : 37 ] But there's instruction for His people in this. There's instruction for the Israelites in all of this. And that's what we're going to read about this morning. It will be quite a bit of reading.

But folks, it's the Word of God. It shouldn't seem tedious or cumbersome to us to read the Word of God. So all that being said, Exodus 12, beginning at verse 1, It says, And the Lord spake unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, This month shall be unto you the beginning of months.

It shall be the first month of the year to you. Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of their fathers, a lamb for an house.

And if the household be too little for the lamb, let him and his neighbor next unto his house take it according to the number of souls.

Every man according to his eating shall make your count for the lamb. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year. Ye shall take it out from the sheep or from the goats, and ye shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month.

[ 3 : 55 ] And the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening. And they shall take of the blood and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it.

And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roast with fire and unleavened bread, and with bitter herbs they shall eat it. Eat not of it raw, nor sodden it all with water, but roast with fire, his head with his legs, and with the pertinence thereof.

And ye shall let nothing of it remain until morning, and that which remaineth of it until morning ye shall burn with fire. And thus shall ye eat it with your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your

staff in your hand.

And ye shall eat it in haste. It is the Lord's Passover. 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.

[ 5 : 11 ] 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. And back to verse 1. It says, And the Lord spake unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, This month shall be unto you the beginning of months.

It shall be the first month of the year to you. So God is speaking to the Israelites here through Aaron and Moses, folks.

And God nowadays speaks unto us through His Word. There is no new revelation of God to be found. This is a closed canon of Scripture.

Everything that God wants us to know about Him can be found within the pages of this book. Jesus Christ came here and He revealed God. He revealed the perfection of God.

[ 6 : 13 ] He revealed the will of God. He revealed many different attributes of God to mankind. And what has been revealed in Revelation is what God wants us to know about Him.

And all that ever will be revealed on this side of eternity about God. But here in the first two verses of Exodus in chapter 12, we read that God is speaking unto Aaron and to Moses and telling them that something new is about to happen and that something big is about to happen.

He says this will be the beginning, a new beginning for you. And folks, when salvation comes unto us, it is certainly a new beginning for someone that has been lost in their sin, for someone that has been trapped in the darkness, someone that has been under the bondage of Satan and the demons, such as the Israelites here were under the bondage of the Egyptians.

And they were having to answer to the taskmasters that were in Egypt. And they were having to do their bidding, having to do their will. Folks, before we were saved, we had no choice but to do the bidding of the devil.

We had no choice but to do the bidding of the demons because that's all that we knew how to do. I've said many times that heathens will act like heathens because that's all they know how to do is to be a heathen.

[ 7 : 38 ] And pagans will act like pagans because all they know how to do is act like a pagan. That's why it shouldn't surprise us when we pick up the paper or we turn on the news or we look on our social media outlets and we see the reports of murder and we see the reports of rape and we see the reports of drug use and we see these reports and those reports, folks.

Pagans have always acted like pagans and heathens have always acted like heathens and that's all that they will ever act like until they come into contact and are cleansed of that heathenism by the blood of Jesus Christ.

God here tells Aaron and Moses something new is happening. Something new is happening. He says, This month shall be to you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year to you.

In other words, forget everything that's happened in the past. Forget how you've kept up with time in the past. Forget about how you've kept up with your days in the past and your months and your weeks in the past.

This is a new thing and this is a new beginning. Why? Because deliverance was coming for God's people. Deliverance was coming for those that God was calling out of Egypt.

[ 8 : 55 ] We all know the account when they get to the Red Sea. We know the account of the water parting and it was as a wall on either side. We know this account. But folks, this was the beginning of it and this was God telling His people through His men, Aaron and Moses, that something new was about to happen.

And folks, when God came into our life, when He saved our soul with the blood of Jesus Christ, it was something new that happened to us. The Bible says, Paul says in 2 Corinthians, that if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature.

All things are passed away. Behold, all things are become new. It's a new thing when salvation comes to a lost sinner. It's a new thing.

Folks, I don't know how new it was for you, but I know how it was for me. I wasn't used to feeling guilty about my sin. I wasn't accustomed to feeling guilty about rebelling against God.

I wasn't accustomed to feeling guilty about breaking the laws of God. But once God came in, once the Holy Spirit moved in and took up residence within myself and within my heart, then the guilt came.

[10:08] Then the guilt came over me rebelling against God. Then it comes again to this very day. The guilt comes. If I sin against God, there's something that comes over me which drives me to repentance.

That was a new thing when I was saved. And folks, it's become, I don't want to say redundant. It's not redundant. But it is habitual for a child of God to repent.

And it should be because we repent every day. We sin every day. Therefore, if we sin every day, we need to repent every day. It should be in our habits. Not to do it as a ritual.

Not to do it as some religious motion. But to do it because you feel sincere regret over some of the decisions that you make. Over some of the actions that you take.

Over some of the words that you speak. Folks, that was new when we became a child of God. And God here is telling His people that something new is about to take place.

[11:12] Verse 3, Speak ye unto the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth day of this month they shall take unto them every man a lamb according to the house of their fathers a lamb for an house.

And if the household be too little for the lamb, let him and his neighbor next unto his house take it according to the number of the souls. Every man according to his eating shall make your count for the lamb.

So, God has given instructions here. You are to take a lamb unto your house. You are to take this lamb. And we read a little bit further on that they're to keep that lamb for 14 days.

They kept that lamb to the side. They were to go out and they were to pick a perfect lamb. One that was without blemish and without spot. And folks, Peter describes the Lord Jesus Christ in the same manner that He was the lamb without blemish and without spot.

John describes, John the Baptist describes Him as the lamb that tooketh away the sins of the world. Jesus Christ is the ultimate lamb of God.

[12:15] Jesus Christ was sent to be our sacrifice, but not for you and I only, not for just this group or for that group, not for a little country here and a little town there, not for a little group of people here and a big congregation there.

Jesus Christ came to be the propitiation for sins, period. He came and He bore the iniquity of the world upon His shoulders that everyone might have an opportunity to believe His gospel, repent of their ways, and receive salvation.

Hallelujah! That's the provision that Almighty God made in Jesus Christ. God is making provision for His people here in Exodus chapter 20. He says to take a lamb, take a lamb for every man unto his own house.

And if that lamb, if there's too much of it, if the house is too small to consume the entire land, they're to share it. Folks, we are to share the gospel of Jesus Christ regardless of the size of our house, regardless of whether there's two people in the house or whether there's twenty people in the house.

The Bible plainly tells us that we are to go into all the world and to preach the gospel unto every living creature. We are to go and to make disciples of the nation.

[13:36] We are to baptize them in the name of the Father. And of the Son. And of the Holy Ghost. We are to do these things. But folks, we are to share the gospel. We are to share the Lamb.

We are to share the good news that although man be a sinner, God is a marvelous Savior through Jesus Christ. Hallelujah. Even though we're sinners and God knew that we would be, God still made a way.

Folks, these here in Egypt, they didn't earn this from God. Nor did they deserve this from God. You read on through Exodus just a little way.

You read on through Numbers. You read on through Leviticus and Deuteronomy. You read on through the Old Testament. Folks, the Israelites did not merit God making this provision for them.

They did not earn it. They had grown quite comfortable with the ways of the Egyptians. They had grown quite comfortable with the religion of the Egyptians. They had grown quite comfortable with the idolatry of the Egyptians.

[14:40] They did not earn this. This was grace that God was giving them. This was grace that God was telling them how to avoid death. How to avoid a physical death is what God was telling them here.

But folks, this is a wonderful picture of a much broader aspect and a much more important aspect of something that the Scripture refers to as the second death.

Which is a death that anyone who dies without repenting of their ways and believing the Gospel of Jesus Christ, they will die the second death. And that is not a death that is here and then gone. It is not a death that lasts for just a little while. It is a death that will last forever and forever and forever in a place called hell. It's a place where the worm doth not. It's a place where there is weeping, wailing, and gnashing of teeth.

It's a place that the Bible describes as outer darkness. It's a place that hell is a terrible place. I read in the book of Revelation in chapter 20 that one of these days death and hell will both be thrown into the lake of fire for all of eternity.

[15:48] But anyone that ends up in this awful place called hell, it is for all eternity that it will happen. These folks here, these Israelites, here that God was making this way for it.

He was giving them instructions how to avoid the hand of death when it came through the land. God said, I will come through Egypt this night. I will smite the firstborn.

I will do this thing when God come through Egypt and brought death with Him and brought death to the house of everyone that did not have the blood upon their doorposts and upon the lentils of their home.

God was giving His people away to escape death. And He's done the same thing with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He has done the exact same thing. He has given people away with the glorious news that a Savior has come.

With the glorious news that the Lamb which taketh away the sins of the world. He has come. He has suffered. He has bled. He has died. He's been buried. He's been resurrected.

[16:48] He spent a few weeks up here doing other things and He ascended to the Father and He forever lives to make intercession to all who believe. Hallelujah! That's the provision that we have.

Folks, there was provision given here. There was a way of escape given here. And it was very specific what God was telling these people. Go out and choose you a lamb. Go out and if the lamb that you choose, if it is perfect and without spot and without blemish and your house is too small to consume it, you go and you share that with the house next unto yours.

Folks, we are to share the Gospel with neighbors. We are to share the Gospel with our families. We are to share the Gospel with the community. We are to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with the world!

Most Christians, unfortunately, if it gets much beyond their family and a lot of them don't even want to share it there. If it gets much beyond their family, they don't want anything to do with it. Folks, we are commanded in the Scripture.

We are commanded in the Scripture to share the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I'm glad somebody shared it with me. I'm glad it was shared with me. I'm glad somebody preached God's Word.

[18:00] And I'm glad that they preached that I'm a sinner, but that God is a Savior. I'm glad that they preached that I could be saved if I would just repent and believe. Folks, we are commanded to share the Gospel.

Verse 5, Your lamb should be without blemish a male of the first year ye shall take it from the sheep or from the goats and ye shall keep it under the fourteenth day of the same month and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening.

The whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening. Now, how many lambs are we talking about here? He's talking about every man for his own house.

Folks, this is not like the movies that you see. If you've ever seen the Ten Commandments with Charlton Heston in it, there was more Israelites than what is pictured in that movie.

There were more Israelites than any video depiction I have ever seen of the Israelites leaving Egypt. It is estimated there were two and a half to three million Jews that were getting ready to

make this pilgrimage off to the Promised Land.

[ 19 : 07 ] That means there was two and a half to three million Jews that went through the Red Sea. It wasn't just a pod of a hundred or two hundred people that went through. Folks, these people were to take their own land for each household.

And they were to kill that land. It says the entire congregation was to kill that land. Folks, we are all responsible for the death of the Lamb of God. You're responsible for it. I'm responsible for it.

So many people, so many Gentiles want to point the finger at the Jews and say, they killed my Savior. But folks, we are all responsible for the death of Jesus Christ.

For the Bible says, for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. The Bible also says that Jesus came to seek and to save that which was lost, who was lost, everyone that ever has committed sin against God or ever will commit sin against God.

We are all responsible for it. He took your sin upon Himself. He took my sin upon Himself. We are responsible for the death of the Lamb of God.

[ 20 : 09 ] Folks, if there was no sin, there would have been no reason for Him to come. But there was sin everywhere. Sin entered into the garden and it has been here ever since. It has been here ever since and there will come a time.

There's a day when I'm going to live in a city. I'm going to live in a land where there will be no sin. I've already said, I believe in Sunday school this morning, there will be no crying there. There will be no weeping there.

There will be no sickness there. No heartache. No death. None of that will exist in the land of glory because there will be no sin in the land of glory. Hallelujah. Your Lamb, I'm sorry, I just read that. You shall keep it under the fourteenth day of the same month and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening and they shall take of the blood and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses wherein they shall eat it and they shall eat the flesh and that night roast with fire and unleavened bread and with bitter herbs they shall eat it and they shall take of the blood and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses wherein they shall eat it.

It's not just any house that they could do this on. It's specific here. They shall take of that blood and they shall strike it upon the two door posts and upon the lintels on the upper door post.

[ 21 : 32 ] Basically, the door frame of the house is what we're getting at here. But they're supposed to do this on the door post of the house wherein they will eat of the Passover lamb.

They can't go to their neighbor's house. They can't take their blood from their lamb and go to their neighbor's house and do it. Their neighbor has to do it themselves. And folks, listen to me.

Salvation is a very personal thing.

I can't ride into heaven. I can't ride into glory on somebody else's salvation. And they cannot ride into glory on my own. There's a lot of people out there that have that mindset.

They think that just because Papaw was a preacher that their way into heaven is paid, folks. Their way into heaven is paid, but it's paid by Jesus Christ. And you will only get there by believing in Jesus Christ.

Not on Papaw and not on Mamaw and not on something else that someone else may have told you it is by Christ and Christ alone that we will make it to glory one day after a while.

[ 22 : 31 ] They have to strike it upon the doorpost of the house wherein they will eat this meal, wherein they will eat this feast, the Passover feast that God is initiating and God is giving them instructions for here.

What does the house symbolize? The house symbolizes where you go for safety. It's where you go for cover. And folks, if the blood was not upon the doorpost, upon the doorframe of this house, God would strike the firstborn of that house dead.

That is a promise that God makes within the Scripture and God meant it. God meant what He said. There are so many people in the world that say, I don't believe that God would do this and I don't believe that God would do that.

Folks, God flooded the entire world and killed everything and everyone on it save eight people. God burned the cities of the plain to the ground with fire and brimstone that rained from heaven.

Don't tell me God is not capable of these things. But when God performs actions such as that, He performs them in righteous judgment. He is completely righteous. He is completely correct in everything that He has ever done or ever will do.

[ 23 : 41 ] Don't tell me God's not capable of that after some of the accounts that I read in the Scriptures. You can read where the people of Korah, the ground opened them up and swallowed them up because they came against God's man.

Don't tell me God's not capable of those things. Don't tell me you don't believe that God would do such things. If you don't believe that, folks, you don't believe the Scripture. People want a God that is only love and not a God that has something to do with wrath or fury or anger or judgment or any of those things.

Folks, my God is the God of all those things. He is capable of all those things. He says, vengeance is mine, saith the Lord. I will recompense. This is my God and this is the God that saved my soul. Why would I not want to serve Him? Why would I not want to serve Him? Why would I not want to follow the instructions that He has given for salvation here? And that's exactly what we're talking about here with these Israelites, folks.

It is instructions for salvation. Granted, this was a physical deliverance because He was going to physically kill people that did not have the doorpost of their house painted with the blood of the sacrificial lamb.

[ 24 : 59 ] He was giving them a way out. He was giving them a way of escape. And folks, the entire world has a way of escape available to them in the name and belief in Jesus Christ.

Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Verse 8 again. And they shall eat the flesh and that night roast with fire and unleavened bread and with bitter herbs they shall eat it. If eaten out of it raw nor sodden at all with water but roast with fire his head with his legs and with the pertinence thereof and he shall let nothing of it remain until morning and that which remaineth of it until morning he shall burn with fire. God giving them instructions here how they are to eat this Passover lamb, this sacrificial lamb.

Folks, I'm quite convinced had each Israelite not eaten it the way that God instructed them to do, the blood on the doorpost would have done them no good.

There are instructions in all of this. And folks, I'm telling you now there's been it basically boils down just like a false profession would be. You go to a church service somewhere, you go to a tent meeting somewhere, and some sinner comes to the altar and they make their profession of faith and they declare Christ as Lord and they say that they've been delivered, they've been redeemed. They say all these things and they might walk the walk for a month or two. They might walk the walk for six months. They might walk it for five years. But I'll tell you what will give it away is if at some point eventually that person returns back to what they came from.

[ 26 : 41 ] they return back to the bars. They return back to their lifestyle. They return to the drugs. They return to the alcohol. That is not evidence of a true blue child of God.

That's somebody that needs to be saved. And when that happens, folks, we'll follow the instructions. We won't follow them perfectly. None of us will.

That's an impossibility. But we'll do our dead level best to follow the instructions that God gives us in His Scripture. He says, They shall eat the flesh and that night roast with fire and unleavened bread and with bitter herbs they shall eat.

The fire pushing in the fast forward mode here. Jesus Christ suffered immensely for you and I. Jesus Christ suffered the fire of God's judgment upon Himself. It may not have been a physical fire there at the cross. Folks, He suffered immensely for your salvation and for my salvation and for the salvation of everyone who would repent and believe the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

[ 27 : 52 ] Jesus suffered immensely the fire of the judgment of Almighty God. But it doesn't stop there. It says we're to eat it with unleavened bread or the Israelites are to eat this with unleavened bread speaking of purity.

And Jesus Christ was pure. He was without spot. He was without blemish speaking of the purity of the Savior here. But He says they're also to eat it with bitter herbs, folks.

And this was as a reminder of their time in the land of Egypt. How bitter it was. Like I said, some of these Israelites, they had grown quite comfortable with the ways of Egypt and with the things of Egypt.

But folks, it was a bitter time for them. It was a bitter time. We read in the very beginning of the book of Exodus that there arose a Pharaoh that knew not Joseph.

Up to that point, things were pretty well for the Israelites. But when there arose a Pharaoh that didn't know who Joseph was, didn't realize that Joseph over in the book of Genesis, he had given the way, he had interpreted dreams, and he had basically saved not only the land of Egypt, but planet

earth from extinction because of the famine that came in that land.

[ 29 : 07 ] There arose a Pharaoh that didn't know who that Joseph was. Therefore, he didn't care about the Israelites. He didn't care about their heritage, where they came from, what they had done for the Egyptian people.

Therefore, the Egyptians took the Israelites into bondage and made them slaves to build their buildings and to do their bidding. God's reminding them, having them eat with these bitter herbs, the Passover lamb.

He's reminding them of the life that they've had in Egypt. Because this isn't just a once and done thing that they're doing here. God says at the very end, the very last verse that we read, the last couple of verses we read, it was supposed to be a statute forever.

It was supposed to be something that is continually celebrated by them. We'll get to that here momentarily. Verse 11, And thus shall you eat it with your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand, and ye shall eat it in haste.

It is the Lord's Passover. And there's been many folks say this is referring to the rapture of the church or God taking the church out.

[ 30 : 15 ] This is symbolic of that. Folks, that's not the context that we're reading about here. We're reading about deliverance and we're reading about a lamb that has been slain. And we're reading about blood that has been placed upon the door frame to a house to deliver these people, to spiritually deliver them.

I understand where people might get that idea from. And I guess you could preach a topical sermon using that very Scripture for that matter. But here, it says that they're there to eat it in a certain way. It says you shall eat it with your loins girded and your shoes on your feet and your staff and your hand. Why would this be, folks? This was, again, going all the way back to the first couple of verses of this chapter.

This was a brand new thing that was happening. They were to eat the Passover lamb with their loins girded, with their shoes on their feet, with their staff on their hand. Yes, it was so that they would be ready at a moment's notice to exit the land, to make their way toward the Red Sea and to be delivered through the Red Sea on their way into the promised land that God had promised to Abraham and to Isaac and to Jacob.

I understand all that, but folks, when you look at this in the Gospel perspective and we partake of Jesus Christ, this is talking about the readiness of salvation.

[ 31 : 32 ] This is talking about us being ready after salvation. I don't know about you, but I'm not looking for a city here on this earth. I'm not looking for a country or a land here on this earth.

I'm looking for a city whose builder and maker is God. And I will not find that city here in this life. I must be ready to go and I have been ready to go since the moment of salvation.

God makes us that way. And it's only God that makes us ready to go. These Israelites here, they were being made ready to be delivered.

And folks, when salvation comes, when the Holy Ghost comes and works on a lost heart, on an unregenerate rank sinner, when the Holy Ghost comes and does that, after the preached Word of God has gone out, the Holy Ghost comes.

The Holy Ghost is readying people to receive deliverance. He is readying people to receive salvation. But folks, no more than these Israelites were obligated to spread the blood on the door frames of their house, no more than that are you obligated to accept that call when it comes.

[ 32 : 57 ] That's a scary thought. It's a scary thought. You can resist that. I did it. I know from personal experience it can be done. You can resist that.

But the Holy Spirit readies us for deliverance and He readies us for salvation. Verse 12 For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night.

Folks, you can take this however you want to. I ain't going to argue with anybody. This is another one of those things people don't like to think about God. I've heard so many times that the death angel came through Egypt.

I can't find the words death and angel together in Scripture anywhere. But I do read where God says I will come through Egypt this night. I will smite the firstborn.

That I continues and will smite the firstborn. He is going to release this plague. It's God. Folks, this was personal with God. These Egyptians had oppressed God's people and they had done it.

[ 34 : 00 ] You read a little bit further on in this same chapter Exodus chapter 12. I believe it's around verse 40 or so. You read it was 430 years. These people were oppressed oppressed by the Egyptians.

God's people were oppressed. This was a personal matter with God. In fact, on over towards the beginning of the book of Exodus when God is calling unto Moses from the burning bush.

You see how personal it is there? God says, I will come down. He doesn't say I'm going to send Gabriel. He doesn't say I'm going to send Michael. And He sure ain't going to send anybody else. God says, I will come down. And I will fix this thing. It was personal with God. And any time that the world comes against a true child of God, it is personal with God.

That's why God says vengeance is mine. We're not to take vengeance out on the world. We're to show them grace. And we're to show mercy. Vengeance is the Lord's. And He will recompense.

[ 35 : 03 ] Here, He says, 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. I will do this thing. Folks, this was the judgment that was coming. And God was warning His people about the judgment that was coming.

Folks, the entire world has access to Scripture. The entire world has access to preaching. The entire world has access to Bible study tools that are free online.

And some of them, mind you, are very good. Most of them not. Be careful what you're looking at. But some of them are very good and they're very solid and they're very sound. But there is no excuse.

And everyone that has not repented of their ways and believed the gospel of Jesus Christ, they will stand before God without excuse when that day comes.

[ 36 : 11 ] Judgment has been pronounced. And this is the judgment that is coming. Here in this context, the judgment of death to the firstborn of every household, both man and beast.

God was coming to kill the firstborn. Folks, judgment has been pronounced on the entire world and the entire world has access to know what that judgment is. The entire world has access to know whom has pronounced that judgment and who will be delivering that judgment.

It will be none other than Jesus Christ Himself. You read about Him in Revelation chapter 19. It describes Christ. It describes Him coming out of the heavens on a white horse and the armies of heaven are following behind Him on white horses.

And it describes Jesus. it says, He doth judge and make war. And upon His side was written a name King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Jesus Christ who came and was born of a virgin in a manger.

Jesus Christ who lived through His adolescent years. Jesus Christ whose ministry began when He began to be about the age of 30. And He lived a perfect sinless life. And He still suffered and He bled and He died.

[ 37 : 27 ] And He was buried and resurrected. This same Jesus will come back as judge one day. And the entire world has access to that fact.

Therefore, when they don't take the action, when they don't, in this case, spread the blood on the doorpost, when they don't repent and believe the gospel, when they hear it, that judgment will fall upon them.

and it's got to be done God's way. No other way will do. People will say, me and God have an arrangement. The only arrangement that God has ever had with mankind has been through Jesus Christ.

The only arrangement He has ever had has been through faith in Him and faith in His Word, faith in what He has said within the Scriptures. The people of the Old Testament, they didn't have Jesus Christ.

They didn't know the name of Jesus Christ, but they knew that there had been a Messiah promised. They knew from Genesis 3.15 on through there was one promise, that yes, the serpent would bruise His heel, but that He would crush the head of the serpent.

[ 38 : 39 ] That's the Messiah that was promised, and that's the Messiah they were looking for, and that's the Messiah that came in Jesus Christ. Hallelujah. That's my Savior. That's my God. That's my Christ.

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.

When I see the blood, I shall pass over you. Folks, and that rings true even now when the blood of Jesus Christ has been applied. These Israelites here, they were commanded by God, by Moses and Aaron, by God, they were commanded to paint the doorposts of their house with this blood. But folks, you and I cannot paint our own hearts with the blood of Christ. You and I cannot paint our own bodies with the blood of Christ. Only God Almighty is able to do that.

You and I cannot apply the blood any more than you and I can circumcise our own hearts. Just as the Scripture talks about in other places, it takes an act of God to do this.

[ 39 : 46 ] God in His grace will seek us out in His mercy and His compassion, and He will drive us to repentance that we might believe the gospel and receive salvation.

Hallelujah. That's how it happened with me. That's how it happened with me. He says, when I see the blood, I will pass over you. I'll pass over that house and everyone that is part of that family, everyone that is in that place of safety, their house, that the entrance to that place of safety has been covered with the blood of the sacrificial lamb, of the Passover lamb, everyone that is in there will be safe from this judgment.

Praise God. Folks, everyone that is covered in the blood of Jesus Christ, and everyone that has had the blood of Jesus Christ applied, they are safe from the judgment of God.

They are safe from the consequences of their sin, from the eternal consequences of their sin. Now folks, that being said, the reason I changed that, they've been drunk saved, that God has saved, and He has healed their soul, and He has made them whole, and He has made them pure, and He has made them righteous in His own eyes by Jesus Christ, but they might still have the cirrhosis. There's been drug addicts that have been saved by Jesus Christ, and the drugs have basically turned their insides all sorts of which ways. It may have rotted away parts of their organs, it may have done this and done that.

[ 41 : 17 ] God will save the soul, and He will heal them, and He will make them pure in the blood of Jesus Christ, but He may not heal that aspect. The physical consequences of our sin will remain with us.

But folks, when we are saved, when we are redeemed by the blood of Jesus Christ, the eternal consequences were suffered by Christ on a cross in your stead and in my stead.

It should have been me on that cross and it should have been you on that cross. We deserve the mockery. We deserve the beating. We deserve the nails. We deserve the death. But praise God, He came and He was slain for the sins of the world.

He was slain on behalf of you and I. He gave His life that you and I could have life and have it more abundantly. Hallelujah, that's my Jesus. 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. Verse 14 again, And this day shall be unto you for a memorial.

[ 42 : 25 ] You shall keep it a feast to the Lord throughout your generations and you shall keep it a feast by an ordinance forever. Now this was commandment in this context.

This was commandment to the Israelites by God through Moses and Aaron that this Passover feast was not something to be celebrated once and then done away with.

He gave them the month. He said, remember back at the beginning of the passage, he said, this will be a new month for you and a new day.

He gave them the month, he gave them the day that they are supposed to do these things. He said, you're to set aside this land and you're to wait 14 days and on that 14th day that's when you're to slaughter the Passover lamb.

But he makes it clear, this was an ordinance. This was a command that was to continue, folks, as far as the gospel of Jesus Christ goes. It is something that is not just to be celebrated once a year.

[ 43 : 26 ] It is not something to be celebrated at Christmas time or at Easter time. It is not something to be celebrated during the time of communion. When we take the bread and the water and celebrate and think back on what Christ has done for us as far as His body being broken for us and as far as His blood being given for the remission of sins.

Folks, it is to be celebrated daily. It is to be celebrated weekly. It is to be celebrated always. A Christian should celebrate the gospel of Jesus Christ every hour of their waking life.

Why? Because we didn't deserve to be saved. We never deserve to even hear the gospel let alone receive the gospel and receive Jesus Christ and receive the redemption that comes through Him. And we are to celebrate it forever. Oh, Spencer, I'm going to die one of these days. Folks, what do you think we're praising God for? What do you think people were praising God for in the book of Revelation when John saw them?

John, it's one of the most amazing scriptures in all of the Bible. It's when John sees a multitude that could not be numbered in heaven.

[ 44 : 44 ] And they're singing praise unto God. And they're talking about the holiness of God. And they're singing a new song unto God. What's amazing about that?

John saw me in heaven. And if you're born again, John saw you in heaven. I'm not saying he saw my face. I'm not saying he saw your particular face. But in that multitude that John saw, I was there. I don't know if I was in the front. I don't know if I was in the back. I don't know if I was in the middle or on the sides or dead center. But I know that in that vision that John had, I was there.

And what was I doing? I was celebrating the gospel that saved my soul. I was celebrating the gospel of Jesus Christ. I was celebrating his perfect plan and his perfect work.

And I was praising God for his perfect gospel. It'll be celebrated forever. And we should have that celebration going on right now.

[ 45 : 43 ] Because folks, there is a place called hell. It is a literal place. It is a place where the worm doth not. It is a place where you will go and you will suffer forever and ever.

If you do not have your faith in Jesus Christ and you do not believe his glorious gospel, be sure the blood is applied. And again, you can't do it like these Israelites did.

You can't take hyssop and apply it to your heart. Only God can do that. So when God deals, you respond in faith and you respond in repentance.

And thou shalt be saved. That is a promise directly from the scripture. Joel said it in Joel 2. He said, there was coming a day that whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be delivered.

And Paul reiterates it in the book of Romans. He says, whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

[ 46 : 45 ] That's my message.