

Exodus Passover

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BIG SANDY, Texas—On April 9, 2017, many people will be commemorating the suffering and death of our Lord and Savior on a date representing the night that He was betrayed.

In this three-part series, we will briefly discuss the following histories.

- Exodus Passover
- Passovers of Hezekiah and Josiah
- Christ Instituted New Symbols

Spectacular event

Here are some highlights of the Passover event found in the book of Exodus.

Exodus 4:22-24—God foretold His plan to kill the firstborn.

Exodus 12:3—God told the congregation of Israel to choose a lamb on the 10th day of the first month.

Exodus 12:5—God instructed that the lamb should be without blemish.

Exodus 12:7—God instructed that the blood of the slain lamb should be placed on the two doorposts of the houses.

Exodus 12:11—God instructed them to eat their meal in haste.

Exodus 12:12—God was going to execute judgment against all the gods of Egypt.

Exodus 12:13—The blood was a sign—to provide protection.

Exodus 12:14—This day was to be a memorial and an everlasting ordinance. (It is true that these words sometimes influence some sincere people to focus upon Old Testament scriptures and to ignore the New Testament teachings.)

Exodus 12:29—At midnight, the Lord struck all the firstborn in the land of Egypt.

Exodus 12:33—The Egyptians urged the Israelites to leave.

Exodus 12:34—The Israelites took their dough before it was leavened.

Exodus 12:39—The Israelites had unleavened bread, because they left Egypt before it was leavened.

Remember the history

Bible students have learned that God wants people to remember lessons from history. (As you read these encouraging words, please do not place the details of these lessons above the history of Christ's suffering, death and resurrection.)

Exodus 12:42—"It is a night of solemn observance to the Lord for bringing them out of the land of Egypt."

Exodus 13:3—Remember coming out of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Why were they instructed to avoid eating leavened bread? They left quickly (Exodus 12:34, 39).

Exodus 13:4-8—What were the Israelites supposed to tell their children? "This is done because of what the Lord did for me when I came up from Egypt."

Exodus 13:9—These instructions were a sign and a memorial of God bringing them out of Egypt. (It is true that these words sometimes influence some sincere people to focus upon Old Testament scriptures and to ignore the New Testament teachings.)

Hebrews 11:28—"By faith he [Moses] kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, lest he who destroyed the firstborn should touch him."