



Daily Verse and Comment

Exodus 12:3-14

(3) Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying, 'In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them each man a lamb for a father's house, a lamb for a house. (4) And if the household is too little for the lamb, let him and his neighbor next to his house take according to the number of the souls, each one, according to the eating of his mouth, you shall count concerning the lamb. (5) Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year. You shall take *it* from the sheep or from the goats. (6) And you shall keep it up until the *beginning* of the fourteenth day of the same month. And the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it between the two evenings. (7) And they shall take of the blood and strike *it* on the two side posts and upon the upper doorpost of the houses *in* which they shall eat it. (8) And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roasted with fire, and unleavened *bread*. They shall eat it with *bitter* herbs. (9) Do not eat of it raw, nor boiled at all with water, but roasted *with* fire, its head with its legs, and with its inward parts. (10) And you shall not let any of it remain until the morning. And that which remains of it until the morning you shall burn with fire. (11) And this is the way you shall eat it: *with* your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand.

And you shall eat it in trepidation. It *is* the LORD'S Passover, (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 I will execute judgment against all the gods of Egypt. I *am* the LORD. (13) And the blood shall be a sign to you upon the houses where you *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. (14) And this day shall be a memorial to you. And you shall keep it a feast to the LORD throughout your generations. You shall keep it a feast as a law forever.

A Faithful Version

Notice in verse 3 that on the tenth day each person was to take a lamb for himself. In verse 5, the lamb must be without blemish and a male of the first year.

Think of Jesus in reference to these instructions. The meat could be either from the sheep or the goats. Jesus is a type of both sheep and goat.

Verses 6-8 show that the innocent lamb bled to death. Scripture also says that the bones were not to be broken, and it must be roasted whole. Jesus' bones were not broken either.

Through these verses, we see that Jesus was the perfect antitype of this lamb that was slain at the [Passover](#) service. By means of the blood that was smeared on the lintel and the doorposts, Israel was saved from the tenth plague, the death of the firstborn. The blood of the lamb redeemed, bought back, the firstborn of Israel. Otherwise, they too would have been killed.

Jesus' ghastly death and the terrible scourging He endured do the same for us; it redeems us, buys us back. Some Protestants say He died of a broken heart, but that is not true. Like the Passover lamb, He bled to death; His blood spilled onto the earth, and He expired an innocent and pure man. He had never sinned, just like the lamb without blemish and without spot.

Therefore, we call Him our Savior and Redeemer. Once we accept Him as our Savior, because He was sinless and He died for us, His blood covers our sins. He redeems us from the second death—from the death angel.

He is the firstborn among many brethren, and we are called the [firstfruits](#). We are the firstfruits of spiritual Israel that are protected from that death angel, the [second death](#).

[God](#) often works in dual stages, as shown here. The first is the type of the lamb slain at Passover, and the second is the antitype or the perfect fulfillment in [Jesus Christ](#). For the type of the Passover lamb to be fulfilled perfectly and completely in the antitype of Jesus Christ, His crucifixion and death had to occur on Nisan 14. There is no other day in which the type would have been fulfilled because that is the day of the Passover.

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