

Sermon Notes

Exodus – The Revealing of God’s Glory and His Design for the Chosen

“When Death Passed By” – Exodus 12:1-13

I. Introduction.

A. Introductory illustration.

1. The storm clouds just passed by.

B. Yahweh as warrior.

1. The plagues were directed at the false gods of Egypt.

a. Exodus 33:4; Ex. 12:12

C. Text: Exodus 12:1-13

II. Exposition

A. Verses 1-2

1. Passover laws were originally given in Egypt.

2. “This month shall be the beginning month,” verse 2.

a. The first month was called *Abib* and corresponds to our March/April.

B. Verse 3

1. “Speak to the congregation” (community or assembly). First usage of the Hebrew term. Each Israelite was part of something larger than oneself, as we are, too.

a. Romans 12:4-5

2. Father’s household (family). The father of each household would function as priest of the home.

3. Tenth day – the number is symbolic of completion, i.e. Ten Commandments, ten plagues, etc.

C. Verse 4 – “According to what each man would eat” – No leftovers.

D. Verse 5 – “The lamb shall be unblemished.” (Lev. 13:3 notes other sacrifices, too.) applied to Jesus.

1. I Peter 1:19, Hebrews 9:14

E. Verses 6-7 – “Kill at twilight” or slaughter.

1. Doorposts and Lintel,” verse 7. Must be interpreted in view of verse 13 (sign for you.).

F. Verse 8-9 – Must be fully cooked.

1. “Unleavened bread” speaks of quick deliverance.

2. “Bitter herbs” speaks of bitter slavery.

G. Verse 10 – “Do not leave”

1. Hebrew usage of this negative construction is common in legislative texts found in the Old Testament.

H. Verse 11.

1. “Passover” – First use of term. Israel’s redemption. Exodus 34:25; 12:21, 27, 43, 48.

2. “Lord’s” Passover – Hebrew is Yahweh’s.

I. Verse 12

1. Yahweh wars with the false gods of Egypt.

J. Verse 13 – “Blood” becomes a “sign” – a physical symbol which points to a spiritual reality.

III. Points for Reflection

A. The wages of sin is death.

1. Hebrews condemned, too – Exodus 12:33.

2. They did not believe God’s word – Exodus 5:21.

3. They were idol worshippers, too – Joshua 24:4.

4. All of mankind under sin – Romans 3:23, 9.

5. God’s word to Adam – Genesis 2:17.

6. Curse passed down – Romans 5:12.

7. Tenth plague – Sign of God’s judgment against all of humanity.

B. The Lamb of God pays for the debt of sin – The Gospel!

1. Consumption of the lamb equates to consumption of Christ during communion – John 6:53.

2. God gives what God commands – Genesis 22:7-8, 12-13.

C. Our Lamb was perfect, too!

1. I Pet 2:22; Heb 4:15; John 19:6b; Heb 9:14; Matt. 26:17

D. Nothing but the Blood.

1. Romans 5:9; Eph. 1:7; Heb. 13:12; I Pet. 1:18-19;

I John 1:7; Heb. 9:22