

BREAD AND BLOOD

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Exodus 12:1-9 The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, ²“This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. ³Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household. ⁴If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbor, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat. ⁵The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect... ⁷Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs. ⁸That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast. ⁹Do not eat the meat raw or boiled in water, but roast it over a fire—with the head, legs and internal organs.

Exodus 12:46 It must be eaten inside the house; take none of the meat outside the house. Do not break any of the bones.

Exodus 12:10-14 Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it. ¹¹This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the LORD’s Passover.

¹²“On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn of both people and animals, and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD. ¹³The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt.

¹⁴“This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD—a lasting ordinance.

The Lamb

They were to select a lamb to sacrifice. (Exodus 12:3)

John 1:29 The next day John [the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”

1 Corinthians 5:7b For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.

The Lamb was to be “without defect.” (Exodus 12:5)

1 Peter 1:18-19 For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.

2 Corinthians 5:21 God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

The lamb was not to have any broken bones. (Exodus 12:46)

John 19:32-36 The soldiers therefore came and broke the legs of the first man who had been crucified with Jesus, and then those of the other. ³³But when they came to Jesus and found that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. ³⁴Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus’ side with a spear... ³⁶These things happened so that the scripture would be fulfilled: “Not one of his bones will be broken.”

The lamb's blood went on the doorframe, which caused the destroyer to "pass over."
(Exodus 12:7 & 12:13)

Hebrews 9:14 How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!

Hebrews 9:22 In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.

The bread

The bread they ate was to be unleavened (without yeast). (Exodus 12:8)

Matthew 16:6,12 "Be careful," Jesus said to them. "Be on your guard against the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees."... ¹² Then they understood that he was not telling them to guard against the yeast used in bread, but against the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

1 Corinthians 5:7 Get rid of the old yeast, so that you may be a new unleavened batch—as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.

The Passover

This event of being delivered from death became known as the Passover. (Exodus 12:11)

Matthew 26:17 On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Where do you want us to make preparations for you to eat the Passover?"

John 19:14 It was the day of Preparation of the Passover; it was about noon. "Here is your king," Pilate said to the Jews.

The Passover was to be commemorated. (Exodus 12:14)

Luke 22:19 And [Jesus] took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

The method of salvation was simple, clear, and not based on their goodness.

John 6:35 Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

John 6:53-54 Jesus said to them, "Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴ Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day.

John 6:29 Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent."

John 6:40 For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day."

John 6:47 Very truly I tell you, the one who believes has eternal life.

The Song

Exodus 15:11-13 Who among the gods is like you, Lord? Who is like you—majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders? ¹² "You stretch out your right hand, and the earth swallows your enemies. ¹³ In your unfailing love you will lead the people you have redeemed. In your strength you will guide them to your holy dwelling.