

Origin of Passover

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Passover is the most important and solemn Feast of the year. The concept and meaning of Passover was established before the foundation of the world.

Jesus is:

Revelation 13:8 ... the **Lamb** slain from the foundation of the world.

Leviticus 23 lists all the Feasts of the Lord.

Leviticus 23:4 These are the feasts of the LORD, even holy convocations, which ye shall **proclaim** in their seasons.

Leviticus 23:5 *In the fourteenth day of the first month at even is the Lord's Passover.*

1 Corinthians 11:26 For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew [Gr. 'kataggelo' – **proclaim**] the Lord's death till he come.

The first Passover freed the Israelites from Egyptian bondage.

Exodus 12:23 The Lord will **pass through** to smite the Egyptians; and when He sees the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, the Lord will **pass over** the door, and will not suffer the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite you.

The reason we need Passover is because we forfeited our lives by our sins against Almighty God. Without Passover – we would die! Passover commemorates the redemption of Israel from Egyptian bondage by the death of all Egypt's firstborn. At that first Passover God delivered Israel from the bondage of Egyptian slavery. God told Moses in Exodus 6:6:

Exodus 6:6 Wherefore say unto the children of Israel, I am the Lord, and I will bring you out from under the **burdens** of the Egyptians, and I will rid you out of their bondage, and I will **redeem** you with a stretched out arm, and with great judgments.

God is a God of deliverance. It is His desire to deliver and to protect us. Nothing is too hard for Him. Not Egypt - not anything. Jesus freed Israel from Egyptian slavery. In the Bible, Egypt is typical of **sin**. Being delivered from Egypt – pictures coming out from the **bondage** of sin. The chronicle of the Israelites deliverance 3500 years ago – points to our escape from the bondage of sin.

The New Testament Passover for Christians is a salvational issue. Passover is a matter of eternal life or eternal death! Speaking of Passover and **eternal** life:

John 6:53 Jesus said unto them, truly, truly, I say unto you, unless you **eat** the flesh of the Son of man, and **drink** His blood, you have **no life** in you.

The ultimate price of our redemption is paid by the **sacrifice** of Jesus Christ, Himself – *"the **Lamb** slain from the foundation of the world."*

Romans 6:23 The wages of sin is death;

James 1:15 Then when lust hath conceived, it brings forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, **brings forth death**.

But, we do not have to pay our own death penalty – because we have been purchased back from death by the blood of Christ.

Rom 6:23 ... The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Passover pictures Jesus redeeming us, spiritual Israel, from our sins. Jesus Christ delivers us from sin and its consequences so that we can live in accordance with His perfect will. Without the sacrifice of Christ there is no forgiveness of our sins.

John 1:29 The next day John [the Baptist] saw Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the **Lamb** of God, which **takes away the sin** of the world.

Ephesians 1:7 ... We have redemption through His blood, the **forgiveness of sins**, according to the riches of His grace.

Jesus asks His followers to observe Passover each year.

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

In keeping the Passover each year, we renew the vow of our baptismal covenant.

John 6:54 Whoso eats my flesh, and drinks my blood, has **eternal** life; and I will raise him up at the **last** day.

The word "**Lamb**" is the operative word in today's sermon – keep an eye out for it and its meaning.

From the very foundation of the world – it was determined by God the Father and Jesus Christ – that they would perform the personal sacrifices that would insure **our** salvation and entrance into their Godly Family.

John 3:16 For God [the Father] so loved the world, that He **gave [up]** His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

And, Jesus Christ was the **Lamb** slain from the foundation of the world for the salvation of the world (Revelation 13:8). Looking at the **Origin of Passover** – we see that God **gradually** revealed His Plan of Salvation to us. Not all at once – but a little here and a little there.

We've seen that Passover was determined from the foundation of the world – let's look at a few other Biblical references to Passover. God revealed to man that which He declared to Satan because of what Satan had done to Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden – as early as Genesis 3:

Genesis 3:15 And I will put enmity [hostility and antagonism] between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt **bruise** his heel.

John 8:44 Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

Yes, Jesus' **Passover** death is considered only a **bruise** because God the Father was able to raise Jesus to eternal life again with exceeding Great power (Ephesians 1:17-20). Jesus chose Abraham – to share with him His **unilateral** covenant of salvation. It was Jesus Christ in Genesis 15 who appeared to Abraham on a particular **Passover** exactly 430 years before the Passover in Egypt. Jesus related so much to Abraham because he was using him so greatly.

Genesis 18:17 And the LORD said, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do;

Genesis 18:18 Seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?

Genesis 15:17 And it came to pass, that, when the sun went down, and it was dark, behold a smoking [blast] furnace, and a [brilliant] burning lamp that passed between those pieces.

On that Passover with Abraham, Jesus Christ foretold that He would be the **Passover** sacrifice that would insure His promise to Abraham – to make of him a great nation. Genesis 15:12 shows that Abraham was in a trance when Jesus appeared – very much as His appearance in Revelation:

Revelation 1:14 His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a **flame of fire**;

Revelation 1:15 And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they **burned in a furnace**; and his voice as the sound of many waters.

Brethren, the Old Testament prophets would have given their eyeteeth to know what is so freely given to us. They knew so little about the details about **Passover** and the **Salvation** of man – and yet they had the **faith** to lay down their lives for the Word of God. Peter here, is referring to the **Passover crucifixion** of Jesus Christ and the resurrection to follow.

1 Peter 1:10 Of which salvation the **prophets** have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you:

1 Peter 1:11 Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the **sufferings of Christ**, and the glory that should follow.

Jesus knew precisely what He would have to endure to save the world – from the very beginning.

Let's look at a few of the words that Jesus inspired Isaiah to prophesy about the Passover sacrifice to come.

Isaiah 53:3 He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Isaiah 53:4 Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

Isaiah 53:5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

Isaiah 53:6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Isaiah 53:7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a **lamb** to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he opened not his mouth.

Jesus explained to His disciples:

Matthew 26:28 For this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the **remission of sins**.

Let's understand that without the **Passover** sacrifice of Christ – there is no forgiveness of sin. If Jesus had not died for our sins – we would still be in our sins and subject to eternal death. Jesus taught that He was the **Lamb** of God – being sacrificed for the **remission of sins**, for the purpose of taking away our sins. Having the penalty of our past sins removed - that is how we are saved.

Luke 1:77 To give **knowledge of salvation** unto his people by the **remission** of their sins,

Hebrews 9:22 And... without shedding of blood is no remission [of sins].

Paul speaks of Jesus being the **sacrificial offering lamb** in Hebrews 10:10:

Hebrews 10:10 By the which will we are sanctified [made holy and set apart] through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Peter said that Jesus carried our sins on His back ... in other words Jesus suffered so that we could be made righteous....

1Pe 2:24 Who His own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

We do not have to **pay** our **own** death penalty – we are utterly unable to **pay** our **own** death penalty – we have been purchased back from death – **by** the blood of Christ.

Ephesians 1:7 In whom [Jesus] we have redemption **through his blood**, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

This is where Jesus tells us that He is the fullness of Passover in our lives.

John 6:48 I am that bread of life.

John 6:49 Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead.

John 6:50 This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die.

John 6:51 I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.

John 6:52 The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, How can this man give us his flesh to eat?

The answer is that Jesus was fulfilling the role of the Passover Lamb – as we see in this next verse: Jesus' answer would utterly shock the Jews.

John 6:53 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, **unless** ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and **drink** his blood, ye have no life in you.

Without Passover – we **will** die! We do not have inherent eternal life – no immortal soul.

John 6:53 ...Unless you **drink** His blood, you have **no life** in you.

Jesus mixes His metaphors here in an inspired way.

Yes, the Israelites ate the Passover lamb.

No, they did not drink the lamb's blood. They struck it on the door posts and the head lintel above the door.

But Jesus is alluding to the Scripture that says "the **life** is in the blood."

Deuteronomy 12:23 Only be sure that thou eat not the blood: for the blood is the **life**; and thou may not eat the life with the flesh.

That is why He says in verse :53 that without His **blood**, you have no **life** in you.

Jesus made it possible for us to **drink His blood** by substituting wine at His last Passover. In that way it fulfills the spiritual meaning without violating the Scripture.

Matthew 26:27 And He took the cup [of wine], and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, all of you, **drink** it;

Matthew 26:28 For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

I suppose Christ could have said, Pour it out on the ground – as my blood is spilt on the ground..." But Jesus wanted to convey the even greater Truth to us – that His blood represents the **Eternal Life** that we **are** to partake of. We saw this before where...

John 6:53 Jesus said unto them, truly, truly, I say unto you, unless you **eat** the flesh of the Son of man, and **drink** His blood, you have **no life** in you.

John 6:54 Who so ever eats my flesh, and **drinks my blood, hath eternal life**; and I will raise him up at the last day.

John 6:55 For my flesh is meat indeed, and my **blood** is **drink** indeed.

Jesus demanded that they change their paradigm that blood was never to be partaken of – and that grossed most of them out.

John 6:56 He that eats my flesh, and drinks my blood, dwells in me, **and I in him.**

Jesus lives in those who take the Passover.

John 6:57 As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eats me, even he shall live by me.

John 6:58 This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eats of this bread shall live forever.

John 6:60 Many therefore of his disciples, when they had heard this, said, This is an hard saying; who can hear it?

John 6:61 When Jesus knew in himself that his disciples murmured at it, he said unto them, Doth this offend you?

Yes, it offended a great many of them.

John 6:66 From that time **many** of his disciples went back, and walked no more with Him.

Those disciples who abandoned Christ were not “called, chosen and faithful” – as we **are**. (Revelation 17:14) For the children of Israel this original Passover night was a matter of **life** and **death**. Keep in mind here – we are reviewing history. God gave us the direct instructions on how to keep Passover in the Old Testament. We receive a great deal of our understanding with regard to Passover from Exodus 12.

We learn that Egypt = sin. The death angel passes over us – we are spared.

Exodus 12:1 And the LORD spoke unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying,

Exodus 12:2 This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you.

We go by the so called calculated Jewish/Hebrew calendar that defines God’s Sacred year. The spring equinox – when the sun crossed the equator into the northern hemisphere – occurred on March 20th 2014.

The first day of the **new liturgical year** was **this week** on April 1st making April 14th the Day of Passover.

The Hebrew name for the first month is Nisan or Abib – spelled A-B-I-B.

Exodus 13:4 This day came ye out in the month **Abib**.

Sometimes Abib interchanged with Aviv. Abib refers to an ear of corn, while Aviv refers to "spring." Abib signified the month in which the heads of the grain became ripe.

Leviticus 23:5 In the **fourteenth day** of the first month [**Abib**] at even is the LORD'S Passover.

That is a very important day – beginning the Feasts of the Lord.

Abib 14th is the Day of Passover.

And by coincidence this year:

April 14th is the Day of Passover.

The world gets mixed up on the midnight to midnight reckoning of days by the Roman calendar system. God counts days differently from the world. Here's God's definition.

When the sun **sets** – the day is **over**. (That is very straightforward isn't it?)

In this way, the next new day begins at evening. What is often confusing is that in the Roman system (even though a new day has begun) the date is still the previous day's date that has just ended. So, Passover Day actually begins on the evening before – just after the sun sets.

We will observe Passover just as it begins – at evening time – on April 13, this year, 2014.

This is the time of day when Jesus changed the **symbols** of Passover to the **Footwashing**, the Unleavened **Bread** and the **wine**.

But in the beginning the symbol for Passover was the **innocent lamb**. The first thing that had to be done was to **select** and **choose** a very special lamb.

Exodus 12:3 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:

Originally, the Passover ritual was a domestic ordinance – at home – a close and personal matter. Notice that the lamb is taken **home** 4 days before Passover on the tenth day of the month. That is time enough for the kids to name it, and make it a family pet, and for everyone to become attached to the cute little thing.

What happens when there is a small household – say only a husband and wife and six kids – they could not eat an entire lamb? God says in a case like that you team up with a neighbor who can help you eat the entire lamb.

Exodus 12:4 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.

God says that the lamb that is chosen – has to be lovable, beautiful and perfect in every way.

Exodus 12:5 Your lamb shall be **without blemish**, a male of the first year: ye shall take it out from the sheep, or from the goats:

Without blemish and without spot:

God makes a big point of this fact because it is a perfect description of the character of Jesus Christ.

Let's look quickly at a few of the many references to Christ's **spotless and perfect** character.

Hebrews 9:11-14 Christ ... by His own blood... obtained eternal redemption for us. Christ, through the eternal Spirit offered himself **without spot** to God.

1 Peter 1:18 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not **redeemed** with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers;

But you were redeemed:

1 Peter 1:19 ... with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and **without spot**:

Brethren, we have forfeited our lives by our sins **against** Almighty God. God's Kingdom is **perfect and spotless** – and we have shown by our life's deeds that we would bring **corruption** and **filthiness** into His wonderful presence and thereby spoil it. But God the Father has shown His love for us by giving up His Son – Jesus Christ – so that we might reclaim life and have life eternal. Jesus gave His perfect **spotless** life in payment of our forfeited lives.

Ephesians 5:25 ...Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

Ephesians 5:26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

Ephesians 5:27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having **spot, or wrinkle**, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without **blemish**.

We are considering the origin of Passover and our spotless Savior:

1 Peter 1:20 Who verily was foreordained **before** the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you, **without spot**:

Jude:24 Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you **faultless** before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,

Who kills the lamb? Brethren, for my entire life growing up there was a controversy... Who killed Jesus? Was it the **Romans** or the **Jews** who get the blame? There is a clue to this question in verse :6:

Exodus 12:6 And ye shall keep [the lamb] up until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the **whole assembly of the congregation of Israel** shall **kill it in the evening**.

They were to kill the lamb carefully – without breaking a single bone.

Exodus 12:46 ...**neither shall ye break a bone** thereof.

John 19:36 For these things were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled, A **bone** of him **shall not be broken**.

On the stake, Jesus was **not** in any way a “Broken Man,” but was in every way our Victorious Savior. He conquered Satan and Sin.

The Passover lamb in Israel was slaughtered at **evening**. The cooking and the eating went on into the **night**.

Who killed the lamb? The **whole assembly of the congregation of Israel** killed the lamb.

Isn't that an interesting transition – we went from one **little household** – to the **whole assembly of the congregation of Israel**!

So we must come back to the question of **who killed Jesus** – and the answer is: We were all in on it. But this is not a **share the blame** scenario.

I am guilty – I struck the fatal wound. I am guilty of the death of my Savior. My sins killed Jesus Christ as surely as if I were the only man ever to sin.

Exodus **12:48** And when a stranger shall sojourn with thee, and will keep the Passover to the LORD, let all his males be **circumcised**, and then let him come near and keep it; and he shall be as one that is born in the land: for no uncircumcised person shall eat thereof.

That translates in the New Testament to: no **un-baptized** person shall eat thereof.

John 13:1 Now before the feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his **hour was come** [there is a correct time to observe the Passover] that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end.

John 13:2 And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him;

We see next that God the Father had given Jesus the **authority** to **add** to, and **change** the sacred **symbols** of Passover. (Lamb, wine, etc.)

John **13:3** Jesus knowing that the Father had given **all things** into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God;

Jesus Christ – on that evening – was becoming the Passover Lamb. That verse tells us that Jesus had the authority to **fulfill** Passover and to renovate its symbols.

John 13:4 He rose from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself. -> Footwashing, bread and wine.

The New Testament Passover is that important – it is salvational.

Passover is a matter of eternal life or eternal **death**!

Peter saith unto him, "Lord, are you're going to wash **my** feet?"

John 13:**7** Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do thou know not now; but thou shalt know here afterwards.

John 13:8 Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast **no part** with me.

No part = no part in the ministry, as an apostle, in the Kingdom of God!!!

John 13:9 Simon Peter saith unto him, Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head.

John 13:10 Jesus saith to him, He that is **washed** [reference to baptism] need not except to wash his feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all.

The apostles were baptized – but they had not received the Holy Spirit until the following Pentecost.

Again we see that the un-baptized, and the children and the heathen **do not** take Passover or take part in the Footwashing?

Exodus 12:7 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.

1 Corinthians 5:6 Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leavens the whole lump?

1 Corinthians 5:7 Purge out therefore the **old leaven**, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even **Christ our Passover** is sacrificed for us:

Read that this way: **Christ our Passover [Lamb]** is sacrificed for us:

1 Corinthians 5:8 Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Exodus 12:8 And they **shall eat** the flesh in **that night, roasted with fire,** and **unleavened bread**; and with bitter herbs they shall eat it.

Exodus 12:46 In one house shall it be eaten, thou shalt not carry forth ought of the flesh abroad out of the house.

Exodus 12:9 Eat not of it raw, nor sodden at all with water, but roast with fire; his head with his legs, and with the purtenance [the edible organs] thereof.

Exodus 12:10 And ye shall let nothing of it remain until the morning; and that which remains of it until the morning ye shall **burn with fire**.

Exodus 12:11 And thus shall ye eat [The Lord's Passover]; 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.

It is **not** the Feast of the Lord's Pass-**Through** - but the Feast of the Lord's Pass - **Over**.

Exodus 12:12 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 against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the LORD.

I've told you the story the story of how I was in a tornado as a kid. And miraculously our home was spared when the tornado **lifted** for a second - and **passed - over** our home and then immediately - back on the ground destroyed many homes.

That tornado could have easily **passed through** our home and somebody else would be giving this sermon.

God said:

Exodus 12:12 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...

Every single “oldest son” – be he a grandfather or a young child was killed by the destroyer. That is what **passed through** means.

Exodus 12:13 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.

That is where **Passover** is introduced in the Bible. Those who were spared that night were spared for one reason alone—they were spared because of the **blood of the lamb**! They were **saved** by the blood of the Lamb!

Exodus 12:14 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.

Exodus 12:15 Seven days shall ye eat unleavened bread; even the first day ye shall put away leaven out of your houses: for whosoever eats **leavened** bread from the first day until the seventh day, that soul shall be cut off from Israel.

Exodus 12:16 And in the first day there shall be an holy convocation, and in the seventh day there shall be an holy convocation to you; no manner of work shall be done in them, save that which every man must eat, that only may be done of you.

Exodus 12:17 And ye shall observe the feast of unleavened bread; for in this selfsame day have I brought your armies out of the land of Egypt: therefore shall ye observe this day in your generations by an ordinance forever.

Exodus 12:18 In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at even, ye shall eat **unleavened** bread, until the one and twentieth day of the month at even.

Brethren, if you do your math you will come up with an inclusive **eight** days.

That is because unleavened bread is eaten with the Passover **lamb** on Passover — **plus** an additional **Seven** days during the Feast of Unleavened Bread.

Exodus 12:19 Seven days shall there be no leaven found in your houses: for whosoever eats that which is leavened, even that soul shall be cut off

from the congregation of Israel, whether he be a stranger, or born in the land.

Leavening pictures sin.

Exodus 12:20 Ye shall eat nothing **leavened**; in all your habitations shall ye eat **unleavened** bread.

Unleavened Bread pictures the sin-less life of Jesus Christ – the Bread of Sincerity and Truth.

Exodus 12:21 Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel, and said unto them, Draw out and take you a lamb according to your families, and kill the Passover [lamb].

Exodus 12:22 And ye shall take a bunch of hyssop, and dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and strike the **lintel** and the **two side posts** with the blood that is in the basin; and **none of you shall go out at the door** of his house until the morning.

None of you shall go out at the door – We will see the importance of this instruction in a moment.

Exodus 12:23 For the LORD will **pass through** to smite the Egyptians; and when he sees the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, the LORD will **pass over** the door, and will not suffer the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite you.

There's the meaning of Passover! **Pass over!**

Exodus 12:24 And ye shall observe this thing for an ordinance to thee and to thy sons forever.

Exodus 12:25 And it shall come to pass, when ye be come to the land which the LORD will give you, according as he hath promised, that ye shall keep this service.

Exodus 12:26 And it shall come to pass, when your children shall say unto you, What mean ye by this service?

Exodus 12:27 That ye shall say, It is the sacrifice of the LORD'S Passover, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt, when he smote the Egyptians, and delivered our houses. And the people bowed the head and worshipped.

Exodus 12:28 And the children of Israel went away, and did as the LORD had commanded Moses and Aaron, so did they.

Exodus 12:29 And it came to pass, that at **midnight** the LORD smote all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sat on his throne unto the firstborn of the captive that was in the dungeon; and all the firstborn of cattle.

What if some of the children of Israel had gone out doors???

Exodus 12:30 And Pharaoh rose up in the night, he, and all his servants, and all the Egyptians; and there was a great cry in Egypt; for there was not a house where there was not one dead.

Exodus 12:31 And he called for Moses and Aaron by night, and said, Rise up, and get you forth from among my people, both ye and the children of Israel; and go, serve the LORD, as ye have said.

Exodus 12:32 Also take your flocks and your herds, as ye have said, and be gone; and bless me also.

Exodus 12:33 And the Egyptians were urgent upon the people, that they might send them out of the land in haste; for they said, We be all dead men.

Exodus 12:34 And the people took their dough before it was leavened, their kneading troughs being bound up in their clothes upon their shoulders.

Exodus 12:35 And the children of Israel did according to the word of Moses; and they borrowed of the Egyptians jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment:

Exodus 12:36 And the LORD gave the people favour in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they lent unto them such things as they required. And they spoiled the Egyptians.

Exodus 12:37 And the children of Israel journeyed from Rameses to Succoth, about six hundred thousand on foot that were men, beside children.

Exodus 12:38 And a mixed multitude went up also with them; and flocks, and herds, even very much cattle.

Exodus 12:39 And they baked unleavened cakes of the dough which they brought forth out of Egypt, for it was not leavened; because they were thrust out of Egypt, and could not tarry, neither had they prepared for themselves any victual.

Exodus 12:40 Now the sojourning of the children of Israel, who dwelt in Egypt, was four hundred and thirty years.

Exodus 12:41 And it came to pass at the end of the four hundred and thirty years, even the selfsame day it came to pass, that all the hosts of the LORD went out from the land of Egypt.

Exodus 12:42 It is a night to be much observed unto the LORD for bringing them out from the land of Egypt: this is that night of the LORD to be observed of all the children of Israel in their generations.

Exodus 12:43 And the LORD said unto Moses and Aaron, This is the ordinance of the Passover: There shall no stranger eat thereof:

Exo 12:44 But every man's servant that is bought for money, when thou hast circumcised him, then shall he eat thereof.

Exodus 12:45 A foreigner and an hired servant shall not eat thereof.

Exodus 12:46 In one house shall it be eaten; thou shalt not carry forth ought of the flesh abroad out of the house; **neither shall ye break a bone thereof.**

Exodus 12:47 All the congregation of Israel shall keep it.

Acts 20:28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Spirit hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which **He hath purchased with His own blood.**

1 Corinthians 11:25 After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.

1 John 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and **the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanses us from all sin.**

Hebrews 13:20 Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the **blood of the everlasting covenant,**

Hebrews 13:21 Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

End: Origin of Passover