

FORESHADOWINGS 3 - Exodus & Passover

→ *Having heard the first three messages, do you now see anything differently? Is it going to be helpful to see the OT through this new lens (that it all points to Jesus)? Anything that you've learnt that's been particularly stimulating?*

EXODUS 12

- * Egypt = SLAVERY TO SIN
- * Moses = TYPE PF CHRIST, THE SAVIOUR / DELIVERER
- * Promised Land = NEW LIFE IN CHRIST
- * Wilderness Journey = They'd been PHYSICALLY removed from the BOUNDARIES of Egypt, but they hadn't been SPIRITUALLY or PSYCHOLOGICALLY removed from the BONDAGE of Egypt.

→ *What, in more detail, does Egypt symbolically represent? What about the Promised Land? How does the Hebrews' meandering through the wilderness mirror our own journeys and struggles? What tends to keep us from the 'Promised Land'? Do we have a tendency to look back and over-appreciate the old days? Are there any bondages you're still trying to break free from?*

PASSOVER

What do we already know? BLOOD would have to be SHED ... It had to be INNOCENT blood ... The sacrifice would have to be WITHOUT BLEMISH.

Heb 9:22, 1 Peter 1:18-20, Gen 22:7 with John 1:29

- * They were being taught that DELIVERANCE would / come only come through the SHEDDING of INNOCENT BLOOD.
- * Deliverance for the HEBREWS from LITERAL Egypt; deliverance for MANKIND from SPIRITUAL Egypt.
- * i.e. Their deliverance would only come when they PASSED THROUGH that BLOOD.
- * For the Hebrews, blood on the doorways meant LIFE; no blood on the doorways meant DEATH.
- * The ONLY way to LIFE is through the BLOOD (John 14:6, Romans 6:23)

→ *Read 1 Peter 1:18-20. Can you see the three episodes of our story reflected in there? (That is Adam & Eve's fig leaves v garments of skin, Isaac asking his father, "Where is the lamb?" and Passover, the feast and the historical occasion?)*

→ *The Hebrews had to 'apply the blood,' with hyssop branches onto the doorframes of their houses. In what ways do we 'apply the blood?'*

→ *How does blood symbolise death? How does blood symbolise life? Why was it so significant that they had to 'pass through the blood,' in order to pass into their new life? How does that mirror the importance of the blood of Jesus and our own personal salvation / deliverance?*

TWO OTHER NEAT DETAILS

1. UNLEAVENED BREAD (v15)

- * Means no YEAST, which represents SIN.
- * Picture of Christ the SINLESS One, the BREAD of LIFE.

→ *Why yeast? Why do you think it was used as a picture of sin? Why did the bread have to be unleavened (made without yeast)? (Try looking up yeast on biblegateway.com and looking at the references: Matt 16:11, Mark 8:14-15, 1 Cor 5:6-7, Gal 5:9)*

2. UNBROKEN BONES (v46) with John 19:31-37

Richard Booker quote: "John identified Jesus as the human lamb Isaiah spoke of who would give His life for the sins of the world. Jesus was God Himself, born as a human, specifically for this purpose (Acts 2:22-23). Because of their religious sacrifices, the Jewish people immediately understood the significance of John's statements concerning Jesus. As the time approached for Jesus to die, Jesus deliberately arranged His itinerary + personal activities around the events associated with the selection, testing + death of the Passover Lamb. In this way, the Jewish people would be able to understand who He was + what He was doing. They had acted out the drama of redemption through the Passover picture. The blood of the Passover lamb was a visual aid + dress rehearsal directing the Jews into the future when Jesus would come + establish the spiritual reality that the lambs could only symbolize. The blood of Jesus saves us from death + gives us the promise of resurrection."

→ *Discuss*

JEWISH TIMELINE

Nissan 10 = PALM SUNDAY (Exodus 12:3)

- * The lamb was chosen 5 DAYS before it was sacrificed.
 - * Jesus entered Jerusalem 5 DAYS before the Passover Lamb was to be slaughtered ... i.e. on lamb selection day
- *The crowd in Jerusalem cheered, waved palm branches, shouted Hosanna, but they really didn't get it, even though the timing and significance was so clear. Why not? What were they looking for? Why did Jesus weep over Jerusalem and curse the fig tree?*

Nissan 14 = LAST SUPPER

- * Jesus re-enacted the Passover meal with His disciples and revealed Himself to be the UNLEAVENED BREAD BROKEN and the CUP OF REDEMPTION Poured OUT.
- *Why is the symbolism of communion so significant? How often should we share the meal together? Is it a commemoration or a celebration? (Remember that in a covenant signing ceremony, the final step would be a celebratory meal between participants) What should be the tone as we take communion? How important is remembering? What happens if we don't?*

Nissan 15 = CRUCIFIXION

- * The priest would blow the SHOPHAR at 3.00PM at the moment the Passover Lamb was sacrificed.
- * At exactly 3.00PM, Jesus cried, "IT IS FINISHED."
- * The LAMB had been slain, the PRICE PAID, FREEDOM PURCHASED, and NEW LIFE SECURED.

Nissan 17 = RESURRECTION

- * Coinciding with the Feast of FIRST FRUITS.
- * Jesus was the FIRSTBORN from among the dead and the FIRST FRUITS of the righteous (1 Cor 15:20, Col 1:18)

50 days later = PENTECOST (Harvest), pointing to the great HARVEST of souls in the church age which began as the HOLY SPIRIT was poured out.

Then a long gap to the remaining three feasts: Trumpets, Atonement and Tabernacle, all of which have connections to the SECOND COMING OF CHRIST.