

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, particularly that it all points to Jesus? Anything that you've learnt that's particularly grabbed your attention?*

EXODUS 12

- * The Passover LAMB foreshadowed JESUS (Heb 9:22, Lev 20:18-20, 1 Peter 1:18-20)
- * The crucial lesson: Deliverance would / could ONLY come through the shedding of INNOCENT BLOOD.
- * Deliverance for the HEBREWS from LITERAL Egypt; deliverance for MANKIND from SPIRITUAL Egypt.
- * Their deliverance would only come when they PASSED THROUGH that BLOOD.

The Gospel in a nutshell: The ONLY way to life is THROUGH THE BLOOD of Jesus (John 14:6, Heb 10:19-20, John 6:53-54).

→ *Read 1 Peter 1:18-20. Can you see the 3 episodes of our story reflected in there? (Adam & Eve's fig leaves v garments of skin, Isaac asking his father, "Where is the lamb?" & Passover, the feast & its significance)*

→ *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?*

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

TWO OTHER NEAT DETAILS

1. UNLEAVENED BREAD (v8,15)

- * Means no YEAST, which represents SIN (1 Cor 5:6-7).
- * Picture of Christ the SINLESS SACRIFICE & the BREAD of LIFE (John 6:51, Matt 26:26).

→ *Why yeast? Why do you think it was used as a picture of sin? Why therefore did the bread have to be unleavened (made without yeast)? (See Matt 16:6,11, Mark 8:14-15, 1 Cor 5:6-7, Gal 5:9)*

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

JEWISH TIMELINE

Day 1 (Nisan 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.

→ *The crowd in Jerusalem cheered, waved palm branches & shouted Hosanna, but they really didn't get it, even though the timing & significance was so clear. Why not? What were they looking for instead? Why did Jesus weep over Jerusalem & curse the fig tree in Mark 11 / Matt 21?*

Day 5 = LAST SUPPER (Maundy Thursday)

- * Jesus re-enacted the Passover meal with His disciples & revealed Himself to be the UNLEAVENED BREAD broken & 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? What should be the tone as we take communion?*

How important is remembering? What happens if we don't?

Day 6 = CRUCIFIXION / PASSOVER (Good Friday)

- * The priest would blow the SHOFAR at 3.00 PM at the precise moment the Passover Lamb was sacrificed.
- * At exactly 3 PM, Jesus cried, IT IS FINISHED
- * The VEIL in the Temple was torn in two: The LAMB had been slain, the PRICE paid, FREEDOM purchased & NEW LIFE secured.

→ *Why are all these details significant? How does seeing them fall into place strengthen our faith?*

Day 8 = RESURRECTION (Easter Sunday)

- * Coinciding with the Feast of FIRST FRUITS
- * Jesus was the FIRSTFRUITS of the righteous (1 Cor 15:20) & the FIRSTBORN from among the dead (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 of 3 months to the remaining 3 feasts: Trumpets, Atonement & Tabernacle, all of which point to the SECOND COMING of Christ.

FOR FURTHER STUDY: Look at the Jewish dates & times through holy week & compare them with the Gregorian days. How do the two time clocks differ? If you're not sure, ask Chat GPT!