

EXODUS CHAPTER 12

¹ And the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, ² "This month *shall be* to you the beginning of months: it is the first to you among the months of the year. ³ Speak to all the congregation of the children of Israel, saying, 'On the tenth of this month let each man take for himself a lamb according to the houses of their families, every man a lamb for his household. ⁴ And if there be few in a household, so that there are not enough for the lamb, he shall take with himself his neighbor that lives near to him, as to the number of persons, everyone according to each man's need you shall make a reckoning for the lamb. ⁵ It shall be to you a lamb unblemished, a male of a year old. You shall take it from the lambs or from the goats. ⁶ And it shall be kept by you till the fourteenth of this month, and all the multitude of the congregation of the children of Israel shall kill it toward evening. ⁷ And they shall take of the blood, and shall put it on the two doorposts, and on the lintel, in the houses wherever they shall eat them. ⁸ And they shall eat the flesh in this night roasted with fire, and they shall eat unleavened bread with bitter herbs. ⁹ You shall not eat of it raw nor boiled in water, but only roasted with fire, the head with its legs and its entrails. ¹⁰ Nothing shall be left of it till the morning, and a bone of it you shall not break; but that which is left of it till the morning you shall burn with fire. ¹¹ And thus shall you eat it: your loins girded, and your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand, and you shall eat it in haste. It is a Passover to the Lord. ¹² And I will go throughout the land of Egypt in that night, and I will strike every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast, and on all the gods of Egypt will I execute vengeance: I am the Lord. ¹³ And the blood shall be for a sign to you on the houses in which you are, and I will see the blood, and I will protect you, and there shall not be on you the plague of destruction, when I strike in the land of Egypt. ¹⁴ And this day shall be to you a memorial, and you shall keep it a feast to the Lord through all your generations; you shall keep it a feast for a perpetual ordinance. ¹⁵ Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, and from the first day you shall utterly remove leaven from your houses: whoever shall eat leaven, that soul shall be utterly destroyed from Israel, from the first day until the seventh day. ¹⁶ And the first day shall be called holy, and the seventh day shall be a holy convocation to you. You shall do no customary work on them, only as many things as is necessary shall be done by every soul, this only shall be done by you. ¹⁷ And you shall keep this commandment, for on this day will I bring out your force out of the land of Egypt; and you shall make this day a perpetual ordinance for you throughout your generations. ¹⁸ Beginning the fourteenth day of the first month, you shall eat unleavened bread from evening, till the twenty-first day of the month, till evening. ¹⁹ Seven days leaven shall not be found in your houses; whosoever shall eat anything leavened, that soul shall be cut off from the congregation of Israel, both among the occupiers of the land and the original inhabitants. ²⁰ You shall eat nothing leavened, but in every habitation of yours you shall eat unleavened bread.'"

²¹ Then Moses called all the elders of the children of Israel, and said to them, "Go away and take to yourselves a lamb according to your families, and slay the Passover *lamb*. ²² And you shall take a bunch of hyssop, and having dipped

it into some of the blood that is by the door, you shall touch the lintel, and *shall put it* upon both doorposts, even of the blood which is by the door; but none of you shall go out of the door of his house until morning. ²³ And the Lord shall pass by to strike the Egyptians, and shall see the blood upon the lintel, and upon the doorposts; and the Lord shall pass over the door, and shall not allow the destroyer to enter into your houses to kill you. ²⁴ And keep this thing as an ordinance for yourself and for your children forever. ²⁵ And if you should enter into the land which the Lord shall give you, as He has spoken, keep this service. ²⁶ And it shall come to pass, if your sons say to you, 'What is this service?' ²⁷ That you shall say to them, 'This Passover is a sacrifice to the Lord, as He defended the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt, when He struck the Egyptians, but delivered our houses.'" ²⁸ And the people bowed and worshipped. And the children of Israel departed and did as the Lord commanded Moses and Aaron, so did they.

²⁹ And it came to pass at midnight that the Lord struck all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sat on the throne, to the firstborn of the captive in the dungeon, and the firstborn of all cattle. ³⁰ And Pharaoh rose up by night, and his servants, and all the Egyptians. And there was a great cry in all the land of Egypt, for there was not a house in which there was not one dead.

³¹ And Pharaoh called Moses and Aaron by night, and said to them, "Rise and depart from my people, both you and the children of Israel. Go and serve the Lord your God, even as you say. ³² And take with you your sheep, and your oxen: bless me also, I pray." ³³ And the Egyptians constrained the people, so that they cast them out of the land with haste, for they said, "We all shall die." ³⁴ And the people took their dough before their meal was leavened, bound up as it was in their garments, on their shoulders. ³⁵ And the children of Israel did as Moses commanded them, and they asked of the Egyptians articles of silver and gold and apparel. ³⁶ And the Lord gave His people favor in the sight of the Egyptians, and they lent to them; and they plundered the Egyptians.

³⁷ And the children Israel departed from Rameses to Succoth, *to the full number of* six hundred thousand footmen, even men, besides the baggage. ³⁸ And a great mixed *company* went up with them, and sheep and oxen and very much cattle. ³⁹ And they baked the dough which they brought out of Egypt, *and made* unleavened cakes, for it had not been leavened; for the Egyptians cast them out, and they could not remain, neither did they prepare provisions for themselves for the journey.

⁴⁰ And the sojourning of the children of Israel, while they sojourned in the land of Egypt and the land of Canaan, was four hundred and thirty years. ⁴¹ And it came to pass after the four hundred and thirty years, all the forces of the Lord came forth out of the land of Egypt by night. ⁴² It is a watch kept to the Lord, so that He should bring them out of the land of Egypt; that very night is a watch kept to the Lord, so that it should be to all the children of Israel to their generations.

⁴³ And the Lord said to Moses and Aaron, "This is the law of the Passover: no stranger shall eat of it. ⁴⁴ And every slave or servant bought with money—him you shall circumcise, and then shall he eat of it. ⁴⁵ A sojourner or hireling shall not eat of it. ⁴⁶ In one house shall it be eaten, and you shall not carry of the flesh out from the house; and a bone of it you shall not break. ⁴⁷ All the congregation of

the children of Israel shall keep it. ⁴⁸ And if any proselyte shall come to you to keep the Passover to the Lord, you shall circumcise every male of him, and then shall he approach to sacrifice it, and he shall be even as the original inhabitant of the land; no uncircumcised person shall eat of it. ⁴⁹ There shall be one law to the native, and to the proselyte coming among you."

⁵⁰ And the children of Israel did as the Lord commanded Moses and Aaron for them, so they did. ⁵¹ And it came to pass in that day that the Lord brought out the children of Israel from the land of Egypt with their forces.