Part 1: "When I see the blood…" Exodus 12:13
Understanding the love *and severity* of the blood at Passover

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Shalom and welcome, brothers and sisters of the Son of God – and children of the Highest. This is Philip Shields, host of Light on the Rock, and I hope today's message will be very, very meaningful to you. **We're soon going to be taking the Passover service** with the emblems of the new service instituted by Messiah – the footwashing and bread and wine – which He did on the eve of Passover day. Then He was crucified at 3 pm on Passover day at the every instant the lamb for the nation was being killed at the temple altar. That evening was what we call the Night to be Observant and the first holyday of the Days of Unleavened Bread begin. In Ezekiel 45:21, there's a verse that refers to this time as "the Passover, a feast of seven days." Early Jews referred to the whole 7 day period as "the Passover".

> **Ezekiel 45:21**
> "In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month, you shall observe the Passover, a feast of seven days; unleavened bread shall be eaten."

On my website I'll be preparing several pre-Passover messages and even a Passover service for those who wish to have one to play – if time permits.

I dedicate this 2-part sermon to my HERO – my Savior and king and big brother, Yeshua our Messiah, Jesus Christ the Son of God. **As John says in Revelation 1:5**: "TO HIM who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever, Amen."

Today's sermon, part 1, is 'WHEN I SEE THE BLOOD"…. We'll understand the joy – and the horror – of Passover. The LOVE and the severity of Passover. I hope after today you will understand what the blood of Yeshua does for us in a far deeper way and have a greater appreciation for what our Father in heaven did, and what Yeshua did. And we'll also begin studying today the CRIMSON THREAD of God's promise for a Savior – from Genesis – Revelation.

Passover is a mixed kind of day: on one hand the signal of liberty and freedom for Israel – spiritual and physical in Exodus 12, and a night of horror for those whose sons died, or for the thousands of baby sheep – lambs—that had to die so that Israel's first-borns could live. **Passover is about the love of God** primarily – for those who will accept His love. But it's also about **the SEVERITY of God's judgment** – on those who will not accept the blood of His Son in their stead.

Passover allows our sins to be "Passed over" in one sense, but in another sense, the guilt, the punishment, the chastisement, and the execution – the death penalty – were passed over to Jesus, to YESHUA, who bore all of that so we would not have to. Never think of Passover as a "get out of jail free" card. Grace was not free. Passover has a very severe, very serious and very painful side.

I want to convey both of these in today's message and even more so in Part 2 – "the goodness <u>and</u> severity of God" (Romans 11:22) as seen in the Passover. In today's sermon we will examine the blood trail of God's interaction-- from Genesis thru Revelation. Let's call it "The Crimson thread" of scripture.

<u>Let this Passover be a very SPECIAL, well prepared Passover</u>

Are you READY for PASSOVER? Many of you hearing this sermon have kept Passover for 40-50 years, as I have also. It's easy for those of us in that "boat" to take this as a ritual service, rather than feel the extreme love of God for us in this most meaningful of days.

Have you begun to examine your attitude towards it, that you take it in a worthy manner as 1 Cor. 11 says, ***and not just make it another ritual?***

> **1 Corinthians 11:27-31**
> Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner **will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord**. 28 But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. 29 For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. 30 For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep.

There is ONE who is worthy. . . and the way I see this examination is that I examine myself and realize I am SO glad the son of GOD died for me**. (Rev. 5:5-12 – "worthy is the *<u>Lamb</u>*"). We are called to be worthy IN Him, to the calling we have -- but we're worthy only in him. Period. The focus is on Messiah!**

It's very personal to me. The Passover is FOR me and FOR you. I am not worthy – but he is. And with THAT realization, I drink of HIS cup. Remember – he passed HIS cup around for all to drink from. Each did not drink of his own cup. We drink of HIS cup.

<u>Shedding blood—not a common experience today</u>

The Passover is about the blood of the Lamb of God. **Blood is at the center of this day**. When I was growing up as a child in the **Philippines**, we didn't just go down to the nearest supermarket and buy fresh cut chicken pieces or beef steaks. No, we often had to kill an animal if we were to eat meat – whether a chicken, turkey, duck or goat. Even as a child, I had to take my turn at slitting the throats of living, breathing creatures. Blood was very real.

Many of our people today have never ever killed anything bigger than a fly or ant... so when I speak of the BLOOD of Passover, it's just a word to some; it doesn't mean much. *<u>We NEED this message today</u>* so we appreciate the BLOOD, the LIFE, involved at Passover more than ever before.

Blood covenants

In ancient Israel, we know there were numerous animal sacrifices offered in the worship of God. *Today, because we don't kill a lamb or goat or bull any longer* – I *think we miss a lot of the impact* and the meaning of the shedding of blood to cover or atone for sin. And for many, Passover becomes simply a RITUAL of the new symbols of washing feet, eating a piece of matzah and drinking a sip of wine – and we're done.

So today, I want us to remember what is behind the Passover. It's not just a ritual. It's about the shedding of blood, the shed blood of a good, innocent man who had come from the heavens as the Son of God.

Ponder this: NO other religion, to my knowledge, teaches that their very CREATOR came to die for humanity – and not just for those who worship him now, but for ALL humanity, everyone in every nation, who will someday acknowledge His sacrifice and honor Him as their God.

In most religions, it's about mankind sacrificing to that God. In this religion, there's some of that too in the Old Covenant – but they all ultimately pictured the time when CREATOR GOD shed HIS blood FOR PEOPLE.

In the Old Covenant, everything was sanctified by blood being sprinkled on the item, on the tabernacle, on the altar, on people themselves. **Covenants** were CUT in blood, in fact that's what "covenant" means – "Cutting", so I speak of "cutting a covenant".

Even the very first covenant with Israel was cut in blood – when the people of Israel were sprinkled in blood as they agreed to be covenanted to YHVH. **(Exodus 24:8)** – and Moses said, as he sprinkled blood on them, "...behold the blood of the covenant".

WHY BLOOD?

Leviticus 17:11
"**For the LIFE of the flesh is in the blood**, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for *it is the* ***blood that makes atonement*** *for the soul*.'

Hebrews 9:22
And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, ***and without shedding of blood there is no remission***.

We must understand THIS about the Passover. Blood – lots of it – was shed on this day. Blood pictures the life of the one being sacrificed. So since forgiveness of sin requires the death of someone, and the penalty has to be paid by somebody – THIS is why blood is associated with Passover.

Then in Part 2, we'll cover in much more detail many things -- including how Yeshua changed the blood symbol to wine – picturing his blood, and to a piece of matzah – picturing His body.

Any covenant with God is founded on blood. We CANNOT come into a covenant relationship with God without blood. *Without blood, sinful man has no door, no access, to holy God. I want us all to remember this: we have access with holy God Most High because of BLOOD.*

Hebrews 10:4, 11-14
v.4- For it's *not possible* for the blood of bulls and goats to TAKE AWAY sin.
11 And every priest stands ministering daily and offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. [ONLY cover/kippur – but not take away] 12 But this Man, **after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down** at the right hand of God, 13 from that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool. **14 For by one offering HE has perfected forever** those who are being sanctified."

Hebrews 10:19-20
"Therefore, brethren, having boldness to **enter the Holiest *BY the blood of Jesus***, 20 by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh...

My theme in today's sermon comes from the original Passover in Exodus 12, when the Israelites were told to brush their own lamb's blood with a hyssop branch on to their house's door posts and lintels. And then God said, "When I see the blood, I will pass over you." That's the title... "when I see the blood".

THE SCARLET THREAD revealing the Love of God for you

Did you realize that "**The SCARLET THREAD" of scripture –**connects the whole story from Genesis to Revelation. All of scripture points to the redeeming blood of the Lamb through which we will be able to be forgiven and enter into the kingdom of God. Without that blood of God's Son, we were all as good as dead.

In a nutshell, God had a CHOICE – which is what Passover is all about:

- **Spare his son and condemn all of us to execution, for we've all sinned**
- **Spare all who would believe on his Son – but beat and execute his own Son for the rest of us**

As we go through this today, get the point that as much as Father loves Yeshua, His perfect Son, He must really, really love YOU and me to let His Son go through what He did so we would not have to. In other words, Father REALLY, REALLY LOVES You. Yeshua said so as well. John 16:27 says if we love Yeshua, then Father loves us BECAUSE we love Yeshua. In John 14:21 and verse 23 Yeshua says if we love Him we will keep his word and keep his commandments and Father will come and live inside of US! That's amazing.

But even while we were yet sinners, and knew nothing of the love of God, God so loved the world (Romans 5:8) that He gave his only son to come die for us, so we wouldn't have to (John 3:16-17).

He loved us before we loved him. Yeshua taught it's no big deal to love someone who loves you (Luke 6:32). Yeshua makes clear in his John 17 priestly prayer that Father loves us with the same love He had for Yeshua. Let that really sink in.

John 17:23

I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and **have loved them as You have loved Me."**

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE RECEIVE THE BLOOD OVER US

Let's get down to the HEART of the matter: what does the BLOOD of Yeshua do for you and me and all who would accept him?

- **SIN makes us dirty and filthy. Yeshua's blood WASHES AWAY ALL OUR SINS, every one of them, opening the door for us to interact with holy Father. His GRACE is greater than any and all of our sins put together.**

  1 John 1:7-10
  7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the BLOOD of jesus christ his son *CLEANSES US FROM ALL SIN.*
  8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from ALL unrighteousness.

  EVERY SIGLE sin is gone! We should not be discussing each other's PAST. It's gone. Read my blog on this site from April 5, 2014 about "What about our Past?"

  NOBODY is too sinful for Yeshua's blood to wash it away. NOBODY has done things that are TOO BAD. Under the blood, the slate is wiped clean and we have NO MORE SIN.

  The blood of bulls and goats could not TAKE AWAY sin (Hebrews 10:4, 11) – but only COVER THEM UP (Yom Kippur). ***But the blood of Messiah TAKES AWAY, REMOVES, all your sins***. John the Baptist said, "Behold the Lamb of God, who TAKES AWAY the sins of the world" – John 1:29. As far as east from the west (Psalms 103:12). He promises, "Your sins I will remember no more." – Hebrews 10:17.

  Hebrews 10:4
  For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins.

  SO you no longer stand condemned. Hear the words spoken to the woman caught in adultery: "Neither do I condemn you" – **John 8:11**.

- **When Adam and Eve were ejected from the Garden of Eden, all mankind was ejected from God's presence. We all became a part of a different "god" – the god of this world, Satan, and we had to be bought back. I know that sounds harsh, but that's the way it was. Yeshua told the Jews of his day that they belonged to their Father Satan – John 8:44. Cain was of "the wicked one". The Serpent has his own seed – Gen 3:15.**

  So the BLOOD OF YESHUA REDEEMS US and frees us from the claims of Satan over our life. It removes his condemnation and grasp on us.

1 Peter 1:18-19
"Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not **redeemed** with corruptible things.... But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot."

Ephesians 1:7-8
In Him we have redemption *through His blood*, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of **His grace** 8 which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence..."

So with the blood of Christ, you are no longer your own – but you belong to Christ (Mark 9:41). In fact he sets up residence in you by His spirit and you become the temple of God's dwelling (1 Corinthians 3:16) – all because he bought you and now owns you.

- **Christ's blood then makes peace with God. Before we accept Yeshua, we're "enmity against God and his laws" as Romans 8:7 says. It takes a blood offering, an atonement of blood, for us to be reconciled with God.**

COLOSSIANS 1:20
"And, having **MADE PEACE THROUGH THE BLOOD OF HIS CROSS**, by Him to reconcile all things unto Himself...."

- **WHEN YOU'VE MADE PEACE, YOU ARE RECONCILED.**

Romans 5:8-11
But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Much more then, having now **been justified by His blood**, we shall **be saved from wrath** through Him. 10 For if when **we were enemies** *we were **reconciled** to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled*, we shall be saved by His life. 11 And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

Hallelujah, hallelujah! Wow, Yeshua! Wow!

- It just gets better and better: **Once we're at peace and reconcile with our Father, we can form a CLOSENESS with Holy Father himself – through Yeshua. Without Christ's blood, we are FAR from God. Under His blood, we get to come back CLOSELY to our wonderful ABBA!**

Ephesians 2:11-13
"Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh — who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands — 12 that at that time you **were without Christ**, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and **strangers from the covenants of promise**, ***having no hope and without God in the world***. 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off **have been brought near BY THE BLOOD OF CHRIST**.
HALLELUJAH!

- **<u>The blood of Yeshua allows us – sprinkled with HIS blood – to approach the Holy of Holies with BOLDNESS</u>**. We come close with confidence of acceptance and love.

  <u>Hebrews 10:19-20</u>
  "Therefore, brethren, **having <u>BOLDNESS</u> to *enter the holiest BY THE BLOOD* of Jesus**, 20 by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh..."

  Why? HOW? Because we're coming in Yeshua's name, by his holiness.

- **<u>THE BLOOD OF MESSIAH brings us into His NEW Covenant.</u>**

  Luke 22:20
  Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This **cup is the NEW covenant in My blood**, which is shed for you."

  There are 2 words for "new" in Greek—"neos", relating to time, and "Koinos" referring to something that has never been before, brand new. The word here is *koinos*. It is not a renewed a covenant, but a brand new covenant. In Jeremiah 31 and Hebrews 10, which quotes it, the new covenant is clearly stated as "NOT like the covenant I made with their fathers" -- so it's a NEW covenant. A covenant was CUT in blood. Yeshua was CUT by his scourging, his nailing to the cross, and by the spear into his side.

- **<u>THE BLOOD of the Lamb gives us VICTORY over SIN, OVER SATAN, over his claim!</u>**
  Revelation 12:10-12
  Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser [SATAN] of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. 11 **And they overcame him]Satan] by the blood of the Lamb** and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.

  So I can guarantee you – Satan hates this message, hates this sermon, but in Yeshua's name we cast him out of here and let Yah's people have the VICTORY! Amen!

- **YESHUA, who knew no sin, became sin, or the sin offering, FOR US... so that we could become HIS righteousness by faith.**

  2 Corinthians 5:18-21
  Now all things are of God, **who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ**, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, 19 that is, that ***God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself***, <u>*not imputing their trespasses to them*</u>, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.
  20 Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. **21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, *that WE might become the righteousness of GOD in Him***."

- **AND BY HIS DEATH – AND THEN HIS RESURRECTION – WE WILL BE PRESENTED HOLY AND PERFECT.**

  Colossians 1:21-23
  And you, who once **were alienated and enemies** in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has **reconciled 22 in the body of His flesh through death**, ***to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight*** — 23 if indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which was preached to every creature under heaven, of which I, Paul, became a minister.

Are you listening, brethren? What a great miracle and blessing this blood of the lamb is! When you drink of HIS cup at Passover, and eat of His bread, I hope you understand how DEEP this bread – his body – and this cup of wine – his BLOOD – means to us!

So as we take the blood at Passover – realize it WASHES away ALL SIN, it pays the penalty of sin in death, it reconciles us back to Father because the DEBT was paid, it brings us CLOSE to Him, establishes PEACE between us and our Father, it puts us into the New Covenant, his blood gives us victory over Satan and sin, it presents us covered by the blood of righteous Yeshua – so we can come BOLDLY -- ... are we getting it!?

Let's look at the TRAIL OF BLOOD from the beginning to end.... Some call it the "Crimson thread" – that satisfied the righteous justice of God and also showed his incredible love.

THE BEGINNING of the Crimson Thread Throughout Scripture

Let's start from the beginning. *When did this plan of the blood of the Lamb start?*

1 Peter 1:17-21
And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear;
18 knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct *received by tradition* from your fathers, 19 ***but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot***. 20 He indeed was ***foreordained BEFORE the foundation of the world***, but was manifest in these last times for you 21 who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

"The world" here is "*kosmos*" – our society, where we get cosmopolitan, worldly, etc., our way of living. Does not mean planet earth here, though in some verses it can mean the earth/universe. Usually it means the people's way of living on this earth.

So we see Yeshua was *FOREORDAINED* from BEFORE Adam and Eve. God KNEW they couldn't and wouldn't live sinless – based on God's perfect standard.

But notice when he was considered *SLAIN*:
Revelation 13:8
All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb ***SLAIN from the foundation of the world***."

WHY would there be a difference?

Foreordained from before: because YHVH knew mankind would sin.
Slain from: once the first sin took place, he was as good as slain.

The first promise of redemption

- **Let's start with Genesis 3, after man and woman have been created in the image and likeness of God.** You know the story how the serpent deceived Eve, and Adam—who knew better—remained silent. Adam, who was with her (v 6) was not deceived. So in Gen 3:7 they sewed fig leaves to cover their groin area (the Hebrew refers to a loin-cloth or girdle). Sin, by man, had now entered the world – and all of us as part of Adam's seed, were declared sinners with him. "By ONE man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous" (Romans 5:19).

  So mankind tried to cover their sin with" salad dressing" – **fig leaves**, their own works. But **what was MISSING in this covering? There's no blood here**. We can't cover or remove sin without blood. This is a lesson from the very beginning.

Genesis 3:8-13 They hid from YHVH...were afraid. They had not been afraid before. Adam blames the woman God gave to him, and she blamed the serpent. Pick up verse 14.

> **Genesis 3:14-15**
> 14 So YHVH Elohim said to the serpent:
> "Because you have done this, You are cursed more than all cattle,
> And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you shall go,
> And you shall eat dust all the days of your life.
> 15 **And I will put enmity between you and the WOMAN,**
> ***And between your seed and her Seed; [her Seed = Yeshua)***
> ***He shall bruise your head***, and you shall bruise His heel."

This is interesting because most of the time someone's "Seed" is linked to a man – like "the seed of Abraham**". But here, "seed" is linked to the Woman, "HER seed"** -- pointing already to the virgin birth of Christ – and eventually to the woman represented by the called-out ones.

When you step on a snake's head, you totally disable it's danger and eventually it can die. This is the first promise of the coming Savior. Sin brought on curses:

- The woman – v. 16- will bear children in pain, and husband will rule over her.
- V 17—to Adam: because didn't man-up, ground was cursed.

V 18- ground will bring forth THORNS and thistles and in the SWEAT of your face you will eat bread...

Now read verse 21 with me. IF this is in time sequence, very interesting that this happens *BEFORE they are put out of the garden in verse 23. Have you seen that before?*

Genesis 3:21
"Also for Adam and his wife Yehowah Elohim made tunics of skin, and clothed them."

WHAT was that which covered Adam and Eve? A sheep's skin? In its ultimate sense, it was Yeshua himself. HE is our covering. We are covered by HIS blood. Is it possible the skins were still bloody and wet – to make the point? I don't know. But we know it was an animal – picturing the coming LAMB OF GOD. Today HE is our shield.

When *GOD* covers us – it's head to toe covering. God made "tunics/coats of skin" – that was head to toe, not just a loin cloth! (Same word used for the tunics worn by priests made of linen though.)

But forgiveness required shedding of blood (Hebrews 9:22). Grace is not easy or cheap. *Passover has a very painful, dark side – something or someone has to shed blood and die.*

CAIN AND ABEL, Noah, Abraham

Next – you remember how Cain and Abel brought offerings to God. **Abel** offered the sacrifices of blood, of the firstborn of his flock (Genesis 4:1-5). Note the FIRST BORN. Yeshua is the FIRST BORN of many brethren, the first born of God's children. Cain had no blood in his offering and was rejected.

Hebrews 9:22 – without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sin.

In his anger, Cain slays his brother. The first murder.

Later, we see the red thread continue in **Noah** offering a blood sacrifice right after the Flood (Genesis 9:3).

Then with ABRAHAM – God made a covenant in **Genesis 15:17-18** —which happened on PASSOVER... A VERY, VERY BLOODY ORDEAL. NORMALLY both parties walked through and between all the cut, bloody animal parts – and they say, "If one of us breaks this covenant, may we be as these dead animals and we pay with our own blood." In Genesis 15, only God walked through the bloody animal parts. Abraham was put into a deep sleep.

Next – in the **command to sacrifice Isaac in Genesis 22**, we see the picture of God the Father being role-played by Abraham, being willing to sacrifice his son, being role-played by Isaac picturing Christ. **Isaac carried the WOOD** – just as Yeshua had to carry his wood, the cross. But in the end, YHVH stopped Abraham and he was able to offer an ram caught in the thorns **(Genesis 22:12-13**. But even young Isaac understood – earlier -- that to worship God properly, there had to be a blood sacrifice (Genesis 22:7 – "I see the wood, the fire – but where is the sacrifice?")

JOSEPH

Joseph was a type of the Messiah – providing Bread for the world, saving people around the world, and so much more. Yeshua says in **John 6:51**, "And the bread I shall give is my life, which I shall give for the life *of the world*."

Remember his brothers took his robe of many colors and dipped it in blood – picturing our Savior who bled for people all around the world, people of all colors and races.

Tie this in with **John 3:16** – where our God so LOVED the world that he gave his only Son...that whoever BELIEVES ON HIM shall not perish, but have everlasting life.

THE FIRST PASSOVER... Exodus 12

Israel was freed after the 10th plague on Egypt – the death of their firstborn sons of all the families and livestock. **The prior 9 plagues were against gods (elohim) of Egypt.** Virtually every animal and creature in Egypt was a god to them – except the lamb, which they abhorred. So each of the plagues was an attack on one of the elohim (gods) of Egypt. The Nile was a god. The frog was a god. The bull and cow were gods. The darkness – RA the Sun god... etc. etc. the living true God promised to one by one destroy any belief of power in any of their non-god gods. Then the 10th plague – death of the firstborn in houses not covered by the lamb's blood.

Exodus 12:1-13
Now YHVH spoke to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, 2 "THIS month shall be your beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year to you.

> **YAH is making all things new here**. The year had begun in the FALL prior to this. Tradition – Adam and Eve created on 1st day of Tishri, which is now the 7th month/Sept. A new calendar. A new beginning. With Passover, we get a new beginning to our life – a life in Christ.

3 Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying: ***'On the tenth*** of this month every man shall *take for himself* ***A lamb***, according to the house of his **father**, a lamb for a household. [the head of house] 4 And if the household is too small for the lamb, let him and his neighbor next to his house take it according to the number of the persons; according to each man's need you shall make your count for the lamb.

> The name/words "family, father" come from God
> **Ephesians 3:14-16**
> For this reason I bow my knees to **the Father** of our Lord Jesus Christ, 15 **from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named**....

10th day – compare to woman's cycle. *"These calendar milestones are embedded in the menstrual cycle of a woman. The cycle starts on day one. Then on day 10 we find a day of separation just like the 10th day of the first and seventh months. The ovum loses half its chromosome count."*

Christ also was separated and inspected on the 10th day of the first month of his final year. More on that in the sermon about "How Christ Fulfilled the Passover in Detail".

I also have a blog given in June 2012 that goes into detail into a conception and birth cycle and how it ties to the holydays.

5 ***Your lamb*** shall be **without blemish**, ***a male*** of the first year. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats.

Notice how the wording changes from "A lamb" in verse 3 to "YOUR lamb" now.
Personal ownership of what was going on. **1 Cor. 5:7 – Christ *OUR* Passover**…
He died personally for ME, for you, personally. Stop thinking just in terms that Yeshua died for everyone – and he certainly DID – but add to that concept the acceptance that he died for you, personally. Put your name in there.

Without blemish. [picturing our perfect Savior]

6 Now you shall **keep it until the fourteenth day** of the same month.

Kept in the home for 4 days. Becomes a personal cherished pet and loved part of the home. The children would be playing with this lamb. Four days to INSPECT IT.

Compare to woman's cycle – 14th day – 21st.
Brian CONVERY: "On day 14 the pre-ovulation phase comes to an end…."

"Then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it at twilight. 7 And they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses where they eat it." V, 22 speaks of a BASIN – likely the HOLE at the bottom of the door entrance – in what was called the THRESHOLD COVENANT.

Blood of the innocent baby sheep was to be put on the doorframe. With HYSSOP.
Hyssop – a small plant or weed that could grow anywhere, even from cracks in a wall (1 Kings 4:33).

David in **Psalm 51:7** – "Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean."
Hyssop has many medicinal values, though it was a common weed. Antibacterial, anti-inflammatory and 81 other medicinal uses to heal and cleanse.

Hyssop was used – along with the blood of calves and goats, water and scarlet wool to sprinkle the book of the law and all the people (**Hebrews 9:18-19).** ON Passover day, Yeshua was offered some sour wine/vinegar – cheap Roman soldier wine—on a sponge supported by hyssop. (**John 19:28-29).** Hyssop, wine-blood, the tree/cross... the blood ... all there on Passover. Now back to Exodus 12.

WHO IS THE DOOR? John 10:9-10. Thieves enter by some other way. Who had blood all OVER HIM – Yes, the DOOR to our salvation did, Yeshua.

8 Then they shall eat the flesh on that night; roasted in fire, with unleavened bread and with bitter herbs they shall eat it. 9 Do not eat it raw, nor boiled at all with water, but roasted in fire — its head with its legs and its entrails. 10 You shall let none of it remain until morning, and what remains of it until morning you shall burn with fire.

Reminded again in **Numbers 9:12** not to break any of its bones .... Pointing to Yeshua! If you're unfamiliar with that, you can read John 19:31-37, where the Jews had asked Pilate to break the legs of those on the crosses, so they would die and be taken away before the holyday began.

John 19:33 says:

"**But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs.** 34 But one of the soldiers [had] pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out. 35 And he who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you may believe. 36 For these things were done that the Scripture should be fulfilled, "Not one of His bones shall be broken." 37 And again another Scripture says, "They shall look on Him whom they pierced."

Continuing back at Exodus 12:11

"And thus you shall eat it: with a belt on your waist, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. So you shall eat it in haste. It is YHVH's Passover.

12 ***'For I*** will pass through the land of Egypt on that night, **and will strike** 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 YHVH.

13 **Now the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you are**. **And when *I* see the blood, *I* will pass over you**; and the plague shall not be on you to destroy you when *I* strike the land of Egypt.

YHVH had to see the blood of the sacrificed innocent lamb splashed all over the top of the doors and the door posts of each house**, or the firstborn inside died.** If there was blood, then our God accepted the lamb's blood as a token, a prophecy, of when God the Father would also offer His Lamb – Yeshua the Messiah, the FIRST-BORN SON of the Living God. **And so those who had lamb's blood on their houses were spared – but 3,500 years later, GOD'S firstborn son had to die** – pictured by all those innocent lambs being slaughtered by the scores of thousands. **A lot of innocent blood flowed on Passover day.**

But also note: the FOCUS was on the BLOOD of the Lamb and on whom it pictured! The focus was *NOT on "when I see your good works*, when I see that you've put away all other gods, when I see that your marriage is perfect, when I see this or that...." NO – it's simply "when I see the BLOOD [of the lamb] I will pass over you."

Exodus 12:21-24

21 Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel and said to them, "Pick out and take lambs for yourselves according to your families, and **KILL the Passover** *lamb*.

It's a violent act. Moses didn't say "and offer a Passover lamb." NO, he said, "and KILL the Passover.' The LAMB of God also has to be KILLED so THAT God could Pass Over our sins too! When we take the Passover this year, let's not take it casually but understand we each caused a violent, painful death of the perfect Son of God!

22 And you shall take a bunch of hyssop, dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and strike the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood that is in the basin. And none of you shall go out of the door of his house until morning.

BASIN – COULD mean either a large cup/basin – or trough at entrance of a door.

OT:5592 . A masculine noun referring to a basin, a bowl. It was a bowl or a large hollow dish or cup used in rituals, cultic events (Exodus 12:22; 2 Samuel 17:28; 1

Kings 7:50). It was among the Temple furnishings and instruments (Jeremiah 52:19). It is used figuratively of a cup, Jerusalem, and its contents that will cause consternation to all the nations around her (Zechariah 12:2).

II. **A masculine noun meaning a threshold, a doorway**. The opening, sill, or entrance into a house, a building, a temple, a palace (Judges 19:27; 1 Kings 14:17). **The doorkeeper, the keeper of the door was an important person** (2 Kings 25:18; Esther 2:21; Jeremiah 35:4). (The Complete Word Study Dictionary: OT)

So we're seeing the blood thread... and there's simply too much to finish it all in this one sermon. And I certainly want to spend ample time on the actual crucifixion of Yeshua.

So the main points in this sermon were:

- Passover is not just a night of ritual, but is a good news/bad news night. Very good news for the ones being spared. Very painful night for the innocent baby sheep and for the innocent Son of God.
- **Sin requires a very painful payment!** Passover is not easy. Grace is not cheap. I'm going to hit this point very hard in the conclusion of this sermon, part 2. We will particularly look some aspects of Yeshua's crucifixion you may not have heard before.

- **We saw many, many of the things that the blood of Messiah** does for us. It's not just that we're forgiven—but so much more.

- **There is a crimson thread t**hat runs through the Word of God from BEFORE the foundation of the world – all the way to the crucifixion of Christ, when he declared "FINISHED". In this message we discussed Adam/Eve and their blood-less covering of fig leaves, Cain-Abel, Noah, Abraham/Isaac, Joseph... and we began discussing the Exodus 12 Passover. There's still so much more to say.

- **We'll continue next sermon with much more about**

    - THE EXODUS 12 PASSOVER – in much more detail.
    - the lay-out of the camp of Israel and some things you may not have heard before;
    - Rahab and her role in the crimson cord;
    - Psalm 22 and the prophecies for Christ;
    - A LOT of things about the crucifixion of Messiah that will be new to many of you... AND MORE!

ALL to focus on the POWER of the blood of the Lamb, so when we take the Passover, we'll be much more prepared to appreciate the body and blood of Christ, as never this deeply before.

<u>Ended with prayer to our father and Yeshua our Savior.</u>
Father, we thank you for your incredible love, that you offered up YOUR firstborn, so that the rest of your future children could be adopted into your family, as born-again children of the Highest. (There's much more of the prayer, spoken from the heart, in the audio version.)

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