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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 (Yahweh; the great I AM).

After revealing Himself as the Great I AM of Exodus 3:14, the LORD promises to deliver Israel from the bondage and slavery of Egypt.

The Exodus was the exit way out of Egypt for the Israelites.
Due to Pharaoh's hard heart and stubborn refusal to let Israel go, God sends 10 plagues on the land of Egypt. These 10 plaques were all aimed at the so called "gods" of Egypt. The ten plagues seem to have been directed at the pantheon of Egypt, as reflected in the chart below. (From Bible Knowledge Commentary, John Hannah, "Exodus")

Plagues	Exodus	Possible Egyptian gods attacked
1. Nile to blood	7:14-25	*Hapi* (or *Apis*), bull god of the Nile; *Isis*, goddess of the Nile; *Khnum*, ram god, guardian of the Nile
2. Frogs	8:1-15	*Heqet*, goddess of birth, with head of a frog
3. Gnats	8:16-19	*Set*, god of the desert
4. Flies	8:20-32	*Re*, a sun god, or *Uatchit*, represented by the fly
5. Death of livestock	9:1-7	*Hathor*, goddess w/ cow head; *Apis*, the bull god, symbol of fertility
6. Boils	9:8-12	*Sekhmet*, goddess w/ power over disease; *Sunu*, the pestilence god; *Isis*, goddess of healing
7. Hail	9:13-35	*Nut,* sky goddess; *Osiris,* god of crops/fertility*; Set,* god of storms
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9. Darkness	10:21-29	*Re* or *Horus*, sun gods; *Nut* or *Hathor*, sun goddesses
10. Death of firstborn	11:1- 12:30	*Min*, god of reproduction; *Heqet*, goddess who protects at childbirth; *Isis*, goddess of children; Pharaoh's firstborn son, considered a god

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In Isa. 53:7 The Lamb is <u>Prophesied</u>
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 openeth not his mouth.

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The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

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And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;

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And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

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Exod. 12:3 – "Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the **<u>tenth day of this month</u>** they shall **<u>take to them every man a lamb</u>**, according to the house of their fathers, a lamb for an house:"

John 12:12-13 – "On the next day (Sunday, Abib, 10) much people that were come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, Took branches of palm trees, and **<u>went forth to meet him, and cried, Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel</u>** that cometh in the name of the Lord."

John 12:12
"The feast" = The Passover feast – one of the pilgrimage feasts that for thousands of years has brought Jews from all over the world back to Jerusalem for celebration.

v. 13
This is Palm Sunday; the Sunday before Christ's death which traditionally has been understood to have taken place on Friday of that same week.

The throwing of Palm branches in the path of Christ was the peoples' way of smoothing out and beautifying the road of this special dignitary.

As they cried out, "Hosanna," they meant "Save now!" "Deliver us now!" "The time has come for our salvation."

While they had a political salvation on their minds, Christ would indeed "save now" but in a different way. He would provide salvation by giving His life in death (as vv. 24 – 33 indicates).

v. 12 – 19
These same people who are shouting "Hosanna" will later shout "Crucify Him! Crucify Him!"

When Christ did not fulfill the people's expectation, they didn't want Him at all. They expected Him to be a political deliverer NOW! They wanted political and social reform.

However, Christ from the very beginning of His ministry clearly revealed the spiritual nature of it. He came to seek and save the lost; to give His life a ransom for many.

Jesus too often was viewed as no more than a meal ticket, or a cure for all their problems and oppression.

But the spiritual blessings had to come before the physical blessings. The world wants Christ only to remove the <u>results</u> of their sin, while Christ came to remove sin itself and its cause.

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Exod. 12:5 - "Your lamb shall be **<u>without blemish</u>**, a male of the first year:"

John 19:4 - "Pilate therefore went forth again, and saith unto them, Behold, I bring him forth to you, that ye may know that **<u>I find no fault in him</u>**."

The Lamb was innocent; Christ was innocent.

The Martin Scorzese film "The Last Temptation of Christ" was total blasphemy, picturing Jesus as having a lustful heart toward Mary Magdalene and longing to marry her and have children by her.

Christ's sinlessness:

- He was called The "Holy Child" (Lk. 1:35)
- He entered the Temple often, but never had to offer a sacrifice for Himself (Heb. 7:27)
- Jn. 8:29, 46 - "I do always those things that please Him. . . Which of you convinceth Me of sin?"
- II Cor. 5:21 - "Who knew no sin"
- I Pet. 1:19 - "a Lamb without blemish and without spot"
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- Heb. 4:15 - "was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin"
- Heb. 7:26 - "Who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners"
- I Jn. 3:5 - "in Him is no sin"
- Christ was acknowledged as innocent eleven times during His trials and crucifixion (Mt. 27:4, 19, 24, 54; Lk. 23:14, 22, 41; Jn. 18:38, 19:46).
- Psalm 94:21 - "They gather themselves together against the soul of the righteous, and condemn the innocent blood."

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Exod.12:6 – "And ye shall keep it up until the **<u>fourteenth day</u>** of the same month: and… **<u>kill it in the evening</u>** (Lit. between the evenings; twilight – as one day was ending and another beginning)."

Matthew 26:2 Ye know that after two days is the feast of the **<u>passover</u>**, and the Son of man is betrayed to be **<u>crucified</u>**.

Mark 14:1 After two days was the feast of the passover, and of unleavened bread: and the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might take him by craft, and put him to death.

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It is interesting that:
The Passover Sacrifice was preceded by three days of darkness (Ex. 10:21-23)
Whereas Christ's sacrificial death was preceded by three hours of dark darkness (Mark 15:33)

Christ died at just the right TIME (at Passover)
Daniel 9:26 - "And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself…"

IV. The Lamb was killed by the whole assembly (Exod.12:6b)
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Exod.12:6b – "…and the whole **assembly of the congregation** of Israel shall kill it…"

Matthew 27:25 – "Then answered **all the people**, and said, His blood be on us, and on our children."

"His blood be on us, and on our children" - The Jewish crowd claims responsibility for what they did (Acts 4:10; Zech. 12:10). Rejecting Christ has come back to haunt them over and over again (since 70 A.D.).

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Exod.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"

John 19:17 – "And he **bearing his cross** went forth into a place called the place of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew Golgotha:"

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Exod.12:9 – "Eat not of it raw, nor sodden at all with water, but **<u>roast with fire</u>**; his head with his legs, and with the purtenance (entrails) thereof."

Isaiah 53:5-7 – "But he was wounded (pierced through) for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath **<u>laid on him the iniquity of us all</u>**. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter…"

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

"He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken" (Ps.34:20; Ex.12:46; Num.9:12) (Jn.19:31-33)

John 19:31
"The preparation" – the preparation for Passover. Because the Jews could not work nor require others to work during Passover (and the Law stated that a body could not remain on a cross overnight – Dt. 21:22, 23), they request Pilate to hasten their deaths by breaking their legs. Such would lead to their suffocation as they would not be able to lift themselves up to grasp air with broken and disjointed knees.
v. 33
After cracking the joints of the criminals to hasten their death, they come to Jesus and notice that He had already died (Pilate was surprised by His quick death).
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Just as not one bone of the Passover lamb was to be broken (Ex. 12:46; Num. 9:12), so Jesus (the ultimate Lamb – Jn. 1:29; 1 Cor. 5:7) must have no bone broken at His death.

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Exod.12:13 - And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and **<u>when I see the blood, I will pass over you</u>**, and the plague shall **<u>not</u>** be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt.

Romans 5:8-9 - But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, **<u>Christ died for us</u>**. Much more then, being now **<u>justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath</u>** through him.

A boy and his father were driving down a country road on a beautiful spring afternoon, when a bumblebee flew in the car window. The little boy, who was allergic to bee stings, was petrified. The father quickly reached out, grabbed the bee, squeezed it in his hand, and then released it. The boy grew frantic as it buzzed by him. Once again the father reached out his hand, but this time he pointed to his palm. There stuck in his skin was the stinger of the bee. "Do you see this?" he asked. "You don't need to be afraid anymore. I've taken the sting for you." We do not need to fear death anymore. Christ has died and risen again. He has taken the sting from death.
-- Adrian Dieleman, Waupun, Wisconsin. Leadership, Vol. 15, no. 1.

Fanny Crosby's testimony about redemption:

"Redeemed, how I love to proclaim it!
Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;
Redeemed through His infinite mercy,
His child, and forever, I am."

Philip P. Bliss wrote this song about redemption:

"I will sing of my Redeemer
And His wondrous love to me;
On the cruel cross He suffered,
From the curse to set me free.

Sing, oh, sing of my Redeemer,
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Exod.12:8 And they shall **<u>eat the flesh in that night</u>**, roast with fire, and unleavened bread; and with bitter herbs (picturing sorrow for sin) they shall eat it.

John 6:51-54 - 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. The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, How can this man give us his flesh to eat? Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye **<u>eat the flesh of the Son of man</u>**, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you. Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.

John 6:51 - "If <u>any man</u> eat" – the offer is to all; to everyone. Yet no one will independently choose to eat unless inclined to do so by God the Father (v. 37, 44, 65). Unless the Father had drawn me to the Bread of Life, I would not have "eaten."

"<u>Eat</u> of this bread" – Unless you "eat," you will not live forever in heaven.

You may have <u>heard</u> about the Bread. You may <u>know</u> about the Bread. You may <u>intellectually</u> agree that Jesus is the Bread. You may <u>doctrinally</u> know about the Bread.

But unless you by faith consume it, you have no life in you!

This "consumption" of Christ is a fulfillment of what the <u>Passover</u> meal symbolized.

Just as the Jews in bondage in Egypt had to partake of the flesh of the lamb which was killed on Passover, so you who are in sin's bondage must partake of the Lamb of God who was killed at Passover.

The question had been raised a week before the Passover. "What do you think; Is He (Jesus) coming to the feast?" (John 11:56) What they didn't realize was: He was the feast!

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Exod 12:11 And thus shall ye eat it; with your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall **<u>eat it in haste</u>**: it is the LORD'S passover.

2 Cor. 6:2 (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, **<u>now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation</u>**.)

Trust Christ in haste! Don't delay!

Acts 26:28 Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian.

Proverbs 27:1 Boast not thyself of to morrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.

Conclusion:

Moses' Passover marked the beginning of months (Exod. 12:2)

Christ's Passover marked the beginning of the New Covenant (Luke 22:20)

They were to eat the Passover with Unleavened bread (Ex. 12:14-20)
Those who have trusted in Christ are called to live a life unleavened with sin (1 Cor. 5:6-8)
Leaven in Scripture is a symbol of sin, and must be purged out as a symbol of separation to God. So God demands of us a complete separation from the thoughts and works of this evil age (Gal. 1:4).

1 Cor 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:

V. 6
"Leaven" - baker's yeast

When mixed into dough, it spreads and affects the whole batch of dough, causing it to swell and expand.

"Leaven" is often used as a picture of sin int he Bible. EX: "Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees" (Mt. 16:6, 22; Lk. 12:1).

Paul used the same expression, "A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump" in Galatians 5:9 in a context of the false teaching of the Judaizers.

Just a little sin left undealt with eventually grows and grows, spreads and spreads until the whole church is affected (EX: a small patch of rust or a few cancer cells).

"Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners" (I Cor. 15:33).

V. 7
"A new lump" - unmixed; pure

"Ye are unleavened" - In Christ we are perfect! Sinless! We should live practically what we are positionally.

The reason we are unleavened spiritually is because we have benefitted from the sacrifice of Christ. Our "passover" Lamb (Jn. 1:29) has been slain to free us from bondage. We are now unleavened in Christ, just as unleavened bread immediately followed Passover, so our purity followed our appropriation of Christ's sacrifice).

"Purge out" - As the Israelites did at Passover, when they swept every trace of leaven out of their houses.

Song – God's Perfect Lamb (#179)

God spoke to Israel, "Bring Me a sacrifice,
Morning and evening, ev'ry day.
Offer a spotless lamb, without a blemish.
This is the command you must obey."

CHORUS:
Sing Hallelujah! Praise to Jehovah!
Worship the God of Abraham!
Sing Hallelujah! Praise to Jehovah!
Once for all is slain God's perfect Lamb!

Daily the lambs were brought. Daily the blood was shed,
Laid on the altar built by man.
Then at the perfect time, God said to Israel,
"I will now provide the perfect Lamb."
[chorus]

At God's appointed time, Jesus, Messiah, came
To make the sacrifice for all sin.
No longer bring a lamb, Jesus has paid the price,
Clap your hands and let your psalms begin!
[chorus]