

CHAPTER 12

The Lord institutes the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread—Lambs without blemish are slain—Israel is saved by their blood—The firstborn of all Egyptians are slain—Israel is thrust out of Egypt after 430 years—No bones of the paschal lambs are to be broken.

1 And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying,

2 This ^amonth shall be unto you the ^bbeginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you.

3 ¶ Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth *day* of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of *their* fathers, a lamb for an house:

4 And if the household be too little for the lamb, let him and his neighbour next unto his house take *it* according to the number of the souls; every man according to his ^aeating shall make your count for the lamb.

5 Your ^alamb shall be without blemish, a male ^bof the first year: ye shall take *it* out from the sheep, or from the goats:

6 And ye shall keep it up until the ^afourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening.

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, wherein they shall eat it.

8 And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roast with fire, and ^aunleavened bread; *and* with bitter *herbs* they shall eat it.

9 Eat not of it raw, nor ^asodden at all with water, but roast *with* fire; his head with his legs, and with the ^bpurtenance thereof.

10 And ye shall let nothing of it ^aremain until the morning; and that which remaineth of it until the morning ye shall burn with fire.

11 ¶ And thus shall ye eat it; *with* your loins ^agirded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat it in ^bhaste: *it is* the LORD's passover.

12 For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the ^afirstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the ^bgods of Egypt I will execute ^cjudgment: I *am* the LORD.

13 And the blood shall be to you for a ^atoken upon the houses where ye *are*: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy *you*, when I smite the land of Egypt.

14 And this ^aday shall be unto you for a ^bmemorial; and ye shall keep it a ^cfeast to the LORD throughout your generations; ye shall keep it a ^dfeast by an ordinance ^efor ever.

15 Seven days shall ye eat ^aunleavened bread; even the first day ye shall put away leaven out of your houses: for whosoever eateth leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that soul shall be ^bcut off from Israel.

- 16 And in the first day *there shall be* an holy ^aconvocation, and in the ^bseventh day there shall be an holy convocation to you; no manner of work shall be done in them, save *that* which every man must eat, that only may be done of you.
- 17 And ye shall observe *the* ^afeast of ^bunleavened bread; for in this selfsame day have I brought your ^carmies out of the land of Egypt: therefore shall ye observe this day in your generations ^dby an ordinance for ever.
- 18 ¶ In the first *month*, on the fourteenth day of the month at even, ye shall eat unleavened bread, until the one and twentieth day of the month at even.
- 19 Seven days shall there be no leaven found in your houses: for whosoever eateth that which is leavened, even that soul shall be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether he be a ^astranger, or born in the land.
- 20 Ye shall eat nothing leavened; in all your habitations shall ye eat unleavened bread.
- 21 ¶ Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel, and said unto them, ^aDraw out and take you a ^blamb according to your ^cfamilies, and kill the ^dpassover.
- 22 And ye shall take a bunch of hyssop, and dip *it* in the blood that *is* in the basin, and strike the lintel and the two side posts with the ^ablood that *is* in the basin; and none of you shall go out at the door of his house until the morning.
- 23 For the LORD will ^apass through to smite the Egyptians; and when he seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, the LORD will ^bpass over the door, and will not ^csuffer the ^ddestroyer to come in unto your houses to smite *you*.
- 24 And ye shall observe this thing for an ordinance to thee and to thy sons for ever.
- 25 And it shall come to pass, when ye be come to the land which the LORD will give you, according as he hath promised, that ye shall keep this service.
- 26 And it shall come to pass, when your ^achildren shall say unto you, What mean ye by this service?
- 27 That ye shall say, It *is* the ^asacrifice of the LORD's ^bpassover, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt, when he smote the Egyptians, and ^cdelivered our houses. And the people bowed the head and worshipped.
- 28 And the children of Israel went away, and did as the LORD had ^acommanded Moses and Aaron, so did they.
- 29 ¶ And it came to pass, that at midnight the LORD ^asmote all the ^bfirstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sat on his throne unto the firstborn of the captive that *was* in the dungeon; and all the firstborn of cattle.
- 30 And Pharaoh rose up in the night, he, and all his servants, and all the Egyptians; and there was a great cry in Egypt; for *there was* not a house where *there was* not one ^adead.
- 31 ¶ And he called for Moses and Aaron by night, and said, Rise up, *and* get you ^aforth from among my people, both ye and the children of Israel; and go, serve the LORD, as ye have said.
- 32 Also take your flocks and your herds, as ye have said, and be gone; and bless me also.

33 And the Egyptians were ^aurgent upon the people, that they might send them out of the land in haste; for they said, We *be* all dead *men*.

34 And the people took their dough before it was leavened, their kneadingtroughs being bound up in their clothes upon their shoulders.

35 And the children of Israel did according to the word of Moses; and they ^aborrowed of the Egyptians jewels of ^bsilver, and jewels of gold, and ^craiment:

36 And the LORD gave the people ^afavour in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they ^blent unto them *such things as they required*. And they ^cspoiled the Egyptians.

37 ¶ And the children of Israel ^ajourneyed from ^bRameses to Succoth, about ^csix hundred thousand on foot *that were* men, beside children.

38 And ^aa mixed multitude went up also with them; and flocks, and herds, *even* very much cattle.

39 And they baked ^aunleavened cakes of the dough which they brought forth out of Egypt, for it was not leavened; because they were ^bthrust out of Egypt, and could not tarry, neither had they prepared for themselves any ^cvictual.

40 ¶ Now the ^asojourning of the children of Israel, who dwelt in Egypt, *was* four hundred and thirty years.

41 And it came to pass at the end of the four hundred and thirty years, even the selfsame day it came to pass, that all the hosts of the LORD went out from the land of Egypt.

42 It *is* a night ^ato be much ^bobserved unto the LORD for bringing them out from the land of Egypt: this *is* that night of the LORD to be observed of all the children of ^cIsrael in their generations.

43 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses and Aaron, This *is* the ordinance of the ^apassover: There shall no ^bstranger eat thereof:

44 But every man's servant that is ^abought for money, when thou hast circumcised him, then shall he eat thereof.

45 A foreigner and an hired servant shall not eat thereof.

46 In one house shall it be eaten; thou shalt not carry forth ^aought of the flesh ^babroad out of the house; neither shall ye ^cbreak a ^dbone thereof.

47 All the congregation of Israel shall keep it.

48 And when a stranger shall sojourn with thee, and will keep the passover to the LORD, let all his males be ^acircumcised, and then let him come near and keep it; and he shall be as one that is ^bborn in the land: for no uncircumcised person shall eat thereof.

49 One law shall be to him that is homeborn, and unto the stranger that sojourneth among you.

50 Thus did all the children of Israel; as the ^aLORD commanded Moses and Aaron, so did they.

51 And it came to pass the selfsame day, *that* the LORD did ^abring the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt by their armies.

2a Ex. 34:18; 40:2.

- 2b Ex. 13:4.
- 4a IE capacity to eat. Ex. 16:16.
- 5a TG Jesus Christ, Lamb of God; Jesus Christ, Types of, in Anticipation; Passover.
- 5b HEB a year old.
- 6a Lev. 23:5; Num. 9:3 (1–5); 2 Chr. 35:1 (1–19); Ezra 6:19.
- 8a Ex. 23:18 (18–19). TG Bread, Unleavened.
- 9a HEB boiled ... in.
- 9b IE edible inner parts.
- 10a Ex. 34:25.
- 11a Isa. 11:5; D&C 27:15 (15–18).
- 11b Deut. 16:3. TG Haste.
- 12a TG Firstborn.
- 12b Isa. 19:1; Jer. 43:12; Alma 17:15; Morm. 4:14 (14, 21); Abr. 1:8 (6–14).
- 12c TG Judgment.
- 13a HEB sign.
- 14a John 19:31.
- 14b Ex. 13:9; D&C 124:39.
- 14c Ex. 5:1.
- 14d 1 Cor. 5:8.
- 14e 3 Ne. 9:19 (19–20).
- 15a Ex. 34:18; Acts 20:6. TG Leaven.
- 15b TG Excommunication.
- 16a OR assembly. TG Meetings.
- 16b John 19:31.
- 17a TG Passover.
- 17b TG Bread, Unleavened.
- 17c OR hosts (also v. 51).
- 17d OR as a permanent law.
- 19a OR sojourner (also in vv. 43, 48–49).
- 21a OR Select.
- 21b Alma 34:14 (9–14).
- 21c TG Family, Patriarchal.
- 21d IE passover lamb. TG Jesus Christ, Types of, in Anticipation; Passover.

- 22a 2 Chr. 30:16 (15–17); 35:11 (10–12); Heb. 11:28 (24–29).
- 23a D&C 89:21.
- 23b TG Passover.
- 23c OR allow.
- 23d TG Protection, Divine.
- 26a Ex. 13:14; Deut. 6:21 (20–25).
- 27a TG Sacrifice.
- 27b Matt. 26:19 (17–19).
- 27c TG Deliver.
- 28a Heb. 11:28 (24–29).
- 29a Ex. 13:15.
- 29b Num. 8:17 (17–18); Ps. 105:36. TG Plague.
- 30a TG Death.
- 31a Ex. 3:20; 6:1.
- 33a Ps. 105:38 (37–38).
- 35a OR asked.
- 35b Ezra 7:18 (17–23); Ps. 105:37.
- 35c OR clothing.
- 36a Gen. 15:14 (13–14); Ex. 3:21 (21–22).
- 36b OR let them have.
- 36c OR despoiled. Ex. 3:22.
- 37a Deut. 26:8; Josh. 24:6.
- 37b Gen. 47:11.
- 37c Ex. 1:9.
- 38a HEB a blending of many; i.e., of other peoples. Neh. 13:3.
- 39a TG Bread, Unleavened.
- 39b Ex. 11:1.
- 39c HEB provisions.
- 40a TG Israel, Bondage of, in Egypt.
- 42a HEB the LORD watched to bring them out.
- 42b Deut. 16:6.
- 42c Ex. 13:18 (3–22); Ps. 136:11.
- 43a TG Passover.

- 43b 3 Ne. 18:28 (28–30). TG Stranger.
- 44a Gen. 17:12 (12–13).
- 46a OR any.
- 46b OR outside.
- 46c TG Jesus Christ, Prophecies about.
- 46d John 19:36. TG Passover.
- 48a TG Circumcision.
- 48b Lev. 16:29; Ezek. 47:22.
- 50a Hosea 12:13 (12–14).
- 51a Deut. 26:8; Amos 2:10; Acts 7:36; 1 Ne. 17:40; Mosiah 7:19; 12:34; Alma 36:28.