

Text: Exodus 12:1-13

Backdrop

Before we get into our text, we need to understand what was going on at this time with the people of Israel.

There was a total of 70 people that went down into Egypt but they grew into a large nation and things were good for them for awhile. But things changed. Exodus 1:8 (NKJV) Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who did not know Joseph.

Exodus 1:1-7 (NKJV) Now these *are* the names of the children of Israel who came to Egypt; each man and his household came with Jacob: ² Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah; ³ Issachar, Zebulun, and Benjamin; ⁴ Dan, Naphtali, Gad, and Asher. ⁵ All those who were descendants of Jacob were seventy persons (for Joseph was in Egypt *already*). ⁶ And Joseph died, all his brothers, and all that generation. ⁷ **But the children of Israel were fruitful and increased abundantly, multiplied and grew exceedingly mighty; and the land was filled with them.**

But God had spoken to Moses that the people would be afflicted and suffer for 400 years. But God also said He would judge that nation. He also said that His people would leave with great possessions.

Genesis 15:13-14 (NKJV) Then He said to Abram: "Know certainly that your descendants will be strangers in a land *that is* not theirs, and will serve them, and they will afflict them four hundred years. ¹⁴ And also the nation whom they serve I will judge; afterward they shall come out with great possessions.

Now we come to the book of Exodus (The Way Out, to Depart)

They had been in bondage for 400 years. Many of the people were born into slavery never knowing what it meant to be free.

But God always has an appointed time.

God always has a plan

God will always fulfill His Promises

Even when it seems that God has forgotten about you, God has a plan. God sees and hears His people.

Exodus 3:7-9 (ESV) Then the LORD said, "I have surely SEEN the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have HEARD their cry because of their taskmasters. I KNOW their sufferings,⁸ and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites.⁹ And now, behold, the CRY of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also SEEN the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them.

Our God has an appointed time for deliverance (Hold On)

God has the way He wants to deliver (By The Blood)

God always has the Man to lead the way Out (Jesus)

God always fulfill His Promises

Now lets look at our text Exodus 12:1-13

"And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you. 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: 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 eating shall make your count for the lamb. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take it out from the sheep, or from the goats: And ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening. 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. And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roast with fire, and unleavened bread; and with bitter herbs they shall eat it. Eat not of it raw, nor sodden at all with water, but roast with fire; his head with his legs, and with the purtenance thereof. And ye shall let nothing of it remain until the morning; and that which remaineth of it until the morning ye shall burn with fire. And thus shall ye eat it; with your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat it in haste: it is the LORD's passover. 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. And the BLOOD shall be to you for a token 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" (Exodus 12:1-13).

Did you read that? The Lord said... **"WHEN I SEE THE BLOOD, I WILL PASS OVER YOU"**! **The Lord was going to smite the firstborn in all the land of Egypt because of the false gods of the Egyptians.**

The first time we see Blood shed

Genesis 3:20-21 (ESV) The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. ²¹ And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

They attempted to cover themselves with leaves (sin will cause that)

They lost their Divine covering

There had to be a price paid for sin.

There was a cost to regain a Divine covering

The Blood had to be shed for the sin committed.

Innocent Blood shed

The Blood speaks to God. Blood has a voice

Genesis 4:8-10 (ESV) Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. ⁹ Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?" ¹⁰ And the LORD said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground.

For the life of the flesh [is] in the 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 an atonement for your souls: for it [is] the blood [that] **maketh an atonement** for the soul.

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God was attacking False gods

God was attacking, those who were not in the family, the oppressors

God made a distinction between His people and the Egyptians (The Blood)

The plagues sent by God upon the Egyptians were aimed at many of their gods. The purpose was to show how impotent the gods of Egypt were and to force the Pharaoh to let God's people go.

God warned His people about False Gods

[Matthew 6:24](#), ESV "No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other.

WE ARE STILL DEALING WITH FALSE GODS TODAY

The god of Self many people are inherently self-centered and self-focused

The god of Money many are chasing money and not God We are willing to compromise our integrity for it.

The god of Sex it is everywhere. It dominates music, movies, video games, TV shows, advertising, and even just everyday life.

The god of Religion there is a difference between Religion and God they are not the same thing. Some people trust in God, but other people trust in religion.

The God of Substances people infuse their bodies with all kinds of things to forget about our hurts, numb the pain,

The god of Family, family is a wonderful thing—don't get me wrong. But family makes a lousy god. People often think, *If I could just get a husband I would be happy*, or *If I could just get a wife I would be happy*, or *once we have kids and a picture perfect family I will finally be happy*.

The god of Comfort The problem is that if comfort is our top priority, we are less likely to do the hard things in life—such as love difficult people, sacrifice for others, and follow through on commitments

The god of Beauty We admire people who are attractive and dismiss those who aren't. Whole racks of magazines are devoted to all the beautiful people in the world and all the insignificant details of their lives.

They tell us how we too can lose weight and become like them—you know, people who actually matter. We fat-shame overweight people. We spend money on products that promise slimmer waistlines and smoother skin. We fight back father time hoping to look young forever.

The god of Education We spend tens of thousands of dollars, and even go way into debt, in order to get an education we aren't even sure we really want to pursue as a career path. We ignore what anyone has to say unless they have a bunch of letters at the end of their name. In short, we treat education like it is a god that will deliver us from the messy state we find our world in. And while education is important and an extremely valuable thing, it cannot deliver you.

Exodus 34:12-14 (ESV) Take care, lest you make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land to which you go, lest it become a snare in your midst. ¹³ You shall tear down their altars and break their pillars and cut down their Asherim ¹⁴ **(for you shall worship no other god, for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God),**