

## TYPES AND EXAMPLES FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

The Passover was instituted in Exodus 12: 1-20. For every scripture or command in Exodus 12 there is a correlating verse in the New Testament. This is by no means an exhaustive study. The reader may find more scriptures or even a more relevant scripture to compare with those in Exodus.

At the first we find in Exodus 12: 3-4 - God commands that a lamb be provided for each family or 1 lamb for 2 small families. We see the sacrifice was given not only for the individual but also for the whole household. - In Acts chapter 16 an event is recorded in which a Philippian jailer sees the testimony of Paul and Silas along with the earthquake that opened the cell door and asked them "what must I do to be saved" They answered, "believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you shall be saved, and your house."

Exodus 12:5 – the command is "to take a lamb without blemish, a male of the first year and it could be a sheep or a goat." In John chapter 1:29 we find John the Baptist speaking about Jesus, "Behold the lamb of God which takes away the sin of the world."

Exodus 12:6 - "the whole congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening." Christ's sacrifice not only covered the individual and their family but also the whole church as Paul informs us in Ephesians 5:25 "even as Christ also loved the church and gave himself for it."

Exodus 12:7– "they shall take the blood and put it on the door frame and header of the houses where they eat the sacrifice." 1 John 1:7 tells us "If we walk in the light as He is in the light ... the blood of Jesus Christ His son cleanses us from all unrighteousness." The door of the house is what we walk through and represents our walk with God.

Exodus 12:8 – "they shall eat the flesh in the night, roasted in fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs." Jesus tells us in John 6:54- "he that eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life," and in verse 56 "dwells in me and I in him." We are to partake of Him by faith. We are to be a part of who He is and what He is doing. Our faith will be tested with fire and it will not be sweet but bitter. The unleavened bread represents our leaving sin and desire behind us which should be done in haste. Deuteronomy 16:3 calls it the "bread of affliction", because leaving our desires for the world does afflict our souls.

Exodus 12:9 – "do not eat it raw or boiled in water but roasted in fire, with the head and all the body together." These scriptures continue giving light on how we are to partake of Him. We are told in Ephesians 4:15-16 that Jesus Christ is the head and His church is the body and they should not be separated. He has gone through the fire already and is "able to help us" when we need, Hebrews 2:18-19.

Exodus 12:10-11 – "nothing shall remain until morning, that which remains you shall burn with fire, and this is how you shall eat it, with your loins girded your shoes on your feet and your staff in your hand and you shall eat it in haste it is the Lord's Passover." We see the passover was to be eaten quickly and not to be a drawn out process. 2Corinthians 6:1-3, For He says: "In an acceptable time I have heard you, and in the day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now *is* the accepted time; behold, now *is* the day of salvation. These scriptures in Exodus are pointing to faith and repentance. "nothing should remain until morning", our faith should not be lingering or wavering, just believe what he did and move on and start growing. As you see they were to be ready to leave Egypt which typifies the world in which we also are to leave with its desires. The passover speaks of both faith in His blood as found in Rom. 3:25 and also repentance. After all, God did not want them to stay in Egypt.