

Lesson XI.

THE PASSOVER

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Exodus 12: 1-17. Only vs. 3-14 printed, as recommended by the International Lesson Committee. Commit to memory vs. 12-14. Read Exodus 12: 1-36.

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 ¹ the house of their fathers, a lamb for ² an house:

4 And if the household be too little for ³ the lamb, ⁴ let him and his neighbour next unto his house take ⁵ it according to the number of souls; ⁶ every man according to his eating shall make your count for the lamb.

5 Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take it out from the sheep or from the goats:

6 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 ⁷ in the evening.

7 And they shall take of the blood, and ⁸ strike it on the two side posts and on the ⁹ 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 unleavened bread; ¹¹ and with bitter herbs they shall eat it.

9 Eat not of it raw, nor sodden at all with water,

Revised Version—¹ Their fathers' houses; ² A household; ³ A; ⁴ Then shall he; ⁵ One; ⁶ According to every man's eating ye; ⁷ Omit out; ⁸ At even; ⁹ Put; ¹⁰ Lintel, upon the houses; ¹¹ Omit and; ¹² Its; ¹³ Inwards; ¹⁴ But; ¹⁵ Go; ¹⁶ In that; ¹⁷ Judgments; ¹⁸ There shall be no plague.

GOLDEN TEXT

1 Cor. 5: 7. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

DAILY READINGS

M. —Exodus 12: 1-10.	} The Passover.
T. —Exodus 12: 11-20.	
W. —Exodus 12: 21-30.	
Th. —Exodus 12: 31-42.	
F. —Exodus 13: 3-10.	
S. —Mark 14: 12-25.	
S. —1 Peter 1: 13-21.	Redeemed by blood.

CATECHISM

Q. 106. What do we pray for in the sixth petition?

A. In the sixth petition (which is, *And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil*), we pray, That

EXPOSITION

Connecting Links—After the message of Moses to Pharaoh (ch. 11), the children of Israel made preparations for their departure from the land of Egypt. They were, as yet, simply a collection of families of the same race. But, for the occupation of the land of Canaan, they were to be incorporated into a nation and united by a common bond. This was effected by the Passover. By participation in this ordinance, Israel was protected through the night in which the Egyptian firstborn were slain, and brought into a position of sacred fellowship with God. It was to be a memorial for all time to come (ch. 12: 14). "Here, distinctly visible, is the type of the institution of the Lord's Supper; as if Moses and Elias had appeared in glory," on the Mount of Transfiguration, to see that the silent prophecy was fulfilled in that exodus ('decease,' Luke 9: 31) of Jesus, which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. The occasion in both cases being the

but roast with fire; ¹² his head with ¹² his legs, and with the ¹³ purtenance thereof.

10 And ye shall let nothing of it remain until the morning; ¹⁴ and that which remaineth of it until the morning ye shall burn with fire.

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 eat it in haste: it is the Lord's passover.

12 For I will ¹⁵ pass through the land of Egypt ¹⁶ 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 ¹⁷ judgment: I am the Lord.

13 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 ¹⁸ the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt.

14 And this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and ye shall keep it a feast to the Lord throughout your generations; ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance forever.

15 And this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and ye shall keep it a feast to the Lord throughout your generations; ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance forever.

God would either keep us from being tempted to sin, or support and deliver us when we are tempted.

TIME AND PLACE

The common chronology makes the date about B.C. 1491. It was at the full moon of the month Abib or Nisan, the first month of the sacred year, our Eastern time. Place: the land of Goshen in Egypt.

LESSON PLAN

I. The Passover Lamb, 1-11.
The selection, the slaying, the blood, the flesh.

II. The Wondrous Deliverance, 12, 13.
Of the first born of the Israelites.

III. The Sacred Memorial, 14-17.

To be observed throughout all their generations.

LESSON HYMNS

Book of Praise, 27 (Ps. Sel.); 148; 129; 125; 546; 549.

near approach of an exodus through Redemption (1 Cor. 10: 1-5), in both cases the feast was constituted by a sacrificial lamb (John 1: 29; 1 Cor. 5: 7), through whose blood, by a covenant, there were saved the lives of the covenant people. And in both cases, while those who trust in that blood are individually made partakers of the redemption liberty, they are united in a corporate life, as of one body in the Lord, one kingdom of God."—(MacGregor.)

I. The Passover Lamb, 1-11.

V. 1. *The Lord spake to Moses and Aaron.* Moses and Aaron were simply the instruments through whom God introduced His institution and issued His law to the people. They introduced no law of their own. All was of divine origin. *In the land of Egypt.* The Passover was the only ordinance instituted in Egypt. The feasts of Pentecost and Tabernacles were instituted in the wilderness.

V. 2. *This month shall be to you the beginning*