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Old Testament Survey Lesson 77

Feast of Passover, Unleavened Bread, and Firstfruits

I. Feast of Passover

A. Head, beginning, foundation

1. Exodus 12:2
2. Release from bondage

B. Feast of Unleavened Bread

C. Feast of Firstfruits (Reishit)

1. 1 Corinthians 15:20
2. Commemorates the death, burial, and resurrection of the Lord

II. Passover Preparation

A. Jesus celebrated Passover - Luke 22:7-13

B. Two Reasons for Unleavened Bread (Matzah)

1. Historical Reason - Deuteronomy 16:3
2. Leaven Pictures Sin
  - a. Leviticus 2:11
  - b. 1 Corinthians 8:1
  - c. 1 Corinthians 5:6-8
  - d. 1 John 1:9

C. Elijah Tradition: Herald of the Lord

1. Malachi 3-4
2. John the Baptist - John 1:29

D. Four Cups

1. Four-fold blessing of redemption
2. Exodus 6:6-7

III. Passover Service

A. Lighting of the Candles

B. Haggadah = "the telling" - Exodus 12:26-27

C. Seder Plate

1. Parsley and Salt Water
2. Bitter Herbs
3. Charoset
4. Egg
5. Shank Bone

D. First cup - Consecration

1. Matzah Tash (Bread Bag) or Echad (Unity)
2. Triune God of Israel - Isaiah 48:16

E. Second Cup

1. Death of the Firstborn - Exodus 4:22-23
2. Provision for Our Redemption
  - a. Exodus 12:3
  - b. Concept of Judgment
3. Passover Lamb - Zechariah 9:9
4. Passover Story
  - a. Exodus 12:7, 13
  - b. Psalm 22; Isaiah 53

F. Family meal - Afikomen (“that which comes afterward”)

G. Third Cup - Redemption

1. The Lord’s Supper - Luke 22:19-20
2. New Covenant
  - a. Jeremiah 31:31-34
  - b. John 17:3
  - c. Revelation 3:20

H. Fourth Cup - Hallel (Praise)

1. Elijah’s empty seat
2. Herald’s going forth

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1. Have you ever participated in a Passover Seder? What was your experience?

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2. What is the significance of beginning the Biblical year with the Feast of Passover?

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3. Why was it important for each family to apply the blood of the lamb to their doorway?

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4. What if a religious Jewish family decided they did not want to apply the blood of the lamb to their door? Would they have escaped judgment? (Exodus 12:7-12)

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5. There are many symbolic elements and set practices in the Passover Seder. What are some of the benefits of having symbols and ceremonies in worship? What are some of the pitfalls?

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6. Other comments

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