

Part 1 – The Passover Instituted

In the last chapter we saw Moses warn Pharaoh of the last plague: the death of all firstborn (children and beasts). But Moses' warning was upon deaf ears because YHWH had hardened Pharaoh's heart so that all the plagues would be performed. This not only glorified YHWH's great name but it also helped the Egyptians come to respect and believe in the God of Israel. It also provided helpful types for us today (1 Cor 10:11) of what 'coming out' of the spiritual bondage to Satan will be like in these last days. And, as our studies have revealed, it is not a quick nor easy process. There will be a massive deception we must contend with and only those who prepare for it *now* will be able to overcome the lies and deception that will be thrown at us (like a flood, Rev 12:15-16) when Satan and his fallen angels are kicked out of heaven (Rev 12:7-12, 2 Thess 2). This chapter will now teach us about the key to overcoming Satan's deception and that is through the Passover Lamb, Jesus Christ. Due to the length of this chapter, it will be divided into several parts. Yet, this will be another spiritually rich chapter, so stay alert! Without any further a due...

Exodus 12

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

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

While they were yet in Egypt, YHWH began to give Moses and Aaron instructions for the new nation He was forming (through Israel) and a top priority was establishing the calendar and religious feast days, first of which would be the Passover. Verse 2 is important to remember because it is the key to knowing *when* Israel's calendar starts, from which we can then know when the courses of the priesthood are. This then lets us know when the conception and birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ took place. Study up more on this important subject in the great book of Luke: https://t.me/BibleStudyBookof_Luke/411 and the Basic Bible Calendar study: <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/202>.

So, the beginning of the year for the Israelites was the spring Equinox, which is usually around March 19-21 on our calendar and the first month is called Abib. This gives us a rough idea of how long the plagues of the Exodus lasted because, back in Exodus 9:31 we learned that the flax and the barley were smitten from the hail of the *seventh* plague. That verse also tells us that these two crops were blooming, which would have been anywhere from the middle of February to early March. So, the plagues lasted, *at least*, several months; but we know they didn't take a whole year since Moses was 80 when he was sent to Pharaoh and 120 when he died and they were in the wilderness 40 years. So, the Exodus likely lasted 3-5 months, probably closer to five months. Not surprisingly, five months is the time that the tribulation of the antichrist (Satan) was shortened to (Rev 9:5,10, Mth 24:20-22, Mk 13:18-20, Gen 7:24). This also reminds us that being freed from bondage is not quick nor easy but, *it's done God's way*, to bring as many of His children back to His saving arms as possible: i.e., in order to save as many of His children of

possible because He is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance (2 Peter 3:9).

Exodus 12

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 eating shall make your count for the lamb.

The tenth day after spring equinox takes us to around the end of March. This was when the Passover Lamb was to be *selected*. This would be only four days (approximately) before the Passover lamb was to be killed (as verse 6 tells us). This is the same timeline that Jesus was selected to be a Passover Lamb for the Jews sought a way to kill him after he cleaned their dirty money out of the House of God (Mth 21, 26). Appendix 156 in the *Companion Bible* is quite helpful as it outlines (from the Scriptures) the timeline of the days before Jesus' death. To view the appendixes, click on this link: <https://t.me/BestStudyBible/12>.

We're also told that if a household was too small to eat an entire lamb (that was quite a bit of meat) they could share it with their neighbors; but note that *none of the lamb was to go to waste*. That would be equivalent of throwing God's Word out of your heart and mind because you think it's useless. It is written...

16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

2 Tim 3:16-17

So, Israel was to responsibly organize the number of Lambs they needed and get them ready for slaughter on the 14th day. This looked forward to (was symbolic of) how the Holy Spirit divides the gifts from God. Each person is given the gift(s) they can handle, as the parable of the talents tells us...

14 For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods.

*15 And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his **several** ability; and straightway took his journey.*

Matt 25:14-15

The word '**several**' in verse 15 is #2398 and it means: *pertaining to self*, i.e. *one's own*; by implication, *private or separate*.

The word ‘**ability**’ in verse 15 is #1411 and means: **force** (literally or figuratively); specially, **miraculous power** (usually by implication, a miracle itself).

Remember what Jesus told us is most important in life?

29 And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord:

*30 And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy **strength**: this is the first commandment.*

Mark 12:29-30

What does it mean to love God with all our **strength**? The word ‘**strength**’ is # 2479 and it means: **force** or **forcefulness** (literally or figuratively). That’s very interesting, don’t you think? Jesus told us we must love God with all the force we have in our soul. In other words, each person is responsible to serve God with all you’ve got. *You must try your very hardest to sincerely use the gift(s) God has given you.* God knows when you are faking your love for Him verses when you are sincere. That’s why James said: *shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith **by my works*** (James 2:18). Notice that not every person was given the same number of talents, just as not everyone would be able to eat the same amount of Passover Lamb. But the Holy Spirit gives us what we can handle on an individual bases. Paul explains...

4 Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.

5 And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord.

6 And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all.

7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.

8 For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;

9 To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;

10 To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:

11 But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

12 For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ.

1 Cor 12:4-12

This is why YHVH (Jesus) likens Himself to the Great Shepherd (John 10, Jer 23, Ezek 34). A shepherd does not take the sheep out and force-feed them. *He leads them* to green pastures and *lets them eat what they want* but only of the pasture of His choosing (which is safe to eat from, Rev 2:7). Spiritually, we all learn at different paces and our spiritual growth is thus different; so, our appetites are different. But **God expects us to use what we have the best we possibly can and with all we’ve got**. Our Heavenly Father wants the best from us and that is the bottom line of what the blood sacrifices are designed teach us. Just as the animals were to have their guts cut

open and spilled out and cleaned, likewise are we to open up to our Heavenly Father (which is being honest, humble and sincere) and let His Word and Holy Spirit wash our heart (intentions, feelings, emotions) and mind (thought process) clean.

Moreover, the word ‘**strength**’ (# 2479) from Mark 12:30 comes from a word that means “*to hold*” (#2192). This means we must seek God with all we’ve got (all the strength, or force, we have in our soul) and then **hold onto the truth** once we find it. Don’t let anyone fool you into giving up the truth. That’s, after all, what the apostasy (falling away, or defecting, from the truth) is all about, as 2 Thess 2 clearly tells us. The Scriptures exhorting us to hold onto the truth are numerous; consider just a few places...

*Prove all things; **hold fast** that which is good.*
1 Thess 5:21

*13 **Hold fast** the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.*

*14 That good thing which was committed unto thee **keep** (#5442 – watch, guard, preserve) by the Holy Ghost which dwelleth in us.*
2 Tim 1:13-14

*Let us **hold fast** the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)*
Heb 10:23

*25 But that which ye have already **hold fast** till I come.*

26 And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations:

27 And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father.

28 And I will give him the morning star.
Rev 2:25-28

*Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and **hold fast**, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.*
Rev 3:3

So, it’s not only important to learn the truth but we must also *hold on tight to it*. We cannot let anyone convince us that wrong is right and right is wrong (Isa 5:20). This is just as important as seeking truth (Lk 11:9-13) for the great apostasy is *to defect from (divorce) truth* and that’s what the Bible warns us about so many places. That’s why Moses told Israel to ‘guard’ their heart (and mind) in so many places in the Old Testament. Research the Hebrew word *shamar* (shaw-mar’). It’s #8104 and is a primitive root that means: *to hedge about* (as with thorns), i.e. *guard*; generally, to *protect, attend to*, etc. It is usually translated as ‘take heed’, ‘diligent(ly)’, ‘observe’

and ‘keep’ but is also translated as: *beward, be circumspect, mark, look narrowly, preserve, regard, reserve, save (self), sure, (that lay) wait (for), watch (-man)*.

Exodus 12

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:

Moses is now given the very first instructions concerning what kind of sacrifice YHVH demands for the Passover, which is a vital part of worshiping Him. It’s actually the essence of life because of what it represents: Jesus Christ. We learn from the great book of Revelations (chapter 5) that Jesus IS the “Lamb Slain” and has redeemed us to God *by His blood* which He shed for us (Rev 5:6,9). Jesus is the only person to have ever lived a totally sinless life (Heb 4:15, 2 Cor 5:21, 1 Pt 2:22), which is why He able to fulfil the blood sacrifices for *one and all times* (Heb 10:10). It’s also what made Him worthy to open the ‘seals’ of Revelations 6 (which He did in Mth 24, Mk 13 and Luke 21). So, this Passover Lamb is a type for Jesus Christ and thus instructs us how our Savior Jesus Christ saves us from spiritual death IF we accept His sacrifice for us; which means we believe in *and obey* Him (James 2:18). As we’ll see, only those who had the blood of the lamb on their doorposts were spared losing their firstborn. This is a great type with a critical spiritual lesson for us. Though many think we are ‘once saved always saved’ the truth is that *we can backslide*, which is what many Scriptures warn us against. The following link will take you to an informative study on this: <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/208>.

This verse also gives specifications for the lamb: it had to be 1) without blemish 2) a male 3) of the first year and 4) it had to be either a sheep or a goat. These qualifications describe an innocent male with vitality and no blemishes. This describes Jesus Christ perfectly. He was a male in His prime (only 33 when He was murdered through crucifixion), with vitality and Jesus had **no** blemishes either in His flesh or His Spirit: He was totally without corruption so He was the perfect sacrifice for all times. As Hebrews 10:10 says: *we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ **once for all***. That’s it. There is NEVER any more need for blood sacrifices. No one, not even the so called “Jews”, *has their own salvation method*. Performing blood sacrifices now is a *total rejection* of the **only** way to salvation, which is *through Jesus Christ*. And the bible clearly tells us that *Christians should not be yoking up with people who reject Jesus Christ* (2 Cor 6:14-17). Especially those who, not only reject but literally *hate* Him – they are His enemies! (Special study on this subject: <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/295>).

But back in the days of Moses, Jesus had not come yet, so the blood sacrifices were instituted by YHVH Himself *until the time of reformation* (Heb 9:10). The ‘reformation’ happened when Jesus came to pay for our sins and instituted the New Covenant by fulfilling the blood sacrifices. But He didn’t do away with any of the laws that did not pertain to the blood sacrifices (Mth 5:17-20). Instead, Jesus *fulfilled* the blood sacrifices (Col 2:14, Eph 2:15) and taught us that what God (YHVH) *really* wants, which is simply for us to obey His Laws *from the heart* and not to pretend to obey Him. We’ve got clean our mind (thoughts) and heart (intentions, emotions and feelings)

(Mth 15:17-20, 7:20-23) if we are truly going to worship Him because that's the only way we'll obey Him *sincerely*.

So, when Israel was instructed to take a lamb or goat *without blemish, a male of the first year*, it was symbolic of the future Messiah who would redeem all of mankind, who would give *Himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works* (Titus 2:14). We must remember this while studying books of the Bible that speak of blood sacrifices because, while they were required to do ***before*** the Messiah came, *we are not permitted to perform them anymore* because (again) *Jesus died for our sins once and for all* (Heb 10:10).

Exodus 12

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 in the evening.

The Israelites were instructed to kill the Passover lamb in the evening (sunset) on the fourteenth day of the same month; this equates to around April 3rd on our Calendar and *it is the same every year*. Thus, the date for Passover *never changes* and, even though Jesus became our Passover (1 Cor 5:7) we are still to observe Passover on this date - just *without* the blood sacrifices. Instead, Jesus instructed us to take communion (Mth 26:26-30 Mk 7:22-26), which is to be done in 'remembrance' of His sacrifice for us (1 Cor 11:25). And this we are to continue to do until the true Jesus Christ returns.

Furthermore, if you 'search the Scriptures' (John 5:39, Acts 17:11) you'll find there's *nothing* in the Word of God (either in the New or Old Testament) that tells us we should observe 'Easter'. The only time this word appears in the Bible is in Acts 12:4 and *it was a mistranslation*. The word is #3957 and means: *the Passover* (the meal, the day, the festival or the special sacrifices connected with it). So, why do many Christians celebrate "Easter"? Because they have allowed traditions of man to enter into their Churches instead of sticking to God's Word. The Romans, under Constantine, abolished the Passover at the Council of Nicaea in AD 325, under the premise of uniting the different factions of Christianity. Within short time, the pagan holiday of Ishtar (nowadays Anglicized to "Easter," meaning "hidden"), was grafted in where Passover had once been. Why did the Roman church leaders do such a thing? To attract bigger crowds and *more money*, of course!

By grafting the name of one of the most popular pagan religions of that era into Christianity, the multitudes of common folk who celebrated that pagan religion began to gravitate toward Christianity. And the church crowds grew. So, sadly (but not surprisingly), one of the very first things that happened in early Christianity was a syncretism between the fledgling Christian community and the pagan religion of Ishtar. At that time, the springtime *sexual fertility rites* of Ishtar (who is referred to as the Queen of the Heavens, in the Bible) were made symbolic, so they would be palatable to Christians. This is where the so-called Easter bunny, the colored eggs and

the basket, as well as the cupcakes that are often baked on Easter, come in. **They're the sexual and religious symbols of Ishtar**, *this goddess of sexuality and fertility*. You see, under Ishtar, pagans would, once each year in the springtime, send their virgins out into the fields to hide in the tall grass. And then, the men of the village would go out looking for them. And they were allowed to have sex with *any woman they discovered* hiding in the tall grass. In other words, they traded eggs, so to speak. Yes, it was a completely pagan springtime sexual fertility ritual, out in the tall grass. Just as parents unwittingly allow their kids to do today, symbolically, on Easter. Consider what these 'Easter' traditions are truly all about in the pagan religions like Ishtar:

- the bunnies are symbolic of sex (i.e., "quick like a bunny")
- the eggs are symbolic of the new life produced by that sex (resulting in new converts to the church)
- the basket which the eggs are collected into is symbolic of the pagan religion itself, gathering in 'new converts' (i.e., sexual partners)
- and just as the Bread of Life symbolizes Jesus Christ and His doctrine, plus communion with Him; likewise the Easter cupcakes are symbolic of the pagan doctrines of Ishtar, as well as having communion with her

Heathen customs being accepted into the worship of God are not pleasing to YHVH at all. Learn more about the 'Truth About Easter' in this special study: <https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/975>. That's why we should *study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth* (2 Tim 2:15). And remember that **Church is Not Christianity** (<https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/212>).

Exodus 12

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 in the evening.

Another important point to understand about this verse is the fact that Jesus was crucified in perfect accord to God's Passover laws. The Companion Bible has an excellent appendix (#156) that outlines the timeline leading up to, and including, Jesus' crucifixion, documenting it with Scriptures. You can check out this appendix in the following link: <https://t.me/BestStudyBible/12> and if you'd like to review the *Companion Bible* (an extremely useful study Bible) you can do so with these links: <https://t.me/BestStudyBible/6> and <https://t.me/BestStudyBible/7>).

Additionally, Jesus did not eat any Passover lamb on the Passover before His death, for He would soon fulfill the blood sacrifices. Instead, He had bread and wine with His disciples which instituted the new way we are to keep the Passover (Mth 26:26-30, 7:22-26, 1 Cor 11:23-26). Paul further explained how we are to keep the Passover 'in our hearts'...

7 Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:

*8 Therefore **let us keep the feast**, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but **with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth**.*

1 Cor 5:7-8

When we take communion, we should do so to remember Jesus' sacrifice for us and thank our Heavenly Father for the perfect sacrifice for all times: Jesus Christ. It's only because His blood was shed that ours does not have to and this goes further than our flesh body. Jesus also died so we do not have to die spiritually (Rev 20:11-15). But we must also put off our sins inside (repentance is a daily duty even for the seasoned Christian) and come to him in sincerity and truth. God does not respect the self-righteous but those who worship Him in humility and truth, meaning: they realize their sins and shortcomings and the need for forgiveness through the blood of Jesus Christ. The *only* way we are forgiven for our sins is through Jesus Christ. There is no other way to find forgiveness or salvation. And there is no exception to any group or race of people. This applies to everyone on the earth, and in heaven. This means the Jews do NOT have 'another means to salvation'. They *must* accept Jesus Christ as their savior if they want to live eternally. Hopefully, many of them will indeed accept Him in the Millennium, if not before. But we, as Christians, should not be fooled into believing the lie some Pastors teach that the Jews have another means to salvation – *they do not*. To reiterate: the *only* way to eternal life (salvation) is through Jesus Christ and we who believe in Jesus as the Messiah (Son of God) do not perform blood sacrifices anymore because He fulfilled them for us once and for all (Heb 10:10). *Don't let anyone fool you into thinking the Jews are special just because they claim to be God's chosen people. They are not special and they are not even God's chosen people and we should not be learning anything from them or yoking up with them* (2 Cor 6:14-17). Jesus warns us in Rev 2:9 and 3:9 that they are merely pretending to be God's Chosen people! (<https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/251>). Put on your 'thinking cap' and learn to rightly divide God's Word (2 Tim 2:15). There is no other way to salvation than through Jesus Christ – period!

Exodus 12

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.

This one verse has so much spiritual meat in it; it's an essential part of worshiping our Heavenly Father. It's also a vital part of putting on the spiritual armor (Eph 6) to protect yourself against the *fiery darts of the wicked*. To begin with, we must understand what the side and upper door post of the houses means, symbolically. Of course, literally, it is speaking of what we call the door frame. It's the entrance of the house. It's how you get into the house. And **the blood of the lamb had to be put upon all three parts of the entrance**. The word for 'strike' in this verse is #5414, a primitive root that means: *to give*, used with greatest latitude of application (*put, make, etc.*). Notably, this is a different word that will be used in verse 22, which we'll get to later. Israel was later commanded to write God's Laws on the posts of their house, as well as their gates (Deut 6:4-9).

The analogy for this spiritually is clearly laid out in the Bible for the Scriptures tell us that the physical house we live in is symbolic of the flesh body which our soul resides in. Paul is blunt on the matter...

1 For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

2 For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven:

3 If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked.

4 For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life.

2 Cor 5:1-4

Paul clearly likens our flesh body to an earthly tabernacle (house) and yet explains we also have a spiritual body in the heavenly dimension. Paul explains much more about this flesh body verses our spiritual body in 1 Cor 15. Ephesians 2:13-22 further explains that our fleshly 'house' should be built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets with the chief cornerstone (which holds it all together) being Jesus Christ; meaning that the way we live in the flesh body should be directed by God's Word, both the Old (prophets) and New (apostles) Testaments. Jesus further uses this analogy in Matt 7:21-27 to explain that we can either have our mind (foundation) set upon the Rock (Jesus Christ, Deut 32) or the sand (Satan = the world, James 4:3).

So, the New Testament clearly explains to us that our flesh body is likened to a house. This is also why God commanded Israel to write God's Laws on the posts of their house, as well as their gates (Deut 6:4-9). He wanted them to do this physically, *as a symbolic act* of what we are to do *inside our soul*, which is clearly explained, later on, through the prophet Jeremiah...

31 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:

32 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD:

*33 But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, **I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts;** and will be their God, and they shall be my people.*

Jer 31:31-33

Paul quotes this account in Jeremiah in the great letter to the Hebrews...

7 For if that first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second.

8 For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah:

9 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued **not** in my covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord.

10 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; **I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts**: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:

Heb 8:7-10

14 For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.

15 Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after that he had said before,

16 This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, **I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them**;

17 And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.

Heb 10:14-17

This then is why Jesus told us...

29 And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord:

30 And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with **all thy heart**, and with **all thy soul**, and with **all thy mind**, and with **all thy strength**: this is the first commandment.

Mark 12:29-30

Jesus said we must love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. Why didn't He just say we should love God with all our soul? No, He separated the mind and heart from the soul....

- **Heart** - #2588, *the heart*, i.e. (figuratively) the **thoughts or feelings** (mind); also (by analogy) *the middle*.
- **Soul** - #5590 *breath*, i.e. (by implication) **spirit**, abstractly or concretely (the animal sentient principle only; thus distinguished on the one hand from NT:4151, which is the *rational and immortal soul*; and on the other from NT:2222, which is mere **vitality**, even of plants).
- **Mind** - #1271 *deep thought*, properly, the faculty (**mind or its disposition**), by implication, **its exercise**:
- **Strength** - # NT:2479 from a derivative of is (**force**; compare *eschon*, a form of NT:2192); **forcefulness** (literally or figuratively). This word comes from #2192, which means: *to hold*. This is why we're told to 'hold fast' to the truth (1 Tim 1:13, Heb 3:6, 4:14, 10:23, Rev 2:25, 3:3).

So, within our soul we have not only a heart and a mind (which make up our spirit, or thinking process) but God also gave us strength, which is *force*. Our heart is basically our feelings,

emotions, intentions while our mind is our thought process. Our soul is the very core essence of who we are: it's where our personality comes from. And then God gave us strength, which is what we call 'will power'. This is where discipline and self-control come from. It's also where we get the power to choose life or death. It's free will. And we have our heart and mind to help us decide what we want to do: good or evil.

But what does this have to do with putting the lamb's blood upon the doorpost of our house? Well, just as there are three parts to our doorpost (which is the entrance to our physical house), likewise *there's three parts to the entrance into our soul*. And, unless we want death (evil spirits) to enter into our home, we must put the Word of God (which is the Holy Spirit, Eph 6:17, John 6:63) in our heart, mind and soul *and* use all our strength (forcefulness) *to keep it there* so it does not get removed. The Parable of the Sower (Mark 4:14-20, Matt 13:18-23) explains the many ways God's Word can be taken out of our heart. The seed on the wayside (where there's no depth to the person's mind) is prim for Satan to come in immediately after truth is sewn in a person's mind and literally take out the Word of God from their heart (Mk 4:15).

If we want peace of mind, we must use all the strength (force) we've got in our soul to guard our heart and mind from evil spirits (including people in the flesh and the many other forms of satanic propaganda out there) from taking God's Word (truth) out of our soul. We must guard our thoughts, our feelings, our emotions and our intentions and use God's Word to learn what kind of thoughts, feelings, emotions and intentions are righteous verses what are evil. *We've got to kick out the evil and keep the good* (Rev 18:4). And studying God's Word is how you get good thoughts into your mind and heart! But it takes work. Desires and pride of the flesh pull hard at us (2 John 2:16) but God has given us the ability to refuse them IF we choose to do so. And, His Holy Spirit will protect us IF we commit to following Him, which means kicking out our sins (lust, pride, selfishness, etc. – Gal 5 explains the works of the Spirit verses the works of the flesh). So again, the analogy is we must put God's Word into our heart, mind and soul if we want to be protected from Satan and all the other evil spirits who work for him (and there are many), just as Israel had to put the blood of the lamb upon their doorposts.

To reiterate: the door posts that God told us to put the blood of the lamb on is symbolic (a type) of how we must put God's Word into our heart, mind and soul. That's why Jesus told us we must love God with all our heart, soul and mind. In other words, we must love God with all our thinking ability, our intentions, feelings, emotions, with the very essence of who we are and with all the strength (force) we have in our being. Those who do this (the wise virgins of Mth 25) are likened to someone who builds their house upon a Rock (Mth 7:24-25, Deut 32:4) but those who do not (the foolish virgins of Mth 25) are likened to someone who builds their house upon the sand (Mth 7:26-27). Jesus warns us that not everyone who professes to follow Him will be allowed to govern with Him in the Kingdom of Heaven. Only those who have actually obeyed Him will be in His governmental administration (Mth 7:21-23).

Moreover, Jesus continued with this analog in Matthew 12 when replying to the Pharisees who accused Him of casting out evil spirits by the spirit of Satan (Beelzebub). Jesus pointed out that

this wouldn't be possible because a divided house cannot stand, meaning that Satan would not remove his own servants (evil spirits) from a person because he would be helping Jesus Christ. Jesus also pointed out that, in order to keep evil spirits out of our physical body, we must make sure we are not bound to sin and that we fill our house with the word of God and His Holy Spirit; otherwise the evil spirits will simply 'move in' because we're 'bound' by sin (controlled and imprisoned by sin as Rom 6 explains) and, in that condition, *we do not have the strength to keep the evil out* (Matt 12:24-29, Matt 12:43-45).

So, this analogy is clearly laid out for us and used quite a bit in the Scriptures. Thus, we know that when we're told to put the blood of the lamb on the three sides of the door post, it means we are to keep the Word of God and the Holy Spirit upon the entrance of our flesh body, which is through our heart and mind and soul. Again, *the purpose is to keep out evil spirits*. And, as Moses warns in so many places (Deut 4:9, 11:16, 12:30 and 22:8- just to cite a few examples) we must guard our house, which is our flesh body to keep evil spirits from entering through the entrance of our heart, mind and soul. Remember, our soul is the essence of who we are; it's our personality so to speak. And it houses our spirit which contains our mind (thinking process) and our heart (feelings, intentions, emotions). So, we must be careful to guard what thoughts, emotions, feelings and intentions we entertain (what we allow to form and stay inside our soul). For if we allow an evil thought (spirit) to stay in our mind or heart, it can (and will) turn into sin, which is what 'conceiving' a wicked thought means (Isa 59:4, Ps 7:4, Acts 5:3-4, James 1:14-15). Special study, Spiritual Conception: <https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/955>). This then is why Paul advised us to work to keep every thought, desire and intention we have in align with God's Word...

3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:

4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

6 And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.

2 Cor 10:3-6

It all boils down to keeping the blood of the lamb (Jesus Christ's blood is symbolic of the Word of God and the Holy Spirit, John 1:1, 14, Lev 17:14, Deut 12:23) upon the doorpost of our flesh body, which is our mind, heart and soul. ***This is the very essence of the spiritual war!*** (Eph 6, 2 Tim 2:4-5).

Exodus 12

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

9 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.

10 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

YHVH continues on giving instruction to Moses and Aaron. The lamb was to be roasted with fire, not eaten raw or boiled in water and it was to be kept intact. Why roast it with fire? Because fire is symbolic of the cleansing action of the Holy Spirit of God for *our God is a consuming fire* (Deut 4:24, 9:3, Heb 12:29). Anything left in the morning would have to be burnt with fire. This reminds us what will happen to the enemies of God if they do not repent by the end of the Millennium. As Ps 37:20 says: *the wicked shall perish, and the enemies of the LORD shall be as the fat of lambs: they shall consume; into smoke shall they consume away*. Furthermore, the Passover Lamb was to be eaten with bitter herbs. The *Smith's Bible Dictionary* has this to say about bitter herbs...

The Israelites were commanded to eat the Paschal lamb "with unleavened bread and with bitter herbs." ([Exodus 12:8](#)) These "bitter herbs" consisted of such plants as chicory, bitter cresses, hawkweeds, sow-thistles and wild lettuces, which grow abundantly in the peninsula of Sinai, in Palestine and in Egypt. The purpose of this observance was to recall to the minds of the Israelites their deliverance from the bitter bondage of the Egyptians.

They were also instructed to eat the meal with unleavened bread. Unleavened bread was usually made when there was not enough time for the bread to rise, as would be the case for Israel in this situation. But there was a much deeper reason Israel was commanded not to eat leavened bread at Passover and it has to do with what leaven stands for spiritually. Jesus explained...

*1 In the mean time, when there were gathered together an innumerable multitude of people, insomuch that they trode one upon another, he began to say unto his disciples first of all, **Beware ye of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy.***

2 For there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; neither hid, that shall not be known.

3 Therefore whatsoever ye have spoken in darkness shall be heard in the light; and that which ye have spoken in the ear in closets shall be proclaimed upon the housetops.

4 And I say unto you my friends, Be not afraid of them that kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do.

5 But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him.

Luke 12:1-5

Paul further explained what this leaven of the Pharisees (hypocrisy) is about...

6 Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump?

7 Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:

*8 Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with **the leaven of malice and wickedness**; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.*

1 Cor 5:6-8

Spiritual leaven is hypocrisy, malice and wickedness. And it only takes a little bit of any of these things it to make the dough rise; meaning, it only takes a tiny bit of sin to defile your soul. As James 2:10 says: *for whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.* Likewise, it only takes a *little bit of sin* to corrupt our soul. This is why Jesus said...

25 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess.

26 Thou blind Pharisee, cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also.

Matt 23:25-26

Sin starts in our heart (Mth 15:16-20, Mk 7:20-23) so that is why we must first clean ‘within the cup and the platter’. Jesus was saying we must clean our heart, mind and soul in order to truly be clean (spiritually), which is what matters the most, for as Paul declares in 1 Cor 15:50: *flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.*

Therefore, this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality (1 Cor 15:53).

In other words, it's not our flesh body that's going to live forever. As Ecc 12:6-7 and 2 Cor 5:14 tell us, our flesh goes back to the dirt (it decomposes) and our soul (good or bad) goes back to God who gave it and He is in the Heavenly dimension. Which side of the gulf you are on depends on whether or not you loved and obeyed our Heavenly Father (Lk 16:2-31). Our soul is the part of us that has the *potential* to live forever but we must clean it with the Word of God and accept Jesus Christ as our Savior (for He paid the price for our sins, Heb 10:10) if we want to live forever (Rev 20:11-15).

So, the spiritual type (lesson) from the command for Israel to have unleavened bread with their Passover lamb is that, it's important for us to get the sin (likened to leaven) out of our soul and spirit (heart and mind). This physical Passover teaches us how to be ‘passed over’ by death, who is Satan himself (Heb 2:14). In other words, if we do not want to be deceived by Satan, the Passover meal teaches us how to prepare and protect our soul from deception, which is what leads us to spiritual death. This is a critical type (lesson) to learn and remember *forever*.

To be continued in part 2...

AMEN.