



Bible reading

Exodus 12:1-14, 24-29

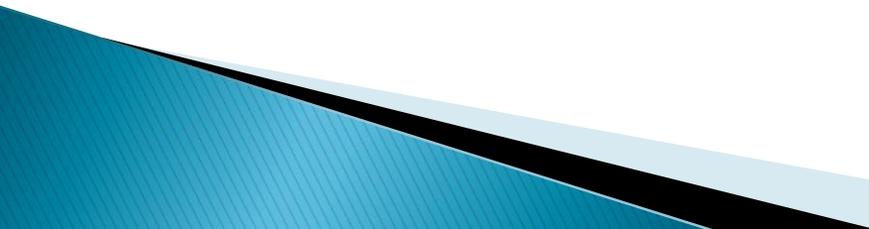
Exodus 12:1–14

¹ The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, ² “This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. ³ Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household. ⁴ If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbor, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat. ⁵ The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats. ⁶ Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the members of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight.



Exodus 12:1–14

⁷ Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs. ⁸ That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast. ⁹ Do not eat the meat raw or boiled in water, but roast it over a fire—with the head, legs and internal organs. ¹⁰ Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it. ¹¹ This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the LORD's Passover. ¹² “On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn of both people and animals, and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD.



Exodus 12:1–14

¹³ The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt.

¹⁴ “This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD—a lasting ordinance.

Exodus 12:24–29

²⁴ “Obey these instructions as a lasting ordinance for you and your descendants. ²⁵ When you enter the land that the LORD will give you as he promised, observe this ceremony. ²⁶ And when your children ask you, ‘What does this ceremony mean to you?’ ²⁷ then tell them, ‘It is the Passover sacrifice to the LORD, who passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt and spared our homes when he struck down the Egyptians.’” Then the people bowed down and worshiped. ²⁸ The Israelites did just what the LORD commanded Moses and Aaron.

²⁹ At midnight the LORD struck down all the firstborn in Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh, who sat on the throne, to the firstborn of the prisoner, who was in the dungeon, and the firstborn of all the livestock as well.



Breaking bread

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Communion

- ▶ In the Bible known as

- The Lord's supper (1 x)

1 Corinthians 11:20: So then, when you come together, it is not the Lord's Supper you eat [...]

- Breaking bread (8x)

Acts 20:7a: On the first day of the week we came together to break bread.

Instituted by Jesus

Luke 22

¹⁴ When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. ¹⁵ And he said to them, “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. ¹⁶ For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God.”

¹⁷ After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, “Take this and divide it among you. ¹⁸ For I tell you I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.”

¹⁹ And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me.”

²⁰ In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.

Origin

- ▶ Its principle goes far back in time
 - To the deliverance of Israel from Egypt
- ▶ Pesach
 - Israelites were slaves in Egypt
 - God sent Moses to tell Pharaoh to let them go
 - Pharaoh refused, even after God gave 9 plagues
 - Before the 10th plague, God instituted Pesach
 - Described in Exodus 12

Origin: comparison

▶ Pesach (Passover)

Instituted by the LORD as a reminder, that:

- A lamb had to be killed
- The blood of the lamb saved from death

▶ Breaking bread

Instituted by Jesus as a reminder, that:

- He, the Lamb of God, had to be killed
- His blood, the blood of the Lamb of God, saves from eternal death

Ingredients

- ▶ **Reminder, celebration, expectation**
 - Reminder of His broken body, suffering and death
 - Celebration of the new life in His blood
 - Expectation of the return of Jesus

 - ▶ **Fellowship with the Lord**
 - Invitation
 - Food
 - Table
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Fellowship: invitation

*1 Corinthians 11:23–25: For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body, which is for you; **do this in remembrance of me.**” ²⁵ In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood; **do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.**”*

Fellowship: food

- ▶ Bread and wine

1 Corinthians 11:26: For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

- ▶ Corinthians were a bad example

- Not a feast
- Not for filling our stomachs

- ▶ Do we eat in a worthy manner?

unworthy or unworthily?

*1 Corinthians 11:27–29: So then, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸ Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup. ²⁹ For those who eat and drink **without discerning the body of Christ** eat and drink judgment on themselves.*

- ▶ this warning is directly against the careless and profane (who act unworthily), and not against the timid and the doubting (who think they are unworthy)

Fellowship: table

- ▶ The Lord prepares a table for us
 - To proclaim the Lord's death (1 Cor. 11:26)
 - In front of our enemies (Psalm 23:5)
 - To remind the enemies of their defeat (Col. 2:15)

- ▶ Do we join His table only?

1 Cor. 10:21–22: You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons too; you cannot have a part in both the Lord's table and the table of demons. ²² Are we trying to arouse the Lord's jealousy? Are we stronger than he?

The Lord's supper

- ▶ Do you know He **invites** you
 - Jesus is the host
 - We are the guests
- ▶ Do you recognize the **food**
 - Bread and wine as body and blood of Christ
 - Is the Lord present in your thoughts
- ▶ Are you at His **table**
 - Does Jesus' blood cover your sins
 - Do you stay away from the other table

Don't reject His invitation!