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Reading :

Exodus ch 1 v 13-14

Exodus ch 2 v 23-24

Exodus ch 11 v 1, 4-6

Exodus ch 12 v 1-13, 28-33

Things are written in the Bible for us to learn and to help us understand the truth.

### Circumstances of the people

- The people were slaves
- Firstborn was under sentence of death

We too are under sentence of death. One event happens to everyone alike- everyone dies.

Why do we die?

This is a natural part of life that no scientist or evolutionist can explain. The Bible tells us why - "By one man sin entered in and death by sin" (Romans 5:12)

"All have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23)

"The wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23).

As far as God is concerned in His sight we are sinners, naturally that leads to death.

Death separates between the living and the dead. Sin is separation from God. Accountability for our sins. If we leave life in our sin we will be separated from God forever.

There is deliverance from that prospect.

We too are slaves "Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin" (John 8:34). Sin is the most cruel of task masters. Sin offers no thanks for service rendered to it. It will leave us with nothing. Do you have a bad habit or something you would like to change about your life? A desire to get rid of a certain passion and better yourself but you just can't do it?

Why is this? Because sin enslaves

It can start with one lie then you have to tell more lies to cover the first until your in a web of deceit.

If the son shall make you free ye shall be free indeed.

Freedom can be found in the person of the Lord Jesus Christ.

### Conditions of deliverance

- Had to be a substitute - A life had to be give
- Blood had to be shed - It had to be applied

In Exodus the substitute was a lamb.

There is a substitute today - Someone has died in your place.

In the Old Testament the lamb is a picture of a far greater lamb that was coming: the Lord Jesus Christ.

"Behold the lamb of God which taketh away the sins of the world." (John 1:29)

The Lord Jesus Christ has come to this world; the Lamb that God provided.

The Lord Jesus Christ was without blemish - sinless/spotless substitute.

He had to be delivered up on trumped up charges nothing could be brought against Him. He was completely innocent. No other substitute would do.

Someone pretty good was not good enough.

### The Sufferings of the Substitute

The lamb in Exodus was not to be boiled or raw it was to be roast with fire and eaten with bitter herbs.

The death of the Lord Jesus Christ was a bitter death - not just the nails and the crown of thorns. Not just the physical wounds but the bitterness and fierceness of those dark three hours.

Three hours of darkness in which he was forsaken of God - The sinless one became the sin bearer; He asked, "My God why has thou forsaken me?" (Matthew 27:46). He paid the debt in full, He satisfied Gods justice completely.

It cost Him to know the wrath of God the separation from God. To go into death itself that we might be saved. His life was given and His blood was shed.

"The Son of God loved me and gave Himself for me"

No possibility of the lamb being too little for the household

One lamb sufficient for all: the death of Christ is sufficient for all. Whoever comes will not be turned away. The work of Christ is sufficient for all.

The lamb substitute was of no use in Exodus unless the blood was applied. God said "When I see the blood I will pass over" (Exodus 12:13).

What would have happened had they forgotten to do it?

The blood was the token that the lamb had been slain. The firstborn would have made sure the blood was there; they would rest on the promise of God.

Today we have no blood to strike on the door post or lintel. What is required of us?

Whoever believes in the son has everlasting life (John 3:36).

The firstborn had to believe God would keep His promise; this requires faith as we must trust Christ. Without faith it is impossible to please God.

### Change in the calendar

There was a new beginning; a fresh start.

Salvation brings a fresh start, the beginning of a new life with God instead of without Him. In fellowship with God.

The day you put your faith in Christ is a day you will remember.

### Choice to be made

Only by doing what God said can there be a deliverance. Tomorrow would have been too late. The choice is to trust God or not; to choose Christ or not. In Exodus the choice was the lamb or the death of the 1<sup>st</sup> born. We are under sentence of death - Trust in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved.