

## Journey Through HIStory: A Perpetual Memorial for Israel

Text: Exodus 12:21-28

### Introduction:

Before executing the tenth plague in Egypt, the Lord, through Moses, gave a solemn reminder about the ordinance He instituted for Israel and their descendants.

### I. A Memorial of God's Deliverance for Israel. – Ex. 12:21-28

- A. Moses called the elders of Israel to remind them of God's instructions and \_\_\_\_\_ for the Passover.
- *"The elders were expected to lead the way. Moses instructed them to observe the Passover, knowing the rest of the nation would follow."*<sup>[1]</sup> (David Guzik, *God Institutes Passover*)
- B. The event shall be observed by the Israelites and their descendants as an ordinance \_\_\_\_\_.
- *"The deliverance of Passover was not only for them, but also for their children, and all generations to follow. Passover was the greatest work of redemption performed on the Old Testament side of the cross."*<sup>[1]</sup>
- C. Even when the people have entered the land God had promised Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give to their descendants, they were \_\_\_\_\_ to keep and observe the Passover Feast.
- D. The Lord gave instructions as early as then for the people's children when they have entered the Promised Land.
1. The elders and the parents should properly \_\_\_\_\_ the meaning, the history, and the details of the ordinance to the younger generation.
  2. The people bowed and acknowledged the ordinance of the Lord's Passover.
    - *"Rightfully, the immediate reaction of Israel to this announcement (before it actually happened) was **worship**. They honored the God who said He would do all this for them."*<sup>[1]</sup>
  3. After hearing the words of the Lord through Moses, the people went and \_\_\_\_\_ as they were instructed.
    - *"In many ways these were the most important words of the whole account. As great as God's deliverance was, the people would have never received it if they had failed to do what God told them to do."*<sup>[1]</sup>

### II. Spiritual Insights and Principles.

- A. *"**hyssop**—a small red moss [HASSELQUIST]; the caper-plant [ROYLE]. It was used in the sprinkling, being well adapted for such purposes, as it grows in bushes--putting out plenty of suckers from a single root. And it is remarkable that it was ordained in the arrangements of an all-wise Providence that the Roman soldiers should undesignedly, on their part, make use of this symbolical plant to Christ when, as our Passover, He was sacrificed for us [Jhn 19:29]."*<sup>[2]</sup> (Robert Jamieson, Commentary on Exodus 12)
- B. *"Another translation is "the destruction," which would make Yahweh (God) Himself, and not an "Angel of the Lord," the One who either "passes over" (Ex 12:13) or "destroys.""*<sup>[3]</sup> (Footnotes, Amplified Bible, [The Lockman Foundation](#))

- C. The next generation can only learn about the significance of a memorial from the current generation who had \_\_\_\_\_ an event, and from those who have learned about it properly.
- D. *“So the purpose of the feast was a memorial, a reminder of what God had done, but also it was to create a question in the mind of the children. God is always creating questions in the minds of children. You ever notice how many questions they ask? The purpose of God creating questions in the minds of children is that they might learn. God deliberately creates questions in their minds to give you an opportunity to teach them the things of God, to make them conscious and aware of God, and the presence of God.”*<sup>[4]</sup> (Chuck Smith, Verse by Verse Study on Exodus 11-12)
- E. *“Independently of some observances which were not afterwards repeated, the usages practiced at this yearly commemorative feast were so peculiar that the curiosity of the young would be stimulated, and thus parents had an excellent opportunity, which they were enjoined to embrace, for instructing each rising generation in the origin and leading facts of the national faith.”*<sup>[2]</sup>
- F. *“In the same way Jesus gave the new Passover, saying that His work on the cross was not only for that generation, but should be remembered and applied to all generations (Luke 22:14-20).”*<sup>[1]</sup>
- G. *“All the preceding directions were communicated through the elders, and the Israelites, being deeply solemnized by the influence of past and prospective events, gave prompt and faithful obedience.”*<sup>[2]</sup>

### **Conclusion/Application:**

God emphasized how important it was for the children of Israel to remember how the Lord brought them out of Egypt and everything else that transpired during that time in their \_\_\_\_\_. This was so that they will not forsake the Lord their God, walk their own way, and ruin their lives in the process. Also, remembering through the celebration of the feasts instituted by God, Himself, would enable them to pass on all of their memories of past events and experiences with God to the next generation.

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1. [https://www.blueletterbible.org/comm/guzik\\_david/study-guide/exodus/exodus-12.cfm?a=62001](https://www.blueletterbible.org/comm/guzik_david/study-guide/exodus/exodus-12.cfm?a=62001)
  2. [https://www.blueletterbible.org/Comm/jfb/Exd/Exd\\_012.cfm?a=62001](https://www.blueletterbible.org/Comm/jfb/Exd/Exd_012.cfm?a=62001)
  3. <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Exodus+12&version=AMP>

4. [https://www.blueletterbible.org/Comm/smith\\_chuck/c2000\\_Exd/Exd\\_011.cfm?a=62001](https://www.blueletterbible.org/Comm/smith_chuck/c2000_Exd/Exd_011.cfm?a=62001)