

EXODUS 12:1-3

INSTITUTION OF THE PASSOVER

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.

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:

For Discussion

- What three big ideas does Exodus 12:1-13:16 present?
- How does the New Testament draw on these ideas?
- When did the calendar year begin in ancient Israel?
- What spiritual lesson do we learn from the various verses about the start of the year?
- What theme of the book of Exodus can we deduce from the occurrence of nouns describing groups of people?
- What relation among its members does “people” suggest?
- In what sense do believers today form one “people”?
- What was Israel’s mission as an “army”?
- What corresponds to this mission for the church?
- What unites a “congregation”?
- What principle does this term highlight for believers?

The Context of the Passover

Theme	First Panel, 1:1-4:18	Second Panel, 4:19-40:38
Entering Egypt	1:1-7, The eleven tribes go to Egypt and multiply	4:19-31, Moses returns to Egypt with his family
Oppression	1:8-22, Pharaoh oppresses Israel	5:1-6:1, Pharaoh increases the oppression
Leaders raised up	2:1-4, Moses born	6:2-27, Moses & Aaron commissioned by God
Moses in Pharaoh's Palace	2:5-10, Moses in palace as the son of Pharaoh's daughter	6:28-13:16, Moses in palace as deliverer • 6:28-11:10, Personal Demands → Refusal • 12:1-13:16, Divine Act → Permission
Travel to Horeb	2:11-15, Moses flees from Egypt to Midian	13:17-17:7, Israel travels from Egypt to Sinai
Conflict	2:16-17, Moses overcomes the shepherds	17:8-16, Moses overcomes Amalek
Moses and Jethro	2:18-22, Moses' Midianite family	18:1-27, Moses' Midianite family
Encounter with God at Horeb	2:23-4:18, Moses called to "serve God upon this mountain," 3:12	19:1-40:38, At Horeb, Israel enters covenant with God

Section	Structure	Agents	Result
6:28-11:10	Inclusio (7:3-4;11:9-10)	Moses & Aaron	Pharaoh refuses
12:1-13:16	Alternation (Law, History)	The Lord	Pharaoh releases

Structure of Exod 12:1-13:16

	12:1-28	12:29-42	12:43-50	12:51	13:1-16	(13:17ff)
The Lord's Instructions	1-20 • 1-14 Passover • 15-20 Unleavened Bread		43-49 Passover		1-2 Firstborn	
Moses' Repetition	21-27a Passover				3-16 • 3-10 Unleavened Bread • 11-16 Firstborn	
People's Response	27b-28		50			
History		• 29-39 Detail • 40-42 Summary		51		(13:17ff)

Three Themes:

Exo 12:3 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:

Exo 12:15 Seven days shall ye eat **unleavened bread**; even the first day ye shall put away leaven out of your houses: for whosoever eateth leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that soul shall be cut off from Israel.

Exo 13:12-13 That thou shalt set apart unto the LORD all that openeth the matrix, and every **firstling** that cometh of a beast which thou hast; the males shall be the LORD'S. 13 And every **firstling** of an ass thou shalt **redeem** with a lamb; and if thou wilt not redeem it, then thou shalt break his neck: and all the **firstborn** of man among thy children shalt thou **redeem**.

NT Echoes of Exodus 12-13

Passover Meal

Luk 22:15 And he said unto them, With desire I have desired to eat this **passover** with you before I suffer: 16 For I say unto you, I will not any more eat thereof, until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God.

Isa 25:6 And in this mountain shall the LORD of hosts make unto all people **a feast of fat things**, a feast of wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of wines on the lees well refined. 7 And he will destroy in this mountain the face of the covering cast over all people, and the vail that is spread over all nations. 8 He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the LORD hath spoken it.

Unleavened Bread

Mat 16:6 Then Jesus said unto them, Take heed and beware of the **leaven** of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees. ... 12 Then understood they how that he bade them not beware of the leaven of bread, but of the **doctrine** of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.

Gal 5:7 Ye did run well; who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth? 8 This persuasion cometh not of him that calleth you. 9 A little **leaven** leaveneth the whole lump.

Redemption

Ex. 8:23 And I will put a **division** [פֶּדֹת pedut H6304, "**redemption**"] between my people and thy people: to morrow shall this sign be.

Gal. 3:13 Christ hath **redeemed** us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:

Heb. 9:12 Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal **redemption** for us.

NT Echoes: Combinations

Passover Meal

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graph TD; PM[Passover Meal] --- UB[Unleavened Bread]; PM --- RF[Redeeming the Firstborn]; PM --- C[1Co 6:18 Flee fornication...];
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1Co 5:7 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.

Unleavened Bread

1Co 6:18 Flee **fornication**. ... 20 For ye are **bought with a price**: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

1Pe 1:18 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not **redeemed** with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; 19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of **a lamb without blemish and without spot**:

Redeeming the Firstborn

Exo 12:2 The Beginning of Months??

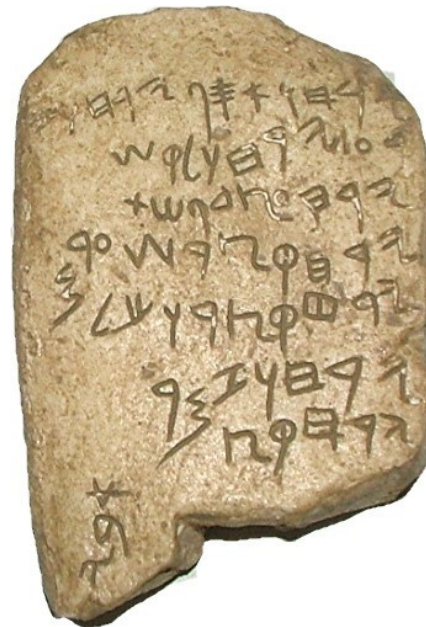
Exo 23:16 And the feast of harvest, the firstfruits of thy labours, which thou hast sown in the field: and the feast of ingathering, which is in the **end of the year**, when thou hast gathered in thy labours out of the field.

Exo 34:22 And thou shalt observe the feast of weeks, of the firstfruits of wheat harvest, and the feast of ingathering **at the year's end**.

Lev 23:23 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 24 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, In the **seventh month**, in the first day of the month, shall ye have a sabbath, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, an holy convocation. [Rosh Hashanah]

Jhn 17:11 And now I am no more in the world, but **these are in the world**, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are. ... 14 I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because **they are not of the world**, even as I am not of the world.

The Gezer Calendar (ca. 1000 BC)	
Sept/Oct-Oct/Nov Nov/Dec-Dec/Jan	The (two) months of harvest, the (two) months of so-
Jan/Feb-Feb/Mar	wing, The (two) months of late planting
Mar/Apr	The month of reaping flax
Apr/May	The month of reaping barley
May/June	The month of reaping and measuring
Jun/Jul-Jul/Aug	The (two) months of (vine)- tending
Aug/Sept	The month of summer (-fruit)



Collective Terms for Israel

Hebrew	English	LXX	Exodus	First use?	Meaning
עַם <i>am</i> H5971	People	λαός <i>laos</i> G2992	1:9 + many; 5x in ch. 12	Promised in Genesis	Shared kinship, history, culture
צְבָא <i>tsaba</i> H6635	Host, Army	varied	6:26; 7:4; 12:17, 41, 51	Of Israel	Organization for a mission
עֵדָה <i>ēdah</i> H5712	Congre- gation	συναγωγή <i>sunagōgē</i> (G4864)	12:3, 6, 19, 47 + 11x	In Bible	Common purpose, laws, testimony
קָהָל <i>qahal</i> H6951	Assembly	ἐκκλησία <i>ekklēsia</i> G1577 (70x) <i>sunagōgē</i> (33x)	12:6 ; 16:3	Promised in Genesis	Physical gathering
גּוֹי <i>goy</i> H1471	Nation	ἔθνος <i>ethnos</i> G1484	19:6; 32:10; 33:13	Promised in Genesis	Geopolitical entity

***am* People**

Exo 1:9 And he said unto his people, Behold, the **people** of the children of Israel are more and mightier than we:

Rom 9:25 As he saith also in Osee, I will call them **my people, which were not my people**; and her beloved, which was not beloved. 26 And it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people; there shall they be called the **children of the living God**.