

Exod 12:3-6

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.

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: 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**.

		12:1-28	12:29-42	12:43-50	12:51	13:1-16	(13:17ff)
Legislation	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)

For Discussion

- 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?
- What does the term “assembly” emphasize?
- How is this reflected in the NT?
- What makes a group of people a “nation”?
- In what sense do believers form a nation?
- How does the location of the passover meal change over time?
- How is its original location reflected in the New Testament church?

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:

Exo 4:22 And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD, **Israel is my son**, even my firstborn:

Rom 9:25 As he saith also in Osee [Hos 2:23] , 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**.

Collectives (Continued)

tsaba, Army

Israel:

Exo 6:26 These are that Aaron and Moses, to whom the LORD said, Bring out the children of Israel from the land of Egypt according to their **armies**.

Exo 7:4 But Pharaoh shall not hearken unto you, that I may lay my hand upon Egypt, and bring forth mine **armies**, and my people the children of Israel, out of the land of Egypt by great judgments.

Believers:

2Ti 2:3 Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good **soldier of Jesus Christ**. 4 No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.

2Co 10:4 (For the **weapons of our warfare** are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

ēdah, Congregation

Israel:

Exo 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, ... 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.

Believers:

2Co 13:11 Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of **one mind**, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.

Php 1:27 Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in **one spirit**, with **one mind** striving together for the faith of the gospel;

Php 2:2 Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be **likeminded**, having the same love, being of **one accord**, of **one mind**.

1Pe 3:8 Finally, **be ye all of one mind**, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous:

Collectives (concluded)

qahal, Assembly

Israel:

Exo12:6 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.

Believers:

Mat 18:17 And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto **the church**: ...

Acts 16:5 And so were the **churches** established in the faith, and increased in number daily.

Eph. 1:22 And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to **the church**, 23 Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

Heb 10:24 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: 25 Not forsaking **the assembling of ourselves together**, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

goy, Nation

Israel:

Exo 19:5 Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine: 6 And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy **nation**.

Believers:

1Pe 2:9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, **an holy nation**, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

Php 3:20 For our conversation (πολίτευμα politeuma G4175, "**citizenship**") is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:

Multiple Concepts Together

Hebrews 12	Concept
22 But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem,	Nation
and to an innumerable company of angels,	Host
23 To the general assembly	Congregation (purpose)
and church	Assembly (time and place)
of the firstborn , which are written in heaven,	People (kinship)
and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, 24 And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.	

The Place of the Passover: “a house”

Contrast Later Instances

Deut. 16:5 **Thou mayest not sacrifice the passover within any of thy gates**, which the LORD thy God giveth thee: 6 **But at the place which the LORD thy God shall choose to place his name in**, there thou shalt sacrifice the passover at even, at the going down of the sun, at the season that thou camest forth out of Egypt. 7 And **thou shalt roast and eat it in the place which the LORD thy God shall choose**: and thou shalt turn in the morning, and go unto thy tents.

Where does the Church celebrate its Fulfillment?

Act 2:46 And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and **breaking bread from house to house**, ...

Rom 16:5 Likewise greet **the church that is in their house**. ...

1Co 16:19 ... Aquila and Priscilla salute you much in the Lord, with **the church that is in their house**.

Col 4:15 Salute the brethren which are in Laodicea, and Nymphas, and **the church which is in his house**.

Phm 1:2 And to our beloved Apphia, and Archippus our fellowsoldier, and to **the church in thy house**:

2Jn 1:10 If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your **house**, neither bid him God speed:

Eph 2:19 Now therefore ye are ... 20 ... built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; 21 In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an **holy temple** in the Lord: 22 In whom ye also are builded together for an **habitation of God** through the Spirit.

5 a “lamb ... without blemish”

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:

Exod 12:5 without blemish

תמים (*tamim*, H8549), most common in Leviticus and Numbers, describing a sacrifice

→ the passover is a sacrifice

- 12:8 people eat it → peace offering, Leviticus 7
- 12:10 leftovers burnt the next morning → thank offering, Lev 7:15-18

Manifold Fulfillment (recall Matthew)

An initial prophecy or event may be repeated down through history,

- sometimes in words and
 - sometimes in events that
 - foreshadow or
 - partially realize the promise,
- until the actual fulfillment.

E.g.,

- **The first offering:** Abel’s animal offering
- Abraham’s offering of Isaac and the ram
- **Passover lambs**
- Law of sacrifice in Leviticus 1-7
- Prediction of Messiah’s offering, Isaiah 53
- Last supper
- **The last offering:** Calvary

Chronology of the Crucifixion

Day of Month?	Events	Enters the City	Leaves the City
10	Triumphal entry	Mark 11:1-10	Mark 11:11
11	Cleansing the temple	Mark 11:12-14	Mark 11:19
12	Disputes with the Jewish leaders	Mark 11:27	Mark 13:3
13	The Last Supper	Mark 14:13-17	Mark 14:32
14	Crucifixion	Mark 14:53	Mark 15:22

Between the Evenings ...

