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The Passover Lamb

In Exodus we read how God delivered the Israelites from Pharaoh's bondage by sending ten plagues upon the Egyptians. The last one brought death to every Egyptian firstborn son including Pharaoh's, but God promised to spare the sons of the Israelites **if by faith they obeyed His instructions** to apply the blood of a **Passover lamb** on the doorpost of their home. He assured, "**When I see the blood, I will pass over you**" (Exodus 12:13).

God's **qualifications for a Passover lamb** required it to be "**without blemish** (or defect), **a male of the first year**" (in the prime of its life) and without a broken bone, "**neither shall ye break a bone thereof**" (Exodus 12:46). The **Passover lamb** was **a type of Jesus Christ** as declared in 1 Corinthians 5:7, "**Christ our passover is sacrificed for us**" fulfilling the prophecy in Isaiah 53:7, "**He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter.**" Jesus alone met all the **qualifications** for the **Passover lamb**. 1 Peter 1:19 states that we were redeemed "**with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish.**" He qualified also being **a male** in the **prime of his life** when He died as our sacrifice on the cross with not a broken bone, contrary to the custom of the Romans, and fulfilling the prophecy of Psalm 34:20 "**He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken.**"

The **Passover Lamb** was to be killed "**in the evening**" (3-5 p.m.). Mark 15:25 says Jesus was crucified at "**the third hour**" (9 a.m.). Matthew 27:45 states that "**from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour**" (12 noon to 3 p.m.). Shortly after that, between 3-5 p.m., Jesus died—the exact time the **Passover lambs** were being sacrificed throughout Israel!

Jesus is God's Passover Lamb! Only His blood applied by faith over the door of our hearts will spare us from the eternal death judgment of God on our sins. **Have you applied Christ's blood by repenting of your sins and accepting forgiveness through His sacrifice?** If not, do it now by calling on Him in prayer.