

• **This is Fluffy.** Today, Fluffy will be central to our message in Ch. 12.

12 The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt,

- **God is giving them the plan for how they will leave Egypt.**
- **What they do, will be done again every year as a festival to remember.**
- This 10th plague is different than first 9 – **Jews not exempt.**
- Both Jews and Egyptians deserve death.

Romans 3:9 *9 What shall we conclude then? Do we have any advantage? Not at all! For we have already made the charge that Jews and Gentiles alike are all under the power of sin.* We all deserve death.

- **The 10th plague is a sign of God’s judgment on all humanity. But God gives His chosen people way to escape the plague of death.**

This points to Jesus. This isn’t automatic salvation for everyone. We must believe God’s word enough to obey Him.

2 “This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year.

Isreal was born with Abraham, but now it is born again at the Exodus. Set your calendar by your new birthday. When’s your new birthday. Talk as before & after.

3 Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household. 4 If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbor, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat.

What do you do on the 10th of this new first month?

- The man of the house is to get a lamb for his family. Bring it inside.

How do you know if your family is too small for a whole lamb?

- Can you eat the entire animal? **must eat every bit of this lamb & leave no leftovers.** Size of your family matters. Join up with a neighbor.
- A year-old lamb weighs about 140 lbs. About 70 lbs of meat.

This points to Jesus. You can’t just accept part of Jesus. It’s all or nothing.

- You can’t just intellectually believe in eating the lamb and putting blood on the doorpost. You must consume the lamb yourself.

This points to Jesus. Each person must consume the Lamb.

John 6; *53 Jesus said to them, “Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. 54 Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day.*

1 Cor. 5:7 - *Get rid of the old yeast, so that you may be a new unleavened batch—as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.*

And so, it says, *5 The animals you choose must be year-old males (not a problem since lambs tend to be born in the spring)* Year old lambs are almost full grown and their meat is better than older animals.

without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats. 6 Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the members of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight.

This entire event and future festival are all prophetic pictures pointing to Jesus.

- **Look. The lamb is to be without defect. Why? God demands perfection.** If God accepted the imperfect, you wouldn’t need a substitute. Fluffy must be perfect.

This points to Jesus. Jesus is the Perfect Lamb without blemish.

1 Peter 1:18-19 *18 For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.*

How was Jesus without blemish? Jesus was born of a virgin, had no sin nature, never sinned.

- “sheep” literally means “one of a flock,” small livestock like sheep & goats.
- **So, you selected your lamb on the 10th.** Brought him in the house for 4 days. The kids name him fluffy. Attachment. Becomes cherished.

This points to Jesus: The sacrifice is cherished. This is God’s son.

- Jesus bonded to a human family before He was sacrificed for them.

6 Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the members of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight. WE HAVE TO KILL FLUFFY?

- **Daddy, No! Kids have been petting Fluff. And here’s dad with a flint knife! So, they say,** “Why daddy? Why are you killing fluffy?”
- **And here’s the answer. . .** “Because the lamb is a substitute for your big brother. If we don’t, Jimmy dies”. The Lamb is a substitute for the firstborn.

This points to Jesus. Jesus, the Lamb, is a substitute for you.

- **So, every family is going to slaughter their lamb at the same time. Twilight.**

7 Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs. (TAKE FLUFFY – KILL – PAINT BLOOD)

- **So, after 4 days, dad sacrifices fluffy with a knife and it bloody.**
- **And dad takes blood and paints it onto the sides and top of the front door.**

8 That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast. 9 Do not eat the meat raw or boiled in water, but roast it over a fire—with the head, legs and internal organs. 10 Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it.

- Now, I am going to be going in and out of this door as I roast Fluffy. Reminder.
 - **Did you see how it’s cooked? Roasted! This isn’t how they normally cooked meat.** Head on, eyes looking at you, legs, internal organs over a fire.
 - **Why directly over a fire? Fire is a symbol of Judgment. The lamb is taking the judgment.** Hell is called a lake of fire.
 - **Instead of the firstborn son taking the judgment, the lamb does.**
- This points to Jesus: Jesus bears the judgment of all the world’s sin.**

¹⁰ Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it.

- Anything left over was to be burned up so there was nothing left to decay.

This points to Jesus: Like the slain lamb, Jesus' body would not see decay because He was resurrected.

- **Acts 13:**³⁶ “Now when David had served God's purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep; he was buried with his ancestors and his body decayed.³⁷ But the one whom God raised from the dead did not see decay.

- Now we get instructions on how you are supposed to eat the Passover.

¹¹ This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the Lord's Passover.

- Now some of you, your mom told you not to eat your food so fast. Normally you wouldn't wear shoes in the house, would wear cloak normally, wouldn't eat with a staff in your hand. When freedom was given they had to hurry.

- When the Lord offers you salvation. Hurry. Receive it. May not be tomorrow.

This points to Jesus: We have a limited opportunity to respond in faith and obedience to God's call to freedom.

¹² “On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn of both people and animals, and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the Lord.

How is it judgment on the gods of Egypt? Pharoah and his son ARE gods of Egypt and represent all the other gods of Egypt. Last verse.

¹³ The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt.

- When we sing about the blood, it's not the red liquid that is making the difference. It's the death. Blood is the sign of death.

- **It's a sign for you** . When you see the bloody doorframe, you're reminded that death has already happened for the sin of this house.

- **And it's a sign for God** because he is judging based on what you do in faith. Did you actually APPLY the blood.

This points to Jesus: You and I must exercise faith in the death of the Lamb, Jesus, to save us from death coming to us because of our sin.

God went from house to house that night because of sin to bring death to every household. But when God gets to an Israelites house with blood on the door, God says, “Death has already come for the sin of this house” and he passes over it. It's the Passover.

Someday, death will come to your door and only one thing will matter. Is there blood applied to the door of your heart. Did you, by faith, believe Jesus was the unblemished Lamb slain for you. And did you apply the blood of Christ to your life through repentance.