

Rules for the Passover

- What if someone missed the feast for good reason?
 - Num 9:7-8 Some men asked what about us?
 - Moses – did what?
 - What did God say?
 - Num 9:9-12 – Provided for a 2nd serving.
 - What happened to those who abuse the 2nd serving?
 - Num 9:13 – Utterly cut off!
 - What relevance might this have for a second serving of the Lord's supper?

Preparing for the Annual Passover Meal

- Secure and prepare a room in Jerusalem.

WHY?

- One of three pilgrimage feasts/religious calendar.
- Explains the instructions Jesus gave to his disciples about finding an upper room (Lk 22:7-13).



Things needed to prepare

- **Clean room**, sweep it, search for leaven.
 - Beginning of the feast of unleavened bread (7 Days)
- Get and **kill the lamb** (temple complex).
 - 12 people to a lamb - 256,500 lambs (typical)
 - Josephus – 2,560,000 Jews crowd into the city.
- **Prepare the meal – roasted with fire** (Ex 12:8).
- **Unleaven Bread** – without yeast (Ex 12:34).
- **Bitter Herbs** – (Ex 12:8).
- **Bowls of Salt Water** (SOP) Matt 26:23.
- **Charoset** – brick shape fruit and pastry
 - Mixture of apples, dates, pomegranates, and grapes
 - Running through it were sticks of cinnamon.



The four cups

- **Fruit of the Vine (4 cups).** Added by tradition.
 - **Talmud:** “If one does not have enough money to get four cups of wine, he must get from the poor box or pawn his coat or hire himself out.”
 - **Each cup** $\frac{1}{2}$ **pint of wine, diluted 2 parts wine and 3 parts water.**
 - **Each represented the four promises given in Exodus 6:6-8 which were originally too good to be true!**

Exodus 6:6-9

- 6 "Say, therefore, to the sons of Israel, ' I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will deliver you from their bondage.
 - **Cup #1: Deliverance/Freedom**

Exodus 6:6-8

- “I will also redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments.”
- **Cup #2: REDEMPTION/SALVATION. VICTORY OVER SATAN.**

Exodus 6:6-8

- 7' Then I will take you for My people, and I will be your God; and you shall know that I am the LORD your God, who brought you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.”
- **Cup #3: OWNERSHIP/PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP.**

Exodus 6:6-8

- 8'I will bring you to the land which I swore to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and I will give it to you for a possession; I am the LORD.'“
- **CUP #4: POSSESSIONS/BLESSING/**

Luke 22:19-20 “After supper this cup is the new covenant in my blood.”



Procedure for a typical Passover

- Begin with “first cup of deliverance and freedom.”
 - Prayer of thanksgiving for God delivering them from Egypt (Ex 6:6).
- Leader stands and washes his hands three times
- Bitter herbs taken and dipped in salt water and eaten (Ex 12:22).
- The breaking of the bread.
 - Three cakes – representing the God the Father/Messiah/HS
 - The center one represents the Messiah/Son of God!
 - Jesus probably took the center cake and broke it and said: “This is my body.”

Procedure for the Passover

- The proclaiming. Father says: “Why is this night different than any other night?” Response – **“It is Jehovah’s Passover”** (Ex 12:26-27).
- **Father explains** to the children their heritage and the meaning of the meal (Ex 13:8).
- The Hallel (Praise God). **Ps 113-118**. Singing of Ps 113-114 as a family.
- The Second cup –Cup of deliverance/ redemption! Ex 6:6-8
- All participants wash their hands, prayer is said before the meal is begun.



Procedure for the Passover

- Small pieces of unleaven bread are distributed and eaten along with herbs.
- The “SOP” – bitter herbs placed between pieces of unleavened bread and dipped into the fruit sauce (charoset)/salt water.
 - Jesus: John 13:21-26 “Verily, verily, I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me. 22 Then the disciples looked one on another, doubting of whom he spake.
 - 23 Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of his disciples, whom Jesus loved. 24 Simon Peter therefore beckoned to him, that he should ask who it should be of whom he spake. 25 He then lying on Jesus' breast saith unto him, Lord, who is it? 26 Jesus answered, He it is, to whom I shall give a sop, when I have dipped it. And when he had dipped the sop, he gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon.

Procedure for the Passover

- The entire lamb was to be eaten, none left over.
 - It was “sanctified food” and not to be used for a common meal.
- Followed was a long prayer of thanksgiving for the meal, asking God to send **Elijah as the herald of the Messiah** (Malachi 4:5-6).

Procedure of Passover Meal

- **Cup #3 – the cup of Thanksgiving for the relationship they enjoy with God.**
 - **Prayer: “Blessed art thou, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who hast created the fruit of the vine.”**
- **The second part of the Hallel is sung (Ps 115-118) followed by “The Great Hallel” (Ps 136).**



Final Song

- **The Great Hallel – Ps 136**
 - Responsive singing/chanting.
 - One reads, the other responds... **“For His loving kindness endureth forever.”**
 - Vs 1-3 **Thanksgiving**
 - Vs 4-9 Praise for His role in **Creation**
 - Vs 10-26 Been with us through out our history, **remembered us and delivered us!**

Procedure of the Passover Meal

- Fourth Cup -- Promises made, benefits given but they must be received as good stewards. *“The cup of blessing/choosing.”* **WHY?**
- Two brief closing prayers....
- Finally: **“It is finished.”**
 - The greatest event of OT – Exodus is commemorated in a meal
 - The greatest event of NT – D/B/R is commemorated in a meal!

Luke 22:14-23

When the hour had come, He reclined at the table, and the apostles with Him.

15 And He said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; 16 for I say to you, I shall never again eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God."

17 And when He had taken a cup and given thanks, (Cup #3 – Cup of Thanksgiving) He said, "Take this and share it among yourselves;

18 for I say to you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine from now on until the kingdom of God comes!"

19 And when He had taken some bread and given thanks, He broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

20 And in the same way He took the cup (#4 Cup of Blessing) after they had eaten, saying, "This cup which is poured out for you is the new covenant in My blood."

How do the four cups apply to us?

- God has provided four promises today!
 - #1. I am Jesus and I can lift your burdens and release you from the bondage of sin! Matt 11:28-30
 - #2. I gave my life for you, redeemed you, bought you back from Satan with outstretched arms . . . Jn 10:11; I Peter 1:18-20.



- **#3. Accept me and avoid condemnation and become one of my own as you become one of God's children!**
 - 14 " I am the good shepherd , and I know My own and My own know Me, even as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep (Jn 10:14-16).
- **#4. I will bring you into the land of promise and fulfill what I promised to Abraham and provide wonderful blessing!**
 - Jn 14:2-3



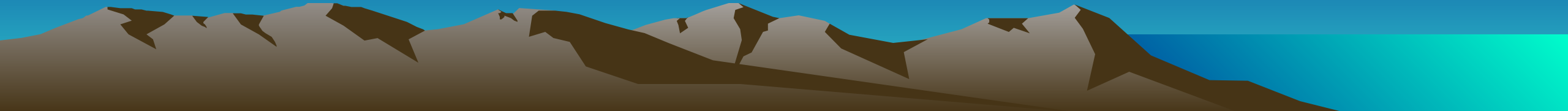
Jews left an empty seat at the Passover table, believing the Messiah might appear

What assurances did they have that the third element of the Abrahamic covenant would be fulfilled?



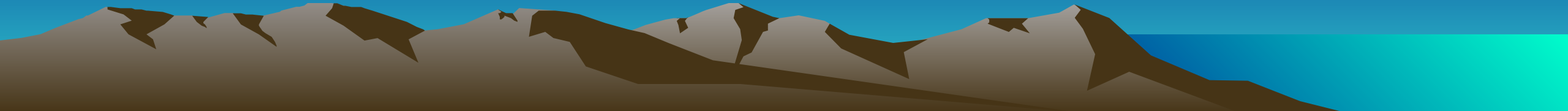
Leaving Egypt

- 12: 35-36 Took jewels
 - I Chron 29:14 God never asks of us what he does not give us first!
 - Ex 35:21-22 What did they do later?
- Traveled from Ramses to Succoth . . .



Leaving Egypt

- 12:37 How many soldiers left?
 - 600,000 on foot.
- 12:41 How many years had they been in Egypt?
 - 430 years!



Leaving Egypt

- Ex 13:9; 16 “Shall be a sign upon thy hand and a memorial between their eyes.”
- Matt 23:5-6 “But they do all their deeds to be noticed by men; for they broaden their phylacteries and lengthen the tassels of their garments.”





Leaving Egypt

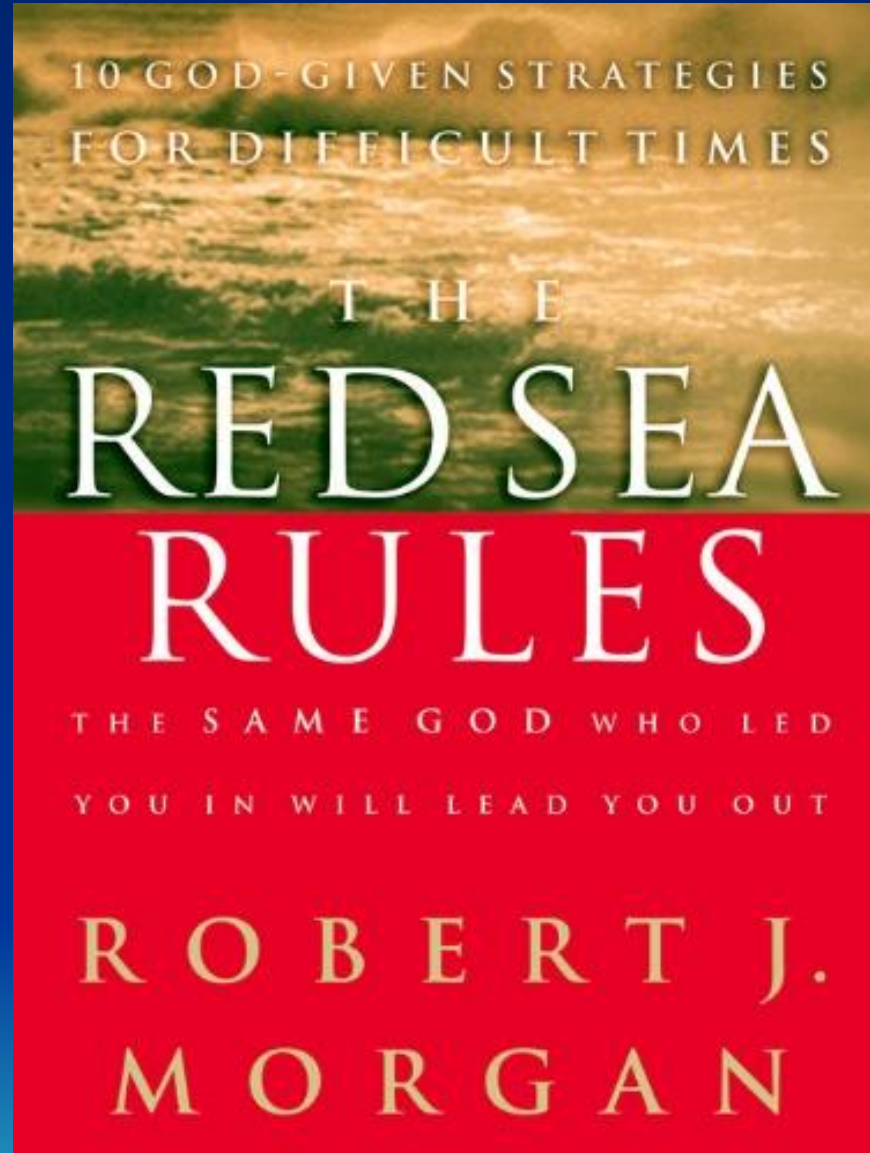
- Ex 13:19 -20 Bones of Joseph!
 - Why important?
 - Where buried?
- 13:21 – Pillar of cloud and fire begins...
- 14:5 ff. Pharaohs' heart hardens again!



Near the valley that separates Mounts Gerizim and Ebal.
Near Jacob's well.
In the tribal inheritance of Ephraim.







Next week:

Ex 14-15



Where was the crossing?



Straits of Tiran

