

GOD'S LAMB

Revelation 5

Genesis 22:1-8

Exodus 12:1-13, 29



Lie #31

God's Eternal Plan in His Feasts (Leviticus 23)

- (1 Peter 1:18-20) God's eternal plan. (Revelation 13:8)
- (v. 2) God ordained seven feasts. (See handout: Feasts of the LORD)
 - “feasts” - מוֹעֲדֵי - “appointed times”
 - “MY” - not Jewish; not Christendom's!
 - ★ These are GOD's feasts.
 - THEREFORE . . . (the importance of the little word “My”.)
 - GOD is the HOST.
 - GOD, the HOST, shares His JOY with His own!
 - The Host appoints the times of HIS feasts.
 - The Host makes **all** the preparations/arrangements.
 - The Host does **all** the work.
 - The only invited (“called”) guests are welcomed at the host's feast - only those “chosen” or “elected” by the host.
 - The guests bring NOTHING to the feasts! They come only to share in the joy of their host and enjoy all He provides.
 - GOD has provided HIS SON! (John 3:16; **Romans 8:32**)
 - God's feast calendar is His decreed history for **HIS** people.
 - God's feasts are an “outline” of the God's “eternal purpose that He accomplished in Christ Jesus.” (Ephesians 3:10-11)

What About Colossians 2:16-17?

- There is no command to abandon the Feasts of the LORD!
- The New Testament saint can celebrate each of the feasts as they all point to what God has done for us and what God has promised He will do.
- God marked each of the spring feasts with doing HIS WORK for HIS people:
 - Passover/Unleavened Bread - God crucified His Son on the appointed time on His calendar.
 - Firstfruits - God raise His Son on this very feast.
 - Pentecost - God sent the Spirit of His Son to His Church on this very feast!
- Romans 15:4 tells us that the feasts of the Lord were written down for **our learning**. It is NOT sin for those who do not celebrate these feasts BUT it is

- sin for those who do not study these feast for their learning (Romans 15:4)
- YET, we follow our man-made **traditions** of Christmas and Easter!
- The Power of Tradition - Acts 12:4; Matthew 28:18-20; 15:1-9.

From Eternity to Genesis: God's Promised Lamb (Genesis 22:1-8)

- (1 Peter 1:18-20) God's plan to provide a Lamb for Himself was planned "before the foundation of the world."
 - From all eternity God knew all that He would do! (Acts 15:18)
- The sacrifice of Isaac is a "picture" or a "type" of God offering up His Son for His people.
- (v. 7) Isaac's question: Where is the Lamb for a burnt offering?
- (v. 8) "My son, God will provide **for Himself** the lamb for a burnt offering."
- (v. 8) So the two of them went together.
- (Genesis 3:15) "**I WILL** put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel." We will meditate on each word.
- (Isaiah 14:24-27) What God says, HE DOES!
- (Isaiah 46:9-11) God WILL do what He has purposed!
- "The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do it!" (Isaiah 9:6-7)

From Genesis to Exodus: The Feast of Passover

- A completely new start! (Exodus 12:2) Consider:
 - To Nicodemus - "You must be born-again - you must start all over!"
 - 2 Corinthians 5:17 - Re-Creation - a NEW creature!
- God Foreknew, Elected, and Chose **before the foundation of the earth**.
 - ELECTION: The **foundation** of our salvation. Get it wrong and you get all of salvation wrong.
 - God chose (Deuteronomy 7:6-11)
 - Everlasting Love (Jeremiah 31:3)
 - An oath/covenant (Genesis 15)
 - His special people (Ephesians 1:3-4; 1 Peter 2:9; Titus 2:14; Romans 8:28-30; Acts 15:18)
 - Those written in the *Lamb's Book of Life* **before the foundation of the earth** (Revelation 13:8; 17:8; Luke 10:20)
- The God's Requirements for His Lamb (Exodus 12:3-13)
 - ① Selected on the 10th day. Christ entered into Jerusalem on the 10th day to be tested before His death.
 - ② Male.
 - ③ Without blemish.
 - ④ Kept until the 14th day.
 - ⑤ Kill **the** Lamb.
 - ⑥ Apply the blood to the doorposts. (Ephesians 1:7)

- ⑦ Do not break any bones. (Exodus 12:46; Psalm 34:20; John 19:33, 36)
- ⑧ This is an everlasting ordinance as a memorial. (Exodus 12:14, 17)
- Covenant/God's Exception (Exodus 12:13; 11:7)
 - The sentence of death - "I will pass through Egypt and I will strike down all the firstborn . . ." (Exodus 12:12)
 - The exception: "When I see the blood . . ." - only the blood - nothing else!

From Exodus to John: Christ Our Passover (John 1:29, 36; 1 Cor 5:7)

- GOD provided a/His Lamb (John 1:29, 36) Christ is our Passover!!!
- ★ GOD provided His Lamb **for HIMSELF!** God *always* does everything for His name sake! (Genesis 22:8; Isaiah 43:25; 37:35; 48:8-10; Psalm 25:7, 11; Psalm 79:9; Ezekiel 20:9, 14, 22; 36:22, 32; Ephesians 1:3-14).
- In the fulness of time God sent His Lamb (Galatians 4:4; Ecclesiastes 3:1).
 - God kept His covenant/promise/Word.
 - In the fullness of time - at the appointed time.
 - God's **timing** - not man's. (Remember "the hour" in John)
- God provided His Lamb without blemish. A perfect sacrifice. God provided HIS OWN LAMB. One without blemish. To be the SUBSTITUTE for His chosen people - Christ is the Lamb of God (John 1:29-36; Gal 4:4; 1 John 3:5; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Hebrews 4:15; 1 Peter 3:18).
- (John 1:29) "world" getting the right definition. NOT for all mankind. NOT for only Israel. BUT for God's people "out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation" (Revelation 5:9)
 - God provided a MAN. (1 Timothy 2:5; John 19:5; Hebrews 10:12)
 - God provided an **innocent substitute** for His people. (1 Peter 3:18; John 18:38; 19:4, 6)
 - God brought HIS LAMB to Jerusalem on the 10th day to be tested! Christ was without sin. Tested by Pilate, Herod, two high priests, and the Sanhedrin - NONE COULD FIND FAULT! (Heb 4:15; 7:26; 8:46; 2 Cor 5:21; 1 Peter 2:22; 1 John 3:5)
 - Like Isaac, Christ trusted His Father and He laid down on the Cross voluntarily because it was the will of the Father (John 10:14-18; Philippians 2:5-8).
- (Isaiah 53:6, 10) God laid upon His Son all of the sins of His special people and then when . . .
 - ★ . . . Jerusalem was slaughtering their Passover lambs, . . .
- God crucified His Lamb as an **innocent substitute** for His people to propitiate His anger! (Isaiah 53:10; 1 John 4:10; Rom 3:25; 1 John 2:2; John 19:30).
- Christ died **for** His people and by His blood **their** sins are forgiven, pardoned, blotted out, ransomed and **redeemed!** (Acts 4:12; 1 Peter 1:9; Ephesians 1:7; Colossians 1:14; Hebrews 9:12; Jeremiah 33:8; 50:20; Micah 7:18; Isaiah 43:25; 44:22; Psalm 49:7; Isaiah 35:10; 51:11; Matthew 20:28; 1 Timothy 2:6)
 - By Christ's blood, and only His blood, our sins are **FORGOTTEN!** (Isaiah 43:25; Jeremiah 31:34; Hebrews 8:12; 10:17)

From Genesis to Revelation: God's Lamb on the Throne

- The Lamb - 28x in Revelation
 - (5:1-14) The Scroll and the Lamb
 - (v. 1) A sealed scroll with seven seals - the deed to the earth! A scroll of judgment and redemption!
 - (v. 2) "Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals?"
 - (v. 3) **NO ONE** in heaven or on earth was able to open the scroll.
 - (v. 4) "So I wept, because no one was found worthy."
 - (v. 5) Behold, the **Lion** of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, *has prevailed* to open the scroll.
 - (v. 6) But when John looked He saw a "Lamb as though it had been slain . . ."
 - (v. 7) The Lamb came and took the scroll out of the right hand of Him who sat on the Throne - the Ancient of Days (see Daniel 7:9-14).
 - (v. 8) MEDITATE: The four living creatures and 24 elders **fell down!**
 - (vv. 9-10) "**You are worthy . . .**"
 - (vv. 11-14) "**You are worthy . . .**"
 - See Revelation 7:9-10; 15:3 - ALL glory to the Lamb!
 - ★ Why do we, sinful creatures, not fall down and worship?
 - Every man has to deal with this Lamb.
 - **EITHER** He is the One, and there is no other, that redeems you.
 - **OR** you will suffer the wrath of the Lamb (Revelation 6:15-17; 19:15)
 - (6:1) The Lamb opens the seals that contain the wrath of God to be poured on the people of the earth.
 - (19:6-9) Are you **CALLED** to the marriage supper (FEAST) of the Lamb.
 - ★ Heaven is only open to those who written in *the Lamb's Book of Life*.

From Genesis to Revelation to TODAY to Eternity

- Revelation 21-22 describes the eternal reward for God's faithful people. Rev 22:1-3 - the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be there, and His **servants** shall serve Him.
- Are you in the Lamb's Book of Life? If you say, "YES", does your life give evidence by your obedience to the Lamb's commandments (Revelation 3:10; 12:17; 14:12; 22:14; John 14:15, 21, 23-24; 15:10, 13-14; 1 John 2:3-4; 5:1-3)
- (1 John 4:10) IF you have been abundantly BLESSED by God sending His Lamb to be the propitiation for YOUR sins . . . then

LET US REMEMBER!