

“The Kingdom of God!”



Part 4: “Illustrating the NEED for God’s salvation ...”

Exodus 12 - 20

Introduction: In order to believe the good news, you first have to HEAR and believe the bad news!

Once you accept the God of the Bible and believe His Word is true, the only possible conclusion is that mankind is hopelessly lost and in desperate need of salvation.

A proper diagnosis must be made before an effective treatment can be prescribed.

Three major themes run throughout the Bible: kingdom ... salvation and covenant.

Through the Passover and the giving of the Law God revealed the universal need of mankind for the salvation God would provide!

Genesis 49:10 ... God would send ONE who would be the King, the Anointed One, the Messiah, the Christ ... but first, He would prepare the world for His coming by revealing the NEED for salvation.

I. I believe God’s warning ...

God issues a warning of a tenth plague: the death of the firstborn.

Exodus 11:4-6, 12:29-30: “And there was a great cry in Egypt, for there was not a house where someone was not dead” (12:30).

It is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob who pronounces the verdict.

John 3:16-21: “... but whoever does not believe is condemned already ...” (vs. 18).

II Peter 3:3-7, 8-10: “But the day of the Lord WILL come like a thief ...” (vs. 10).

Matthew 24:37-39: “For as were the days of Noah ... they were unaware until the flood came ... so will be the coming of the Son of Man.”

II Thessalonians 2:9-12: “God sends them a strong delusion ... in order that all may be condemned who did not believe the truth” (vss. 11-12).

II. I believe God’s promise ...

Through these events in Exodus God was illustrating our need for salvation ... the Passover was like laser pointing to Jesus!

Exodus 12:1-13, 21-27: “The blood shall be a sign for you ... And when I see the blood, I will pass over you” (vs. 13).

Hebrews 9:11-14: “... He entered once for all into the holy places ... by means of His own blood, thus securing eternal redemption” (vs. 12).

John 1:29: “Behold, the Lamb of God!”

Matthew 26:26-29: “Take eat; this is my body ... Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant ...” (vss. 27-28).

God’s promise of salvation comes through the fulfillment of His Covenant of Grace with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

III. I believe MY need ...

Galatians 6:14: “Far be it from me to boast EXCEPT in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ!”

Exodus 20:1-2; Deuteronomy 6:4-15: “You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might” (6:5).

The Church is not made up of people who think we’re better, but of sinners who know our need!!

Galatians 3:19-26: “The Scripture imprisoned everything under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe” (vs. 22).

Romans 3:19-20: “... so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God!” (vs. 19).

Romans 5:8: “God shows His love for US in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for US!”

John 3:16: “God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him would NOT perish, but have everlasting life!”