

"On the Way" 365 Bible Reading Plan

EXODUS 12

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Exodus twelve is such an important chapter in the great **Story of God** that this brief space to comment will not allow more than a summary. The reader is greatly encouraged to listen to the "**On the Way...with Dr. Tony Crisp**" Podcast for the commentary on this historically and theologically rich chapter of the Bible. This redemptive event marks specifically the beginning of time for the Nation of Israel, as a national entity. The nation is born in this chapter and at Mt. Sinai is given its foundational documents that will guide it, as well as other nations who would follow the values set forth in the Ten Commandments and other related statutes.

The Story of Passover begins with a lamb being selected on the 10th day of the month of Abib. After four days, God would pass through the Land of Egypt and kill all the firstborn in Egypt. This is the final plague. It is the judgment of God. God commanded the Hebrews to slay the lamb set aside, on the 14th day of the month. In the

evening, the Hebrews were to gather fully clothed and ready to travel. The blood of the slain lamb was to be smeared on the upper beam and two side beams of the door of each dwelling. God said, when He saw the blood of the innocent lamb smeared on the door, He would "Passover" that family and spare the firstborn. Each family alone, or with another family were to eat unleavened bread, because the bread would not be given time to allow the yeast to ferment and expand the bread. They were to roast the lamb and destroy any part that was not eaten. They were to eat bitter herbs with the meal. This would be a memorial meal they would eat each year from that day forward and forever, as a reminder of this special night of deliverance from Egyptian bondage and God's faithfulness to the promises made to Abraham in Genesis fifteen.

Prayer and Action Steps
Thank God for His mercy!

Date _____ Scripture _____

- *Read the chapter. If you have time, read it again.*
- *Highlight, underline or circle the Key Verse or Verses of the chapter.*
- *Ask yourself these questions as you read through the chapter.*

Is this historical narrative, analogy, metaphor, allegory, or some other element of speech or communicating truth?

What is the Context? Old Testament? New Testament? What is the writer speaking or writing about? To whom is he writing?

Is this a clear passage of Scripture (can only be interpreted one way)? Or could the passage be interpreted legitimately, in two or more ways, according to grammar and context?

Does the passage teach a Biblical Precept; that is, tells you something to be, do or act? _____

Are there principles in this chapter that if followed, would require me to change my attitudes or actions? _____

Does the passage give a Biblical Pattern that is followed here and other places in the Bible? _____

