

TOO LITTLE FOR THE LAMB

Genesis 22:8 God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering.

John 1:29 Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

1 Corinthians 5:7 For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:

Isaiah 53:7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.

Acts 8:32, 35 The place of the scripture which he read was this, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth ... Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus.

- In Exodus 12, when the time came for deliverance from Egypt, God gave specific instructions to Moses. He gave Israel the “good news” of the Passover Lamb, and they could either accept or reject it.
- Each household took a first-year lamb on the 10th day of the first month and set it aside until the 14th day. In the evening the lamb was killed and its blood sprinkled on the household door. They feasted on the lamb, with bitter herbs and unleavened bread. They ate in haste, dressed to leave Egypt at midnight.
- The Passover lamb was set aside for four days. When Adam sinned, God’s Lamb was “set aside” to be hidden in OT typology for 4000 years, or “four days.” Jesus was manifested to Israel for 3½ years, then slain for the sins of men in the fourth year of His ministry. Jesus even entered Jerusalem on the tenth day of the month and was crucified on the fourteenth day, just like the Passover lamb.
- The Passover lamb had to be without blemish. Those inspecting “God’s Lamb” found Him without fault:
 - Pilate (“I find in Him no fault at all” - John 18:38)
 - Judas (“I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood” - Matthew 27:4)
 - The Centurion (“Truly this was the Son of God” - Matthew 27:54)

1 Peter 1:18-19 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

- Throughout Exodus 12, even though there were hundreds of lambs slain on Passover night, the word “lamb” is always singular – because God is pointing us ahead to His own sacrifice for sin!

Hebrews 9:12 Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.

Acts 20:28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

- There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Emmanuel’s veins
And sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains.

Dear dying Lamb, thy precious blood shall never lose its power
Till all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more.

E’er since by faith I saw the stream Thy flowing wounds supply
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.

Exodus 12:13 And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt.

- When the plague came to the door of a house covered by blood, death “PASSED OVER” the household. Why? **Because God had already been there in mercy before He arrived in judgment!**
- **Illustration:** prairie fire and fire break (sins already “burned over”)
- **My sins: “God’s already been here!”**
 - He has taken them away – John 1:29
 - He has forgotten them – Hebrews 10:17
 - He has washed them away – Isaiah 1:18
 - He has blotted them out – Isaiah 43:25
 - He has wiped them out like a cloud – Isaiah 44:22
 - He has pardoned them – Isaiah 55:7
 - He has buried them in the depths of the sea – Micah 7:19
- His blood is powerful blood – HEALING is provided in the atonement!
- **Psalm 105:37-45** He brought them forth also with silver and gold: and there was not one feeble person among their tribes. Egypt was glad when they departed: for the fear of them fell upon them. He spread a cloud for a covering; and fire to give light in the night. The people asked, and he brought quails, and satisfied them with the bread of heaven. He opened the rock, and the waters gushed out; they ran in the dry places like a river. For he remembered his holy promise, and Abraham his servant. And he brought forth his people with joy, and his chosen with gladness: And gave them the lands of the heathen: and they inherited the labour of the people; That they might observe his statutes, and keep his laws. Praise ye the Lord.

- Greek scholar A.T. Robertson reports that, while the NT uses the term “ho amnos” for “lamb,” when we get to the book of Revelation, John changes the term to “arnion” and uses it 29 times to refer to Christ. It stresses the slaughter, suffering, pain, agony and humiliation of Jesus on the cross – and lets us know that it is still remembered in Heaven. THE LAMB IS ALIVE, BUT WITH THE MARKS OF HIS SACRIFICE.
- No wonder Thomas, when he realized the significance of a mortal wound in the body of a living man, exclaimed “My Lord and my God!” (John 20:28).
- **Revelation 5:12-13** Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing. And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.
- **Revelation 7:13-17** And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.
- **Revelation 12:10-11** And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.
- **Revelation 17:14** These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.
- **Revelation 19:7-9** Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.
- **Revelation 21:22-23** And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.
- **That’s one powerful Lamb!**
- **Exodus 12:4** And if the household be too little for the lamb, let him and his neighbour next unto his house take it according to the number of the souls; every man according to his eating shall make your count for the lamb.
- It was one of the provisions of the Passover law that no man could eat his Passover alone – it was a household sacrifice. The blood of Jesus Christ does not belong to the Pentecostal church – it is too powerful, too great, and too mighty for that. It belongs to the entire sinful human race.
- What does the household represent?
 - Your family
 - The church, the household of faith
 - Christianity worldwide
- But these “houses,” no matter how great, are still TOO LITTLE FOR THE LAMB! We have no right to claim the Savior’s blood for ourselves alone! We cannot be content to be saved ourselves unless we have done everything in our power to give our neighbor an equal opportunity to receive eternal life!
- We have “TOO MUCH LAMB” – what are we doing to share Jesus Christ with our city?