"Behold the Lamb: Seeing Jesus in Exodus and Escaping Modern Deception"

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Text: Exodus 12:1-39

#### Introduction

Beloved in Christ, today we gather not merely to read an ancient story—but to uncover a divine revelation hidden in plain sight.

In Exodus 12, God institutes the Passover—a sacred ordinance that would forever mark the liberation of Israel from Egyptian slavery.

But this is far more than history.

This is a prophetic shadow pointing directly to Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world (John 1:29).

And yet, even as we celebrate this glorious truth, there is a dangerous deception spreading in the church today—one that leaves many religious but not regenerated, active in ministry but void of the Holy Spirit.

Today, we will see Jesus in the Passover lamb, expose the counterfeit, and call the church back to true freedom in Christ.

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# I. The Passover: A Divine Blueprint of Christ's Sacrifice (Exodus 12:1–13)

God gave Moses and Aaron precise instructions for the Passover.

Every detail foreshadows Jesus:

# The Lamb Without Blemish (v. 5)

"Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year."

→ Jesus is the sinless Lamb (1 Peter 1:19; Hebrews 4:15).

Not one bone was broken (John 19:36), just as the Passover lamb's bones were not to be broken (Exodus 12:46).

The Blood on the Doorposts (v. 7, 13)

The blood was a sign—not for the devil, but for God.

→ "When I see the blood, I will pass over you."

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This is critical: the blood of Jesus does not protect us from the devil—it protects us from God's righteous wrath (Romans 5:9).

We are saved from judgment, not from trials.

Sickness, persecution, and temptation still come—but condemnation does not (Romans 8:1).

The Timing: The 14th Day at Twilight (v. 6)

Jesus was crucified on Passover day (Matthew 26:2, 17–19; John 19:14).

He is our Passover Lamb (1 Corinthians 5:7).

# The Meal:

Roasted with Fire, with Unleavened Bread and Bitter Herbs (v. 8–9)

Roasted with fire: Symbolizes judgment. Jesus bore the fire of God's wrath for us.

Unleavened bread: Leaven = sin. Christ is pure, and we are called to live in sincerity and truth (1 Corinthians 5:8).

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Bitter herbs: Remind us of the bitterness of slavery to sin—now replaced by the sweetness of grace.

# **Application:**

When you partake of the Lord's Supper, you are not merely remembering a meal—you are declaring that you stand under the blood of the perfect Lamb.

God sees you in Christ, covered by His righteousness.

# II. The Urgency of Readiness: A Lifestyle of Spiritual Alertness

(Exodus 12:11)

"You shall eat it with a belt on your waist, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. So you shall eat it in haste."

This was not a relaxed dinner—it was a war-time meal.

They were ready to move at a moment's notice.

# **Spiritual Principle:**

True believers live in constant readiness.

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Jesus said, "Watch therefore, for you do not know the day nor the hour" (Matthew 25:13).

The Holy Spirit calls us to be alert, not complacent (1 Thessalonians 5:6).

# Warning:

When we grow comfortable in sin, tradition, or religious routine—without the fire of the Spirit—we become vulnerable.

The enemy strikes when we are spiritually asleep.

# III. The Great Deception in the Church Today: Religious Activity Without Regeneration

Brothers and sisters, I must speak plainly: many in the church are not born again.

This week in Malawi, at a pastors' conference, seven ministers confessed they had never received the Holy Spirit.

No new heart. No new spirit.

Yet they stood in pulpits, performed baptisms, and led congregations.

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Jesus warned: "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 7:21–23).

Religious spirits masquerade as the Holy Spirit.

They produce activity without holiness, noise without power, tradition without truth.

#### Easter?

The word "Easter" has pagan roots (Acts 12:4 in KJV is a mistranslation; the Greek says Pascha—Passover).

The church must return to biblical truth, not cultural compromise.

The Passover is not about bunnies or eggs—it's about blood, judgment, and deliverance.

And Jesus fulfilled it perfectly on the cross.

IV. True Freedom: From Slavery to Sonship (Exodus 12:31–42)

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Pharaoh cried out at midnight: "Rise, go out... and bless me also!" (v. 32).

Even the enemies of God want His blessing—but not His Lordship.

Israel left Egypt with 600,000 men—nearly 2 million people, plus a "mixed multitude" (v. 38).

They took gold, silver, and clothing—not for greed, but to build the tabernacle (Exodus 25:3; 35:22).

God provides for His purposes.

# **Spiritual Truth:**

When you are born again, you are not just forgiven—you are equipped.

- You carry divine resources.
- You are called to build God's house, not your own empire.

# **Beware:**

the same gold used for the ark was later used for the golden calf (Exodus 32). Stewardship matters.

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# V. The Pillar of Cloud and Fire: Our Guide Today

(Exodus 13:21–22)

"The Lord went before them by day in a pillar of cloud... and by night in a pillar of fire."

Then: a visible manifestation.

#### Now:

the Holy Spirit (John 14:16–17; Romans 8:14).

# **Testimony:**

I have seen the fire of God—blue flames, glory clouds—on believers who are pure in heart and yielded to Christ.

But this is not for show. It is for obedience.

If you've never felt the fire of the Spirit burning in your bones—draw near.

Confess sin. Seek cleansing. Ask for a new heart (Ezekiel 36:26).

The Holy Spirit falls on the humble, the holy, and the hungry.

Pentecost was not manufactured (Acts 2:1–4).

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It came from heaven. Stop trying to "blow the wind" with your mouth—seek the real move of God.

#### **Conclusion:**

#### The Final Call

See Jesus in Exodus—He is the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world (Revelation 13:8).

Reject religious deception—be born again, filled with the Spirit, walking in truth.

Live in readiness—girded, shod, staff in hand—prepared for the Lord's return.

Trust the blood—not as a charm against demons, but as your only hope before a holy God.

Follow the fire—let the Spirit lead you day and night.

# **Altar Call:**

If you have never truly surrendered to Jesus—if you've been religious but not regenerated—come now.

Ask Him for a new heart. Receive the Holy Spirit.

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And if you are already His, recommit to walking in the fire, in the blood, in the truth.

For "Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed for us.

Therefore, let us keep the feast" (1 Corinthians 5:7–8)—not with old leaven, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.