



12 *While the Israelites were still in the land of Egypt, the LORD gave the following instructions to Moses and Aaron: ² “From now on, this month will be the first month of the year for you. ³ Announce to the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each family must choose a lamb or a young goat for a sacrifice, one animal for each household.*



⁴ If a family is too small to eat a whole animal, let them share with another family in the neighborhood. Divide the animal according to the size of each family and how much they can eat. ⁵ The animal you select must be a one-year-old male, either a sheep or a goat, with no defects. ⁶ “Take special care of this chosen animal until the evening of the fourteenth day of this first month.



Then the whole assembly of the community of Israel must slaughter their lamb or young goat at twilight. ⁷ They are to take some of the blood and smear it on the sides and top of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the animal. ⁸ That same night they must roast the meat over a fire and eat it along with bitter salad greens and bread made without yeast.



⁹ Do not eat any of the meat raw or boiled in water. The whole animal—including the head, legs, and internal organs—must be roasted over a fire. ¹⁰ Do not leave any of it until the next morning. Burn whatever is not eaten before morning.



11 “These are your instructions for eating this meal: Be fully dressed, wear your sandals, and carry your walking stick in your hand. Eat the meal with urgency, for this is the LORD’s Passover.

12 On that night I will pass through the land of Egypt and strike down every firstborn son and firstborn male animal in the land of Egypt. I will execute judgment against all the gods of Egypt, for I am the LORD!



13 But the blood on your doorposts will serve as a sign, marking the houses where you are staying. When I see the blood, I will pass over you. This plague of death will not touch you when I strike the land of Egypt.

14 “This is a day to remember. Each year, from generation to generation, you must celebrate it as a special festival to the LORD. This is a law for all time.



when CHRIST
returns

— REVELATION 1-5 —

The Second Vision: (4:1 – 11:18) – Heaven’s Throne; Heaven’s Lamb; Heaven’s Scrolls.

The first vision reveals what heaven sees happening on earth.

- Jesus describes the spiritual condition of His churches in Asia.

The next vision invites earth to see what is happening in heaven.

- John is commanded to look in on the throne room of God!

4 *Then as I looked, I saw a door standing open in heaven, and the same voice I had heard before spoke to me like a trumpet blast. The voice said, “Come up here, and I will show you what must happen after this.”* **2** *And instantly I was in the Spirit, and I saw a throne in heaven and someone sitting on it ...*

The Throne of Heaven: (4:1-11)

1. The Throne is the most dominant image in all of Revelation!
2. The Throne is occupied – God is sitting on His Throne.
3. The Throne is surrounded in supernatural brilliance & power. (v.v. 3-11)
 - glowing colours; flashes of lightening and thunder; sea of crystal.
 - the Spirit of God flaming in front.
 - 4 supernatural creatures – lion, ox, man, eagle.
 - 24 elders, crowned & dressed in white.
4. The Throne is saturated in worship. (v.v. 8-11)

*“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God, the Almighty—
the one who always was, who is, and who is still to come.” ...*

*“You are worthy, O Lord our God, to receive glory & honor & power.
For you created all things, and they exist because you created what
you pleased.”*

Reminder: Chapter 4 provides only half of what God wants us to see of His Throne Room.

- we see here His majesty, authority and holiness.
- BUT, we also need to witness His grace, mercy & love.
 - without them, we will live in constant fear of Him, because we are not holy ... we are sinful.

***5** Then I saw a scroll in the right hand of the one who was sitting on the throne. There was writing on the inside and the outside of the scroll, and it was sealed with seven seals. **2** And I saw a strong angel, who shouted with a loud voice: “Who is worthy to break the seals on this scroll and open it?” **3** But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll and read it.*

Understanding the Vision:

1. *5 Then I saw a scroll in the right hand of the one who was sitting on the throne. There was writing on the inside and the outside of the scroll, and it was sealed with seven seals.*
 - the Scroll is the title deed to the Universe, and God owns it.
 - it is a legal document – the details of what it contains are sealed.
 - it is a document of *kairos* – God's redemptive activity.
 - the final chapter, where evil is vapourized, and only holiness remains.
 - it is a document of hope, and restoration and glory!

Understanding the Vision:

1. *5 Then I saw a scroll in the right hand of the one who was sitting on the throne. There was writing on the inside & the outside of the scroll, and it was sealed with seven seals.*

2. *2 And I saw a strong angel, who shouted with a loud voice: “Who is worthy to break the seals on this scroll and open it?” 3 But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll and read it.*
 - no one in heaven stirs ...
 - no angel, nor saint ...
 - not the living creatures, nor the twenty-four elders ...
 - there is nothing created worthy to take the scroll and open it.

Understanding the Vision:

1. *5 Then I saw a scroll in the right hand of the one who was sitting on the throne. There was writing on the inside & the outside of the scroll, and it was sealed with seven seals.*
2. *2 And I saw a strong angel, who shouted with a loud voice: “Who is worthy to break the seals on this scroll and open it?” 3 But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll and read it.*
3. *4 Then I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll and read it.*
 - is there no hope for the world, even from heaven?
 - can no one bring about God’s final redemption ...?

⁵ But one of the twenty-four elders said to me, “Stop weeping! Look, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the heir to David’s throne, has won the victory. He is worthy to open the scroll and its seven seals.”

“Judah, your brothers will praise you; your hand will be on the neck of your enemies; your father’s sons will bow down to you.

⁹ You are a lion’s cub, Judah; you return from the prey, my son.

Like a lion he crouches and lies down, like a lioness—who dares to rouse him?

¹⁰ The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler’s staff from between his feet, until he to whom it belongs shall come and the obedience of the nations shall be his.

Genesis 49

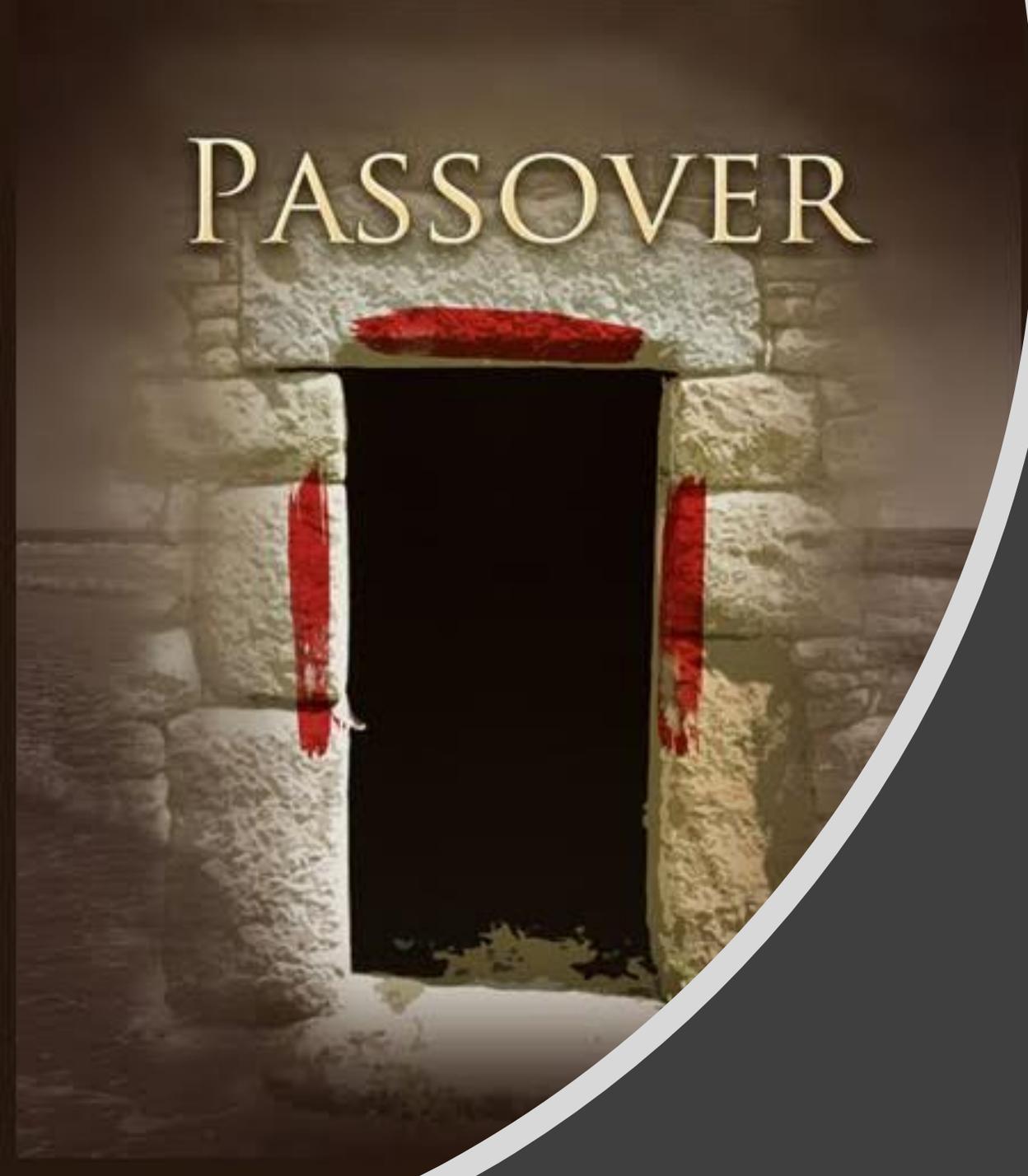
⁶ Then I saw a Lamb that looked as if it had been slaughtered ... ⁷ He stepped forward and took the scroll from the right hand of the one sitting on the throne.

The elder said, "The lion has overcome. Look." And John looks for a lion and finds ... a lamb. What a revelation! The lamb is the lion. The Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, is the Lion of Judah who will take back the earth again ... and the Lamb is standing – alive & well!

The Revelation is revealing: "The lion is the lamb. The lamb is the lion." He is the Messiah in his substitutionary role as the sacrifice for sin ... and He is alive and He is ready for conflict Here is the picture of Christ.

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PASSOVER

A stone archway with red paint markings, symbolizing the Passover story. The arch is made of light-colored stone blocks. A thick red horizontal line is painted across the top of the arch. Two vertical red lines are painted on the inner sides of the arch, extending downwards. The background is a dark, textured wall.

Luke 22

The Festival of Unleavened Bread, which is also called Passover, was approaching ...

¹⁴ (and) when the time came, Jesus and the apostles sat down together at the table.

¹⁵ Jesus said, “I have been very eager to eat this Passover meal with you before my suffering begins...

¹⁹ Then he took some bread and gave thanks to God for it. He broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

²⁰ After supper he took another cup of wine and said, “This cup is the new covenant between God and his people—an agreement confirmed with my blood, which is poured out as a sacrifice for you.