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Pray for Immigrant Families

John 10:9:

"I am the door, whoever enters through me will be saved, and will go in and out, and find pasture."

"1 Timothy 2:3-4:

"It is good and gratifying to pray for all before God our Savior. God desires that all people be saved and come to know the truth."

2 Peter 3:9:

"The Lord has not yet fulfilled his promise, and some think he is delaying, but he is not delaying, but is patient with you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."

These verses highlight God's love and desire for the world to grant deliverance and redemption with the opportunity for eternal life. God's salvation is based on his grace and faith, not on individual works or efforts.

The Israelites' Passover is a symbolic event of God's deliverance of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt. God commanded the Israelites to keep the Passover and to smear the blood of the Passover on the lintels so that the angels would recognize and protect them as they passed by

The Passover is to commemorate the important event of God's salvation of the Israelites and to pass on this commemoration to future generations

We are to keep a holy and pure heart, renounce sin and evil things, and live in a holy way.

We all look forward to this opportunity and pray for families immigrating or immigrating

Dear God:

On this special day, We stand at the threshold of transformation,

Ready to embark on a new journey and start a new life.

Please give us strength and courage,

Support us in the face of unknown challenges.

Please protect our family and dear friends,

Make them feel safe and comforted when We are gone.

help us keep in touch with them,

No matter how far the distance is, let our love and care last forever.

Please lead our steps,

Let us find the strength and wisdom to adapt to the new environment.

Help us form new relationships,

Find support and friendship and be a meaningful part of it.

Please give us hope and confidence,

Stay steadfast even in difficult times.

Help us discover new opportunities and possibilities,

And use our abilities and talents to realize our dreams.

Please grant us respect and love for this new country,

Let us integrate into the local culture and contribute to the community.

Help us to be a righteous and loving person,

Bring positive change to the world.

Lord, thank you for being with us on this journey,

We believe you will always be by our side.

In Jesus name, we pray. Amen

Exodus chapter 12

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Ex. 12:1 The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt,

Ex. 12:2 “This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year.

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Ex. 12:3 Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household.

Ex. 12:4 If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbour, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat.

Ex. 12:5 The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats.

Ex. 12:6 Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the people of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight.

Ex. 12:7 Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the door-frames of the houses where they

eat the lambs.

Ex. 12:8 That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast.

Ex. 12:9 Do not eat the meat raw or cooked in water, but roast it over the fire — head, legs and inner parts.

Ex. 12:10 Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it.

Ex. 12:11 This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the LORD's Passover.

Ex. 12:12 "On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn — both men and animals — and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD.

Ex. 12:13 The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt.

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Ex. 12:14 "This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD — a lasting ordinance.

Ex. 12:15 For seven days you are to eat bread made without yeast. On the first day remove the yeast from your houses, for whoever eats anything with yeast in it from the first day until the seventh must be cut off from Israel.

Ex. 12:16 On the first day hold a sacred assembly, and another one on the seventh day. Do no work at all on these days, except to prepare food for everyone to eat — that is all you may do.

Ex. 12:17 "Celebrate the Feast of Unleavened Bread, because it was on this very day that I brought your divisions out of Egypt.

Celebrate this day as a lasting ordinance for the generations

to come.

Ex. 12:18 In the first month you are to eat bread made without yeast, from the evening of the fourteenth day until the evening of the twenty-first day.

Ex. 12:19 For seven days no yeast is to be found in your houses. And whoever eats anything with yeast in it must be cut off from the community of Israel, whether he is an alien or nativeborn.

Ex. 12:20 Eat nothing made with yeast. Wherever you live, you must eat unleavened bread.”

Ex. 12:21 Then Moses summoned all the elders of Israel and said to them, “Go at once and select the animals for your families and slaughter the Passover lamb.

Ex. 12:22 Take a bunch of hyssop, dip it into the blood in the basin and put some of the blood on the top and on both sides of the door-frame. Not one of you shall go out of the door of his house until morning.

Ex. 12:23 When the LORD goes through the land to strike down the Egyptians, he will see the blood on the top and sides of the door-frame and will pass over that doorway, and he will not
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permit the destroyer to enter your houses and strike you down.

Ex. 12:24 “Obey these instructions as a lasting ordinance for you and your descendants.

Ex. 12:25 When you enter the land that the LORD will give you as he promised, observe this ceremony.

Ex. 12:26 And when your children ask you, ‘What does this ceremony mean to you?’

Ex. 12:27 then tell them, ‘It is the Passover sacrifice to the LORD, who passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt and spared

our homes when he struck down the Egyptians.” Then the people bowed down and worshipped.

Ex. 12:28 The Israelites did just what the LORD commanded Moses and Aaron.

Ex. 12:29 At midnight the LORD struck down all the firstborn in Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh, who sat on the throne, to the firstborn of the prisoner, who was in the dungeon, and the firstborn of all the livestock as well.

Ex. 12:30 Pharaoh and all his officials and all the Egyptians got up during the night, and there was loud wailing in Egypt, for there was not a house without someone dead.

Ex. 12:31 During the night Pharaoh summoned Moses and Aaron and said, “Up! Leave my people, you and the Israelites! Go, worship the LORD as you have requested.

Ex. 12:32 Take your flocks and herds, as you have said, and go. And also bless me.”

Ex. 12:33 The Egyptians urged the people to hurry and leave the country. “For otherwise,” they said, “we will all die!”

Ex. 12:34 So the people took their dough before the yeast was added, and carried it on their shoulders in kneading troughs wrapped in clothing.

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Ex. 12:35 The Israelites did as Moses instructed and asked the Egyptians for articles of silver and gold and for clothing.

Ex. 12:36 The LORD had made the Egyptians favourably disposed towards the people, and they gave them what they asked for; so they plundered the Egyptians.

Ex. 12:37 The Israelites journeyed from Rameses to Succoth. There were about six hundred thousand men on foot, besides women and children.

Ex. 12:38 Many other people went up with them, as well as large droves of livestock, both flocks and herds.

Ex. 12:39 With the dough they had brought from Egypt, they baked cakes of unleavened bread. The dough was without yeast because they had been driven out of Egypt and did not have time to prepare food for themselves.

Ex. 12:40 Now the length of time the Israelite people lived in Egypt was 430 years.

Ex. 12:41 At the end of the 430 years, to the very day, all the LORD's divisions left Egypt.

Ex. 12:42 Because the LORD kept vigil that night to bring them out of Egypt, on this night all the Israelites are to keep vigil to honour the LORD for the generations to come.

Ex. 12:43 The LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "These are the regulations for the Passover: "No foreigner is to eat of it.

Ex. 12:44 Any slave you have bought may eat of it after you have circumcised him,

Ex. 12:45 but a temporary resident and a hired worker may not eat of it.

Ex. 12:46 "It must be eaten inside one house; take none of the meat outside the house. Do not break any of the bones.

Ex. 12:47 The whole community of Israel must celebrate it.

Ex. 12:48 "An alien living among you who wants to celebrate the LORD's Passover must have all the males in his household

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circumcised; then he may take part like one born in the land.

No uncircumcised male may eat of it.

Ex. 12:49 The same law applies to the native-born and to the alien living among you."

Ex. 12:50 All the Israelites did just what the LORD had commanded Moses and Aaron.

Ex. 12:51 And on that very day the LORD brought the Israelites out of Egypt by their divisions.

Chapter 12 of Exodus in the Bible describes the final plague, the death of the firstborn, and how the Israelites should prepare for it.

God instructs Moses and Aaron to tell the Israelites to choose a lamb or goat, slaughter it, and mark their doorposts with its blood. They are to roast the meat and eat it with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. This meal is called the Passover, and it is to be eaten in haste, with their sandals on and staff in hand, ready to leave Egypt.

That night, God strikes down every firstborn in Egypt, but passes over the houses of the Israelites who have followed His instructions. Pharaoh finally agrees to let the Israelites leave Egypt, and they begin their journey to the Promised Land.

God commands the Israelites to observe the Passover every year as a reminder of their deliverance from slavery in Egypt. The chapter ends with the departure of the Israelites and the Egyptians giving them gold, silver, and clothing as compensation for their years of slavery.

The key verses Chapter 12 of Exodus in the Bible

Exodus chapter 12 describes the Passover feast and the final judgment against Egypt, as the Israelites prepare to leave Egypt. Here are some key verses from Exodus chapter 12:

1. "The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, 'This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household'" (Exodus 12:1-3): This verse establishes the Passover feast, a celebration that commemorates God's deliverance of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt.
2. "Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs" (Exodus 12:7): This verse describes the ritual of marking the doorposts with the blood of a lamb, as a sign for God to pass over that household and spare them from the final plague.
3. "And when your children ask you, 'What does this ceremony mean to you?' then tell them, 'It is the Passover sacrifice to the Lord, who passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt and spared our homes when he struck down the Egyptians'" (Exodus 12:26-27): This verse emphasizes the importance of passing down the tradition of the Passover feast to future generations.
4. "The Israelites did just what the Lord commanded Moses and Aaron" (Exodus 12:28): This verse shows the obedience of the Israelites to God's instructions for the Passover feast.
5. "At midnight the Lord struck down all the firstborn in Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh, who sat on the throne, to the firstborn of the prisoner, who was in the dungeon, and the firstborn of all the livestock as well" (Exodus 12:29): This verse describes the final judgment against Egypt, in which the

firstborn of every household and animal died, except for the Israelites who had marked their doorposts with the blood of a lamb.

6. "The Egyptians urged the people to hurry and leave the country. 'For otherwise,' they said, 'we will all die!'" (Exodus 12:33): This verse shows how the Egyptians were eager to see the Israelites leave after the final judgment.

7. "The Israelites journeyed from Rameses to Sukkoth. There were about six hundred thousand men on foot, besides women and children" (Exodus 12:37): This verse gives an estimate of the number of Israelites who left Egypt, highlighting the great multitude that God had delivered from slavery.

Here's a reflection on Exodus chapter 12:

Exodus chapter 12 is a pivotal chapter in the book of Exodus as it describes the institution of the Passover and the final act of God's deliverance of the Israelites from Egypt. This chapter marks a turning point in their journey from slavery to freedom.

One of the central themes in this chapter is the redemption and salvation provided by God through the Passover. God instructs Moses and Aaron to prepare the Israelites for their departure from Egypt by observing the Passover feast. They are to take a lamb without blemish, sacrifice it, and apply its blood to the doorposts of their houses. The blood of the lamb acts as a sign of protection, ensuring that the destroyer would pass over their homes and spare their firstborn.

Through the Passover, God demonstrates His power and mercy, showing Himself as the ultimate deliverer and redeemer. The lamb's blood represents the sacrifice that atones for sin and provides a way for the Israelites to be spared from the judgment and death that comes upon Egypt. This foreshadows the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, whose blood redeems and saves all who believe in Him.

Another important theme in this chapter is the call to remember and celebrate the Passover as a perpetual observance for future generations. God commands the Israelites to commemorate the deliverance from Egypt by observing the Passover feast annually. This serves as a reminder of God's faithfulness, His redemption, and His covenant relationship with His people.

Reflecting on Exodus chapter 12, we can draw several lessons for our own lives. Firstly, it reminds us of the power of God's redemption and salvation. Just as the blood of the Passover lamb protected the Israelites from judgment, the blood of Jesus Christ offers us forgiveness and deliverance from sin and death. It is through Jesus' sacrifice on the cross that we can experience true freedom and new life.

Secondly, this chapter emphasizes the importance of remembering God's faithfulness and redemption. The Passover feast was instituted as a perpetual observance to ensure that future generations would not forget God's deliverance. In our own lives, we are called to remember and celebrate God's faithfulness and

redemption, both individually and corporately. We can do this through regular worship, communion, and testimonies of God's work in our lives.

Furthermore, Exodus chapter 12 highlights the significance of obedience and faith in God's instructions. The Israelites were called to trust in God's provision and faithfully follow His commands regarding the Passover. Their obedience and faith opened the way for God's deliverance. In our own lives, we are called to obey God's Word and trust in His guidance, knowing that He will lead us to freedom and fulfill His promises.

In conclusion, Exodus chapter 12 portrays the institution of the Passover as a powerful symbol of God's redemption and deliverance. It calls us to embrace the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, remember God's faithfulness, and walk in obedience and faith. By reflecting on these lessons, we can experience the freedom and salvation offered by God, celebrate His faithfulness, and live in a way that honors Him and shares His redemptive love with others.