

“What Mean Ye By This Service?”

Exodus 12:26

HISTORY

- Exodus 5:1 *“And afterward Moses and Aaron came, and said unto Pharaoh, Thus saith Jehovah, the God of Israel, Let my people go, that they may hold a feast unto me in the wilderness.”*

HISTORY

- Exodus 3:19-20 *“And I know that the king of Egypt will not give you leave to go, no, not by a mighty hand. And I will put forth my hand, and smite Egypt with all my wonders which I will do in the midst thereof: and after that he will let you go.”*

HISTORY

- Exodus 6:1 *“And Jehovah said unto Moses, Now shalt thou see what I will do to Pharaoh: for by a strong hand shall he let them go, and by a strong hand shall he drive them out of his land.”*

PLAGUES UPON EGYPT

- Water changed to blood (Exodus 7:14-25)
- Frogs (Exodus 8:1-15)
- Lice (Exodus 8:16-19)
- Swarms of flies (Exodus 8:20-32)
- Livestock diseased (Exodus 9:1-7)
- Boils (Exodus 9:8-12)

PLAGUES UPON EGYPT

- Hail (Exodus 9:13-35)
- Locusts (Exodus 10:1-20)
- Darkness (Exodus 10:21-29)
- The death of the firstborn (Exodus 11:1-12:30)
 - The story of the plagues is summarized in Psalms 78:44-51 and again in Psalms 105:28-36.
 - In Psalms 135:8 and 136:10 the death of the firstborn is the only plague mentioned at all.

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The Passover Exodus 12:12-14, 27-30

It would be a memorial.

- “This word conveys the essential quality of remembering something in the past that has a particular significance.” (The Complete Word Study Dictionary)
- Purpose of a memorial is to preserve and keep alive.

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A Night To Be Remembered (Exodus 12:42)

- “It is a night to be much observed unto Jehovah for bringing them out from the land of Egypt: this is that night of Jehovah, to be much observed of all the children of Israel throughout their generations.”

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- Future generations to be taught about the Passover.
- When the children would ask, “*What mean ye by this service?*” they were to be taught its significance fully and clearly (cf. Exodus 12:26-27; 13:8,14).
- Annual feast day: Exodus 13:10

Leviticus 23:5 “In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at even, is Jehovah’s passover.”

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The Rainbow Genesis 9:8-17

It is a memorial to the covenant God made with all flesh to never destroy the earth by a flood.

World will be destroyed by fire.
2 Peter 3:4-7,10-12

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The Omer Of Manna Exodus 16:31-34

It is a memorial of God feeding Israel in the wilderness.

God cares for us. Matthew 6:25-34

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The Pillar Of Stones Joshua 4:1-7,20-24

It is a memorial of the crossing of the Jordan.

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The Lord's Supper 1 Corinthians 11:24-25

Memorial to Christ. 1 Corinthians 11:24

- Shows the Lord's death. 1 Corinthians 11:26
- Shows the new covenant, established by the blood. 1 Corinthians 11:25

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The Lord's Supper

Observed with frequency.

1 Corinthians 11:26, “for as often...” (cf. Acts 2:42)

Observed on the first day of the week. Acts 20:7

IT IS EASY TO FORGET THE LORD

- Warnings.
 - Deuteronomy 4:9,23 Judges 2:10
 - Deuteronomy 6:12 Context
 - Deuteronomy 8:11,14,19
 - Joshua 24:15

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- Yet, God's people forgot Him
Jeremiah 2:32 “Can a virgin forget her ornaments, or a bride her attire? yet my people have forgotten me days without number.” (cf. Jeremiah 23:27)

CONCLUSION:

- God's wisdom in providing memorials

Exodus 13:8-9 “And thou shalt tell thy son in that day, saying, It is because of that which Jehovah did for me when I came forth out of Egypt. And it shall be for a sign unto thee upon thy hand, and for a memorial between thine eyes, that the law of Jehovah may be in thy mouth: for with a strong hand hath Jehovah brought thee out of Egypt.”

CONCLUSION:

- Memory rekindles the fire!
 - Passover
 - Rainbow
 - Omer of manna
 - Pillar of Stones
 - Lord's Supper – “The Breaking Of Bread”