



No real connection to the Passover even though many Chinese subscribe to this. The reason why it is not credible that the Chinese New Year tradition of putting up couplets on red paper around the door post is linked to the Passover is because:

- Passover pre-dates this practice by thousands of years. First Passover was dated to around 1450 BCE to 1250 BCE.
- The original Chinese practice was not with red paper. It was with wood carving of idols. First written spring couplets dated to 964 CE and then in Ming Dynasty around the 14<sup>th</sup> century, it was changed to the couplets being written on red paper.

Interesting but no real contactation.



# Passover Grace

## Ephesians 11 - 12

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# Hardening of the Heart

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# Purpose of the Plagues

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1. You will know me—Worship the only God
2. God's Redemptive Power of Salvation—Let My People Go
3. Warning and Judgment—Separate Believers from Non-believers

# The 10th Plague Announced

*“<sup>1</sup> Now the LORD had said to Moses, “I will bring one more plague on Pharaoh and on Egypt. After that, he will let you go from here, and when he does, he will drive you out completely. Ex 11:1*

*“<sup>4</sup> So Moses said, “This is what the LORD says: ‘About midnight I will go throughout Egypt. <sup>5</sup> Every firstborn son in Egypt will die, from the firstborn son of Pharaoh, who sits on the throne, to the firstborn son of the female slave, who is at her hand mill, and all the firstborn of the cattle as well. <sup>6</sup> There will be loud wailing throughout Egypt—worse than there has ever been or ever will be again. <sup>7</sup> But among the Israelites not a dog will bark at any person or animal.’ Then you will know that the LORD makes a distinction between Egypt and Israel.” Ex 11:4-7*

# The 10<sup>th</sup> Plague Executed

*“<sup>29</sup> 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. <sup>30</sup> 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 12:29-30*

*“<sup>31</sup> 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. <sup>32</sup> Take your flocks and herds, as you have said, and go. And also bless me.” Ex 12:31-32*

# What Happened In Between The Announcement Of The 10th Plague And The Execution

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The Passover



# The Elements Of The Passover

*Ex 12:1-13*

*<sup>1</sup> The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, <sup>2</sup> “This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. <sup>3</sup> 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. ...<sup>6</sup> all the members of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight.*

*<sup>7</sup> 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.*

*<sup>8</sup> That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast.*

*<sup>11</sup> 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.*

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The Israelites have to kill a lamb and brush the blood of the lamb on the door post for the Angel of death to Passover. The blood and not the people inside let the Angel of Death know which house to pass over.

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## Pointing To

A New Beginning

- Leaving the old life in Egypt behind
- Our new life in Christ means leaving the old life behind

Judgment for all

- A life is required from every home
- First born son or the unblemished lamb
- Jesus as the unblemished sacrificial lamb

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*<sup>14</sup> "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.*

*<sup>17</sup> "Celebrate the Festival of Unleavened Bread, because it was on this very day that I brought your divisions out of Egypt.*

*<sup>26</sup> And when your children ask you, 'What does this ceremony mean to you?' <sup>27</sup> 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.'"*

## Pointing To

A Quick Meal and Ready to Leave  
→ Not a relaxed dinner, sandals on  
→ Unleavened bread

- No time to wait
- No yeast = no sin, leaving sin behind in Egypt

The Duty of Legacy

# Shadow To Reality

## Christ as our Passover

1 Cor 5:7: *“For Christ, as our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed.”*

## Grace Over Performance

- The Angel of Death did not look inside the house to see how educated, talented or righteous the people were
- The safety of the people was completely dependent on the blood on the door → The grace of God
- Even the Israelites did not get automatic redemption



## The Two Great Acts of Redemption in the Bible

Exodus in the  
Old  
Testament

Calvary in the  
New  
Testament

These two acts of redemption were both a demonstration of God's grace. Blood needed to be shed for redemption. For the enslaved Israelites, it was the blood of the sacrificial lamb on the door post that saved that household from death. Likewise, it's Jesus blood, our sacrificial lamb that saved us from eternal damnation.

## Understanding the Cross Through the Passover



*“Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!” John 1:29*

*“Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing at the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders.” Rev 5:6*



Shared the shed blood

“<sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: <sup>19</sup> that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people’s sins against them. “ 2 Cor 5:18-19

## Passover Grace Discussion Questions

Imagine being a firstborn child inside a house in Goshen during that first Passover night. Your safety relies completely on a promise from God about blood painted on a door you can't see from inside the house.

*What does this tell us about the difference between **feeling safe** based on our circumstances versus **being safe** based on Christ's finished work?*

Cheap grace costs nothing and changes nothing. But the grace of the Passover required the death of an innocent, spotless lamb and an immediate, radical departure from Egypt.

*How does reflecting on the intense cost of our 'Passover Lamb' (Jesus) change the way we view our daily obedience and our willingness to leave our own 'Egypt' behind?*

We work incredibly hard to pass down wealth, opportunities, & education to our children.

*But are we actively articulating **why** we worship Jesus? When our children look at our lives, do they see a faith worth asking about? Share your experience in modeling Your faith to your children.*

**Leaving “Egypt”, the Slave Mentality. Likewise, we have an old self, who was slaved to sin. But through Christ our redeemer, we too can leave the slave to sin mentality behind.**

*“<sup>40</sup> Now the length of time the Israelite people lived in Egypt was 430 years. <sup>41</sup> At the end of the 430 years, to the very day, all the LORD's divisions left Egypt.” Ex 12:40,41*

### **Duty of Legacy**

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## Galatians 2:20

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<sup>20</sup> I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.



**Not I, but Christ in me.**



*"Lamb of God"*  
*Twila Paris*

Let Us Worship Our Lord And Savior

Most of us have been a Christian for a long time and know what our "Egypt" is. Reminding ourselves to acknowledge Christ sacrifice for us and worshipping Him is one of the best ways to leave our old ways behind and live a life of obedience.