

“Celebrating Passover”
Bible Stories Sermon Series, Pt. 14 – Exodus 12; 1 Cor. 5:1-7
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I. Who will pass over us on the Last Day?

A. Who passed over Israel?

1. God, generally.
2. Specifically, the Destroyer. (Ex. 12:23)

B. Who is the Destroyer?

1 Chronicles 21:15–16 - ¹⁵ And God sent the Angel to Jerusalem to destroy it, but as he was about to destroy it, the Lord saw, and he relented from the calamity. And he said to the Angel who was working destruction, “It is enough; now stay your hand.” And the Angel of the Lord was standing by the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite. ¹⁶ And David lifted his eyes and saw the Angel of the Lord standing between earth and heaven, and in his hand a drawn sword stretched out over Jerusalem. Then David and the elders, clothed in sackcloth, fell upon their faces.

1. The Destroyer is The Angel of the Lord. (See also Is. 37)
2. The Angel of the Lord was God the Son, pre-incarnation.
3. Jesus will return to earth as the Destroyer once again:

John 5:22 - For the Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son.

Revelation 19:11–15 - ¹¹ Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. ¹² His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. ¹³ He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God. ¹⁴ And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses. ¹⁵ From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty.

II. Why will we be passed over on the Last Day?

- A. Israel was passed over because of the blood of the Passover lamb on their doors.
- B. We will be passed over because the blood of the true Passover Lamb rests on us:

Hebrews 7:26–27 - ²⁶ Such a high priest truly meets our need—one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens. ²⁷ Unlike the other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for the sins of the people. He sacrificed for their sins once for all when he offered himself.

III. How should we celebrate Passover today?

- A. Israel was instructed to remove all leaven from their houses.
- B. That action is fulfilled today when we remove the leaven of sin.

1 Corinthians 5:6–8 - ⁶ Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump of dough? ⁷ Clean out the old leaven so that you may be a new lump, just as you are in fact unleavened. For Christ our Passover also has been sacrificed. ⁸ Therefore let us celebrate the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

- C. Seeking to purge the leaven of sin from our lives is the only reasonable response to the mercy we've already been shown.

Romans 12:1 - I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.