

Shabbat HaChodesh
Shabbat of the First Month

Torah: Exodus 12:1-10
Haftarah: Ezekiel 45:16-46:18
Brit Chadasha: Colossians 2:16-17, Revelation 21:1-22:5

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TORAH:

Exodus 12:1-10

The Passover Lamb

- 1 Now *Adonai* spoke to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt saying,
- 2 “This month will mark the beginning of months for you; it is to be the first month of the year for you.
- 3 Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month, each man is to take a lamb for his family one lamb for the household.
- 4 But if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor are to take one according to the number of the people. According to each person eating, you are to make your count for the lamb.
- 5 Your lamb is to be without blemish, a year old male. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats.
- 6 You must watch over it until the fourteenth day of the same month. Then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel is to slaughter it at twilight.
- 7 They are to take the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the crossbeam of the houses where they will eat it.
- 8 They are to eat the meat that night, roasted over a fire. With *matzot* and bitter herbs they are to eat it.
- 9 Do not eat any of it raw or boiled with water, but only roasted with fire—its head with its legs and its innards.

10 So let nothing of it remain until the morning. Whatever remains until the morning you are to burn with fire.

11 Also you are to eat it this way: with your loins girded, your shoes on your feet and your staff in your hand. You are to eat it in haste. It is *Adonai's* Passover.

12 "For I will go through the land of Egypt on that night and strike down every firstborn, both men and animals, and I will execute judgments against all the gods of Egypt. I am *Adonai*.

HAFTARAH

Ezekiel 45:16-25

16 “All the people of the land must give this contribution to the prince in Israel.
17 It will be the prince’s role to give the burnt offerings, grain offerings and drink offerings at the feasts, New Moons and *Shabbatot*, in all the *moadim* of the house of Israel. He will prepare the sin offering, the meal offering, the burnt offering and the fellowship offerings, to make atonement for the house of Israel.”

Offerings for Moadim

18 Thus says *Adonai Elohim*: “In the first month, in the first day of the month, take a young bull without blemish and purify the Sanctuary.

19 The *kohen* will take some of the blood of the sin offering and put it upon the doorposts of the House and upon the four corners of the ledge of the altar and upon the posts of the gate of the inner court.

20 So you will do on the seventh day of the month for everyone who sins unintentionally or through ignorance. So you will make atonement for the House.

21 “In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month, you will have the Passover, a feast of seven days when *matzah* will be eaten.

22 On that day the prince will prepare a bull as a sin offering for himself and for all the people of the land.

23 He will prepare a burnt offering to *Adonai* for the seven days of the feast—seven bulls and seven rams without blemish daily for seven days and a male goat daily for a sin offering.

24 He will prepare as a grain offering, an ephah for a bull, an ephah for a ram and a hin of oil for each ephah.

25 He will do this in the seventh month, on the fifteenth day of the month, during the Feast, for seven days, for sin offering as well as burnt offering, grain offering as well as oil.”

Ezekiel 46:1-18

1 Thus says *Adonai Elohim*: “The gate of the inner court that faces the east will be shut for the six working days. On *Yom Shabbat* it will be opened and in the day of the New Moon it will be opened.

2 The prince will enter by way of the porch of the gate from outside, and stand by the post of the gate. Then the *kohanim* will prepare his burnt offering and his fellowship offerings. He will worship at the threshold of the gate, and then go out. The gate will not be shut until the evening.

3 The people of the land will worship at the door of that gate before *Adonai* on *Shabbatot* and New Moons.

4 “The burnt offering that the prince offers to *Adonai* on *Yom Shabbat* will be six lambs without blemish and a ram without blemish.

5 The grain offering will be an ephah for the ram. The grain offering for the lambs will be a gift of his hand and a hin of oil for an ephah.

6 On the day of the New Moon it will be a young bull without blemish, six lambs and a ram—they must be without blemish.

7 He will prepare a grain offering, an ephah for the bull and an ephah for the ram, for the lambs whatever his hand may reach and a hin of oil for an ephah.

8 When the prince enters, he will enter by way of the porch of the gate and he will also exit by that way.

9 When the people of the land come before *Adonai* at the *moadim*, whoever enters by way of the north gate to worship will exit by way of the south gate. Whoever enters by way of the south gate must exit by way of north gate. He should not return by the way of the gate where he came in, since he must exit straight ahead.

10 When they enter, the prince will come in among them. When they go out, they will go out together.

11 “At the feasts and the *moadim*, the grain offering will be an ephah for a bull and an ephah for a ram, and for the lambs a gift of his hand and a hin of oil for an ephah.

12 Now if the prince prepares a freewill offering, burnt offering or fellowship offerings as a freewill offering to *Adonai*, the gate for him facing east must be opened for him. Then he will prepare his burnt offering and his fellowship offerings as he does on Yom Shabbat. Then he will go out. After he exits, the gate should be shut.

13 “You are to prepare a lamb of the first year, without blemish, for a burnt offering to *Adonai* daily—morning by morning you are to prepare it.

14 Also you will prepare a grain offering with it morning by morning, a sixth of an ephah and a third of a hin of oil, to moisten the fine flour—a grain offering to *Adonai* continually. It is perpetual statute.

15 They will prepare the lamb, the grain offering and the oil, morning by morning, for a continual burnt offering.”

16 Thus says *Adonai Elohim*: “If the prince gives a gift to any of his sons as his inheritance, it will belong to his sons. It will be their possession by inheritance.

17 But if he gives of his inheritance as a gift to one of his servants, it will be his until the year of liberty, when it will revert to the prince. His inheritance will belong to his sons.

18 The prince must not take from the people’s inheritance, evicting them wrongfully out of their property. He must give inheritance to his sons out of his own property, so that My people will not be displaced, anyone from his own property.”

BRIT CHADASHA

Colossians 2:16-17

16 Therefore, do not let anyone pass judgment on you in matters of food or drink, or in respect to a festival or new moon or Shabbat.

17 These are a foreshadowing of things to come, but the reality is Messiah.

Revelation 21:1-27

A New Heaven and a New Earth

1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

2 I also saw the holy city—the New Jerusalem—coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

3 I also heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, “Behold, the dwelling of God is among men, and He shall tabernacle among them. They shall be His people, and God Himself shall be among them and be their God.

4 He shall wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more. Nor shall there be mourning or crying or pain any longer, for the former things have passed away.”

5 And the One seated upon the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new!” Then He said, “Write, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

6 Then He said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will freely give from the spring of the water of life.

7 The one who overcomes shall inherit these things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son.

8 But for the cowardly and faithless and detestable and murderers and sexually immoral and sorcerers and idolaters and all liars—their lot is in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.”

The New Jerusalem

9 Then came one of the seven angels holding the seven bowls full of the seven final plagues, and he spoke with me, saying, “Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb.”

10 Then he carried me away in the *Ruach* to a great and high mountain, and he showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God,
11 having the glory of God—her radiance like a most precious stone, like a jasper, sparkling like crystal.

12 She had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and above the gates twelve angels. On the gates were inscribed the names of the twelve tribes of *Bnei-Yisrael*—

13 three gates on the east, three gates on the north, three gates on the south, and three gates on the west.

14 And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them the twelve names of the twelve emissaries of the Lamb.

15 The angel speaking with me had a gold measuring rod to measure the city and its gates and walls.

16 The city is laid out as a square—its length the same as its width. He measured the city with the rod—12,000 stadia. Its length and width and height are equal.

17 He also measured its wall—144 cubits by human measurement, which is also an angel’s measurement.

18 The material of the city’s wall was jasper, while the city was pure gold, clear as glass.

19 The foundations of the city wall were decorated with every kind of precious stone—the first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, chalcedony; the fourth, emerald;

20 the fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, carnelian; the seventh, yellow topaz; the eighth; beryl; the ninth, topaz; the tenth, chrysoprase; the eleventh, jacinth; the twelfth, amethyst.

21 And the twelve gates were twelve pearls—each of the gates was from a single pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, transparent as glass.

22 I saw no temple in her, for its Temple is *Adonai Elohei-Tzva’ot* and the Lamb.

23 And the city has no need for the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God lights it up, and its lamp is the Lamb.

24 The nations shall walk by its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory into it.

25 Its gates shall never be shut by day, for there shall be no night there!

26 And they shall bring into it the glory and honor of the nations.

27 And nothing unholy shall ever enter it, nor anyone doing what is detestable or false, but only those written in the Book of Life.

Revelation 22:1-5

1 Then the angel showed me a river of the water of life—bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb

2 down the middle of the city's street. On either side of the river was a tree of life, bearing twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

3 No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in the city, and His servants shall serve Him.

4 They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads.

5 Night shall be no more, and people will have no need for lamplight or sunlight—for *Adonai Elohim* will shine on them. And they shall reign forever and ever!

