

The Lord said to Moses, <sup>2</sup>“Consecrate to me every firstborn male. The first offspring of every womb among the Israelites belongs to me, whether human or animal.”

<sup>3</sup>Then Moses said to the people, “Commemorate this day, the day you came out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery, because the Lord brought you out of it with a mighty hand. Eat nothing containing yeast. <sup>4</sup>Today, in the month of Aviv, you are leaving. <sup>5</sup>When the Lord brings you into the land of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Hivites and Jebusites—the land he swore to your ancestors to give you, a land flowing with milk and honey—you are to observe this ceremony in this month: <sup>6</sup>For seven days eat bread made without yeast and on the seventh day hold a festival to the Lord. <sup>7</sup>Eat unleavened bread during those seven days; nothing with yeast in it is to be seen among you, nor shall any yeast be seen anywhere within your borders. <sup>8</sup>On that day tell your son, ‘I do this because of what the Lord did for me when I came out of Egypt.’ <sup>9</sup>This observance will be for you like a sign on your hand and a reminder on your forehead that this law of the Lord is to be on your lips. For the Lord brought you out of Egypt with his mighty hand. <sup>10</sup>You must keep this ordinance at the appointed time year after year.

<sup>11</sup>“After the Lord brings you into the land of the Canaanites and gives it to you, as he promised on oath to you and your ancestors, <sup>12</sup>you are to give over to the Lord the first offspring of every womb. All the firstborn males of your livestock belong to the Lord. <sup>13</sup>Redeem with a lamb every firstborn donkey, but if you do not redeem it, break its neck. Redeem every firstborn among your sons.

<sup>14</sup>“In days to come, when your son asks you, ‘What does this mean?’ say to him, ‘With a mighty hand the Lord brought us out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. <sup>15</sup>When Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the Lord killed the firstborn of both people and animals in Egypt. This is why I sacrifice to the Lord the first male offspring of every womb and redeem each of my firstborn sons.’ <sup>16</sup>And it will be like a sign on your hand and a symbol on your forehead that the Lord brought us out of Egypt with his mighty hand.” Exodus 13:1-16

## **1. Consecrate every firstborn male. Human or animal.**

First born male was to be designated for divine service or worship.

## **2. Land of slavery**

They aren’t delivered out of slavery when they enter the promise land but when they escape Egypt.

## **3. Unleavened bread (bread made without yeast):**

God is removing from the process of the bread making a leavening agent which causes fermentation, helping the dough to rise.

Leaven ferments or causes decay, or breaks down the dough, just like sin does in our lives.

## **4. Interesting grammar notes:**

### **a. Answer the questions:**

- I do this because of what the Lord did for me.
- This is why I sacrifice.

### **b. “After they enter the promise land”: There is a timeline.**

After they enter the promise land the command is different.

The word “give over” is used to describe “to be sacrificed”.

## **2 issues**

- Donkey: Donkeys were not acceptable sacrificial animals (Leviticus 27)
  - The donkey is the only animal listed as needing to be redeemed.

- Son
  - God had no interest in them sacrificing the children, but they were still His and in need of being redeemed.

## Typology

### 1. Israel's time in Egypt was slavery.

“Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup> Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. <sup>36</sup> So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. John 8:34-36

<sup>6</sup> For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, <sup>[a]</sup> that we should no longer be slaves to sin Romans 6:6

When we are set free from sin, we should eliminate it from our lives. Bread is flesh, leaven is sin, and Egypt is slavery to sin.

### 2. Redeem.

- a. A donkey that needs to be redeemed

We are the donkey, and Jesus is the lamb.

- b. The redemption of the son.

This would have helped them identify with what God did because rather than redeem His only son, He allowed Him to be our sacrifice.

## Come to me to have life

The lamb:

The offer of eternal life. The donkey is “set free” because a lamb was sacrificed in its place.

The bread

Life through Jesus grows with the removal of sin from our lives.