

“The Passover”

Exo. 12:11-13

Introduction

- I. For many individuals, a certain day of the year is observed as the resurrection Sunday, or “Easter”.
- II. Many people have no idea that “Easter” as a religious observance is found nowhere in the Bible (Col. 3:17).
 - A. Unfortunately, the King James Version does have the word “Easter” mentioned (Acts 12:4).
 - B. This is an unfortunate translator error of the Greek word “pascha”, which is correctly translated as “Passover” twenty eight other times in the New Testament.
 - C. By the time that the King James Version was translated, the observance of “Easter” was already practiced.
 1. The Roman Catholic Church decided to mix an already pagan festival to a fertility idol with ideas of Christianity (cf. References to fertility even today).
 2. This allowed for the Anglo-Saxon people to keep their traditional festival, but reshaped into something appearing less idolatrous.
 - D. If one simply reads Acts 12:1-3, one can easily understand that this was during the time of the Jewish Passover/Feast of Unleavened Bread.
- III. What was the “Passover”?
- IV. What can we learn by studying the “Passover” today?

Discussion

- I. The “Passover” was originally started because of God's judgment upon the “gods” of Egypt (Exo. 12:1-13).
 - A. It's observance was to be associated with one of the feasts that the Jews were to observe during the Mosaic Age (Exo. 12:14-20; 40-47).
 - B. The “Passover” involved the killing of a lamb, and the usage of the blood of the lamb (Exo. 12:21-23).
 - C. It was done so that the first born of Israel would be spared (Exo. 12:24-28).
- II. What can we learn by studying the “Passover” today?
 - A. We have a “lamb” that has been slain for us (1 Cor. 5:7; John 1:29, 35-36; 19:36; cf. Exo. 12:46).
 - B. We will have security if we stay where the blood is found (1 John 1:7; Rom. 5:9; Acts 20:28; Eph. 1:7; Heb. 13:12; 1 Pet. 1:18-19; Rev. 1:5; 7:14; 12:11).
 - C. God's judgment will eventually come upon man (Matt. 12:36; ; Acts 17:30-31; 2 Cor. 5:10; Rev. 20:11-15).

Conclusion

- I. While we are not commanded to observe the “Passover” today, we still can glean much by knowing about it.
- II. Each Lord's Day, we are able to remember what our “Passover lamb” did for us.