

## CHAPTER 2

# PASSOVER REFLECTIONS: What men put before God He turns against them.

*“...holyday, new moon, or sabbath days: Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ.” ~ Apostle Paul*

**B**eautiful and meaningful things are taught and foreshadowed by God’s Holy Days. Let’s see what other parts of God’s plan Passover foreshadows?

Ex 12:12 'For I will pass through the land of Egypt on that night, and will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the LORD. 13 Now the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you; and the plague shall not be on you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. NKJV

Notice God said, “I will pass through the land of Egypt on that night...vs 12” (not the next night). It was “that night” that God said, “I will pass over you...” – Passover night was the 14<sup>th</sup> of Abib, not the 15<sup>th</sup>!

Now let’s notice what was necessary in order for Israel to leave Egypt. God turned their false god’s against them. I fear that even for us, God will have to turn our false gods against us before we too can leave Egypt. If you have gods, what are they called? Do you allow anything to come before the true God – YHVH – or between you and obedience to Him?

Each of the 10 plagues had in it an element of what God was teaching the Egyptians, and the whole world, that GOD is the only true God. Therefore, He turned all their false gods against them and showed them feeble and subservient to the ETERNAL GOD. So God will eventually do for each of us, if we allow ANYTHING to come between us and Him! Do you have any false gods? Paul said covetousness is also idolatry (Col 3:5).

Many people serve themselves first as if they were the greatest or most important things in their sphere of life. Some serve the god of SELF – or – SELF PRESERVATION. Others serve the god of ENTERTAINMENT. Others serve their work or survival as their god – the “job-god.” Others serve sports or idolize their sports heroes. Others idolize musicians or movie stars and even pay money to see worldly evil deeds as a form of “entertainment” – things that God has severely punished nations and people for. Is there anything or are there any practices that, by your actions, you allow to come before God?

- The Egyptians had fish and water as part of their idolatrous worship. The symbols of fish and water are rooted with ancient pagan religious meaning dating back thousands of years to ancient Egypt and Babylon. For this reason, fish are often used to form the pagan triangle – a symbol of unity for the Babylonian god of three persons in one (see *The Two Babylons*, by Alexander Hislop, pages 16-17). Therefore, God caused the waters to turn to blood and all the fish to die (Ex 7:18-21). This showed that their pagan gods and symbols had no life or redeeming value. Since they did not come from the true YHVH, they were not a blessing.
- The Egyptians worshipped the fly and its worm, the maggot. The maggot was worshiped for its medicinal use. It was used to eat the gangrenous dead tissue from the sick or wounded to prevent or fight the spread of infection. In fact the name, “Baal-Zebub,” the god of Ekron (1 Kings 1), literally means, “god of flies!” So God turned the maggots and flies against the Egyptians (Ex 8:20-24), as only the Great I Am, is the true Healing God (Ex 15:26).
- Frogs were a symbol of various gods to the ancients. The frog was an emblem of Osiris and also represented the god of fertility to the Egyptians. The frog was also used in pagan rites to produce rain, and the frog’s head represented the god Ptha. Therefore, God turned their gods against them with the plague of frogs and their gods became a great burden that permeated all aspects of their lives (Ex 8:1-11)!
- The Egyptians worshipped the sun as the Romans did. This is the root from which “Sunday worship services” is derived, though most do not today realize it. The God of Israel has always been Lord of the Sabbath (Mark 2:28, Ex 20:11) – not the day named for the pagan sun-god (Exek

8:16). Therefore God caused the Sun to turn dark in all of Egypt for 3 days (Ex 10:21). This showed that the God of Israel to be the only true source of Light. The Egyptians knew that the Hebrews served the God Who made the Earth and Sun, and that His faithful will keep the 7<sup>th</sup> Day Holy (Gen 2:2, Ex 20:11).

- In Egypt, as in Babylon, the 1<sup>st</sup> born was sometimes offered up to their pagan gods in idolatrous worship, so God took their 1<sup>st</sup> born showing that ONLY HE WAS GOD, and that HE owned and controlled ALL!

If we have anything before the one true God, it is idolatry. Then we too may find our “god’s” turning against us and becoming a curse. Unless we repent, our idolatrous sins will come back to haunt us until we repent, and turn to God UNCONDITIONALLY. Let’s seeking first the Kingdom of God and humbly follow Yeshua out of “Egypt” to a new joyful life!