

THE ANTICIPATION OF THE SACRIFICE OF THE LAMB

John 1:19-36

I. INDIVIDUAL: Abel...*sacrificed a lamb for himself.*

The anticipation *began back in the garden* with Adam and Eve and continued with that first generation... specifically with Abel (**Genesis 4:4**).

II. FAMILY: Passover...*sacrificed a lamb for their family.*

Exodus 12...the Passover *instituted*.

“Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel and said to them, ‘Go and take for yourselves lambs according to your families, and slay the Passover lamb. You shall take a bunch of hyssop and dip it in the blood which is in the basin, and apply some of the blood that is in the basin to the lintel and the two doorposts; and none of you shall go outside the door of his house until morning. For the Lord will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when He sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the Lord will pass over the door and will not allow the destroyer to come in to your houses to smite you. And you shall observe this event as an ordinance for you and your children forever’.”

~Exodus 12:21-24

III. NATION: Levitical Priest...*sacrificed a lamb for the nation of Israel.*

Leviticus 16...Day of Atonement

The Day of Atonement was the *most important of all the ordinances* given to Israel because on that day *atonement* was made for *all the sins* of the *entire nation* (**vs. 16, 21, 30, 33**).

“He shall make atonement for the holy place, because of the impurities of the sons of Israel and because of their transgressions in regard to all their sins; and thus he shall do for the tent of meeting which abides with them in the midst of their impurities.”

~Leviticus 16:16

The scapegoat...The *high priest* presented *two goats* as a *sin offering* for the people. One was *slain*, and the other was sent into the *wilderness* (the *scapegoat*). Literally... **Azazel**...a combination of the words for *goat* and *depart*. The *live goat* was the *removing* goat, symbolizing the *removal* of Israel's *sin*.

“When he finishes atoning for the holy place and the tent of meeting and the altar, he shall offer the live goat. Then Aaron shall lay both of his hands on the head of the live goat, and confess over it all the iniquities of the sons of Israel and all their transgressions in regard to all their sins; and he shall lay them on the head of the goat and send it away into the wilderness by the hand of a man who stands in readiness. The goat shall bear on itself all their iniquities to a solitary land; and he shall release the goat in the wilderness.”

~Leviticus 16:20-22

IV. WORLD: Jesus...*“Behold, the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”*...a sacrifice for the world.

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.”

~John 3:16-17

“...Knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.”

~I Peter 1:18-19

Revelation refers to the **Lamb**...*31 times*.

“Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne and the living creatures and the elders; and the number of them was myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, ‘Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing.’ And every created thing which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all things in them, I heard saying, ‘To Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, be blessing and honor and glory and dominion forever and ever’.”

~Revelation 5:11-13

“After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could count, from every nation and all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches were in their hands; and they cry out with a loud voice, saying, ‘Salvation to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb...And he said to me, ‘These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb...for the Lamb in the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and will guide them to springs of the water of life; and God will wipe every tear from their eyes’.”

~Revelation 7:9-10, 14, 17

“Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready...Then he said to me, ‘Write, “Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.”’ And he said to me, ‘These are true words of God’.”

~Revelation 19:7, 9

“Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and spoke with me, saying, ‘Come here, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb’.”

~Revelation 21:9

V. INDIVIDUAL: Jesus...*“For today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.” (Luke 2:11).*

“And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved.”

~Acts 4:12

“Jesus said... ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me’.”

~John 14:6

“She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.”

~Matthew 1:21

“He ordered us to preach to the people, and solemnly to testify that this is the One who has been appointed by God as Judge of the living and the dead. Of Him all the prophets bear witness that through His name everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins.”

~Acts 10:42-43

“For there is one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all, the testimony given at the proper time.”

~I Timothy 2:5-6