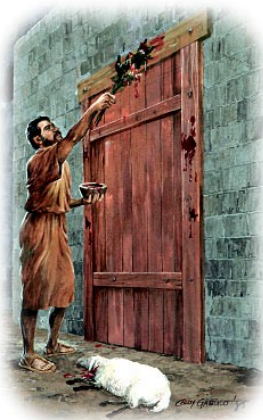


1. Slaughter the Passover Lamb

• ²¹ Then Moses summoned all the elders of Israel and said to them, “Go at once and select the animals for your families and **slaughter the Passover lamb**. ²² Take a bunch of hyssop, dip it into the blood in the basin and put some of the blood on the top and on both sides of the doorframe. None of you shall go out of the door of your house until morning. ²³ When the LORD goes through the land to strike down the Egyptians, he will see the blood on the top and sides of the doorframe and will pass over that doorway, and he will not permit the destroyer to enter your houses and strike you down.



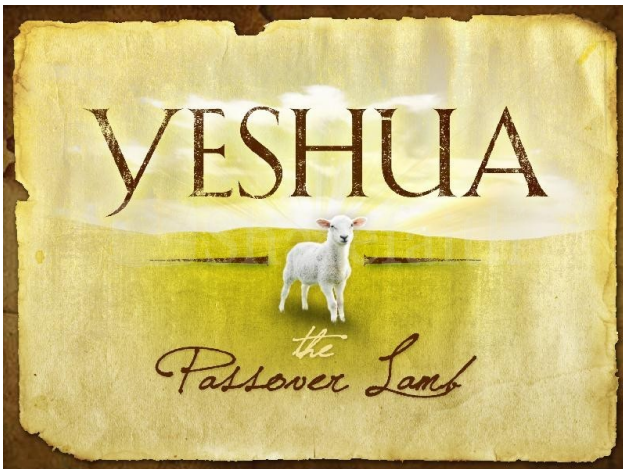
—Exodus 12:21-23, *New International Version*

• ¹¹ For the life of the flesh *is* in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it *is* the blood *that* makes atonement for the soul.”

—Leviticus 17:11, *New King James Version*

• ²² In fact, according to the *Torah*, almost everything is purified with blood; indeed, without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

—Hebrews 9:22, *Complete Jewish Bible*



2. Expedient That One Man Must Die

• ⁴⁹ And one of them named Caiaphas, being the high priest that same year, said unto them, “Ye know nothing at all, ⁵⁰ nor consider that it is expedient for us that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not.” ⁵¹ And he spoke this not of himself, but, being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus should die for that nation; ⁵² and not for that nation only, but that also He should gather together in one the children of God who were scattered abroad.

—John 11:49-52, *21st Century King James Version*

• ¹⁴ (It was Kayafa who had advised the Judeans that it would be good for one man to die on behalf of the people.)

—John 18:14, *Complete Jewish Bible*

• ¹⁸ You should be aware that the ransom paid to free you from the worthless way of life which your fathers passed on to you did not consist of anything perishable like silver or gold; ¹⁹ on the contrary, it was the costly bloody sacrificial death of the Messiah, as of a lamb without defect or spot. ²⁰ God knew him before the founding of the universe, but revealed him in the *acharit-hayamim* for your sakes.

—1 Peter 1:18-20, *Complete Jewish Bible*

■ *acharit-hayamim* (“End of Days”)

• ²⁹ The next day he [John the Baptist] saw Jesus [Yeshua] coming toward him, and said, “**Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!**”

—John 1:29, *English Standard Version*

3. Yeshua (Jesus) the Only Way!

¹² “This is my commandment, that you love one another, even as I have loved you. **Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.** ¹⁴ You are my friends, if you do whatever I command you.

—John 15:12-14, *World English Bible*

• ⁶ While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Why, one will hardly die for a righteous man—though perhaps for a good man one will dare even to die. ⁸ But God shows his love for us in that while we



were yet sinners Christ died for us.

—Romans 5:6-8, *Revised Standard Version*

• ²⁸ We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, to those who are called according to his purpose.

—Romans 8:28, *World English Bible*

• ¹⁵ Now that their father was dead, Joseph’s brothers were worried. They said, “Remember all of the bad things we did to Joseph? What if he decides to hold those things against us? What if he pays us back for them?”

¹⁶ So they sent a message to Joseph. They said, “Your father gave us directions before he died. ¹⁷ He said, ‘Here’s what you must say to Joseph. Tell him, ‘I’m asking you to forgive your brothers. Forgive the terrible things they did to you. Forgive them for treating you so badly.’” Now then, please forgive our sins. We serve the God of your father.”

When their message came to Joseph, he sobbed.

¹⁸ Then his brothers came and threw themselves down in front of him. “We are your slaves,” they said.

¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, “Don’t be afraid. Do you think I’m God? ²⁰ You planned to harm me. But God planned it for good. He planned to do what is now being done. He wanted to save many lives.

²¹ “So then, don’t be afraid. I’ll provide for you and your children.” He set them free from their fears. And he spoke in a kind way to them.



—Genesis 50:15-21, *New International Reader’s*

INTRODUCTION: Why did the lamb have to die? Because unless the lamb died and shed his blood, then all the Israelites would have perished when the death angel went through the land of Egypt.

All that was a picture, a beautiful picture, of the day when the Son of God would come and give his life for the sins of the whole world.

In John 3:16-17 the Bible tells us: “¹⁶For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him” (New International Version).

Today when the Passover is celebrated in Jewish homes there is a conspicuous missing of the Passover Lamb. God required the eating of the Lamb. It is kind of like having a Thanksgiving Dinner without a turkey. We need the lamb!

So why don't observing Jewish people eat a lamb when they celebrate the Passover? Because we have no temple, and that is the only place where the lamb can be slain. Therefore, if we have no lamb and no sacrifice, then we have no salvation. Now that's a serious problem!

Ah, but we have a solution: The Lamb of God, Yeshua (Jesus) the Messiah died for us!

CONCLUSION: The World's Greatest Love Story is written all through the pages of the Bible. It is the wonderful true story that can change our lives forever. It is the story of how God loved us in our sinful state and sent his one and only Son to die for us on the cruel cross of Calvary and shed his precious blood for the forgiveness of our sins.

God did his part. Now it's our job to do our part and accept his great love gift for us. So here's a prayer that you can pray to make the Lord Yeshua (Jesus) the greatest love of your life: **Dear God, I repent for all of my sins. I ask you to cover them with the precious blood of your Son. I accept him, right now, into my heart and life. In the name of Lord Yeshua (Jesus) the Messiah I pray, amen.**

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