

50 weeks in the word

- Each week:
- One Chapter
- One Verse
- One Bible Study

isaiah 53:5

*But he was pierced for our transgressions; he
was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought
us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.*



DEATH:
the way to
LIFE

dying for freedom

exodus 12

upside down kingdom

- Our society tells us that there are certain paths to success or significance in life.
- Jesus flips this upside down whenever He talks about the kingdom.
- In His kingdom self-sacrifice, slavery, and death are the way to find success, meaning, and true life.

exodus 12:21–32

Then Moses called all the elders of Israel and said to them, “Go and select lambs for yourselves according to your clans, and kill the Passover lamb. Take a bunch of hyssop and dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and touch the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood that is in the basin. None of you shall go out of the door of his house until the morning. For the LORD will pass through to strike 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 enter your houses to strike you. You shall observe this rite as a statute for you and for your sons forever.

exodus 12:21–32

And when you come to the land that the LORD will give you, as he has promised, you shall keep this service. And when your children say to you, ‘What do you mean by this service?’ you shall say, ‘It is the sacrifice of the LORD’s Passover, for he passed over the houses of the people of Israel in Egypt, when he struck the Egyptians but spared our houses.’” And the people bowed their heads and worshiped.

Then the people of Israel went and did so; as the LORD had commanded Moses and Aaron, so they did.

exodus 12:21–32

At midnight the LORD struck down all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sat on his throne to the firstborn of the captive who was in the dungeon, and all the firstborn of the livestock. And Pharaoh rose up in the night, he and all his servants and all the Egyptians. And there was a great cry in Egypt, for there was not a house where someone was not dead. Then he summoned Moses and Aaron by night and said, “Up, go out from among my people, both you and the people of Israel; and go, serve the LORD, as you have said. Take your flocks and your herds, as you have said, and be gone, and bless me also!”

typology

- Typology is the assumption that the Holy Spirit anticipated Jesus and throughout the OT recorded laws, events, and people that foreshadowed the Messiah.
- Spotless lamb.
- Killed on a certain date.
- God's enemies are killed while the bloody ones are spared.

why the plagues?

- Moses wanted to lead the Israelites into proper worship of Yahweh.
- While you are in bondage you cannot worship properly.
- It is important as followers of Jesus that we understand what is truly hindering us from what God has for us.

faithfulness

- God wants his people free from their captivity in Egypt.
 - And the prophesied time is coming to an end (Genesis 15:13)
- There was a long buildup to God's quick action.
- We must be faithful in the long buildups in our lives.

blood and death

- For Pharoah to finally relinquish his hold, he had to experience death.
 - The enemy would not release his hold on God's creation until death was conquered.
- For the Israelites to be free they need the blood of a sacrificed lamb to save them.
- The blood of a lamb, applied to God's people brings freedom.

blood and death

- Humanity is trapped by the kingdom of Satan.
- At the cross of Jesus Satan's authority is stripped from this world.
 - *Colossians 2:13–15: And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.*

freedom

- Not only do we find forgiveness for our sins, we find the freedom in Christ to fight against sin in our lives.
 - **Galatians 5:13:** *For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.*
- The blood of the lamb saves their lives, but it does not end their slavery.

freedom

- This freedom from the bondage of death and sin is seen when the Israelites cross the Red Sea.
- Obedience to the next steps God commanded them to take led to freedom.
- They needed the supernatural power of God to find real freedom from God's enemies.

exodus 14:15–25

The LORD said to Moses, “Why do you cry to me? Tell the people of Israel to go forward. Lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the people of Israel may go through the sea on dry ground. And I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they shall go in after them, and I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, his chariots, and his horsemen. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gotten glory over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen.”

exodus 14:15–25

Then the angel of God who was going before the host of Israel moved and went behind them, and the pillar of cloud moved from before them and stood behind them, coming between the host of Egypt and the host of Israel. And there was the cloud and the darkness. And it lit up the night without one coming near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided.

exodus 14:15–25

And the people of Israel went into the midst of the sea on dry ground, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. The Egyptians pursued and went in after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. And in the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and of cloud looked down on the Egyptian forces and threw the Egyptian forces into a panic, clogging their chariot wheels so that they drove heavily. And the Egyptians said, “Let us flee from before Israel, for the LORD fights for them against the Egyptians.”

baptism

1 Corinthians 10:1–5: For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

baptism

Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

freedom

- When we experience freedom from slavery because of Christ's death, we must fight from falling back into that slavery.
 - Knowingly or unknowingly
- The Christian life is a life of spiritual battles.
 - *Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall.*

freedom

- Jesus won the war so that we can win our battles.
 - *No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.*
- Do not believe that things could never change.
 - Lack of identity
 - Content
 - Fear

reflection