

Now YHVH spoke to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, “This month shall be your beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year to you. Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying: ‘On the tenth of this month **every man shall take for himself a lamb**, according to the house of his father, a lamb for a household. And if the household is too small for the lamb, let him and his neighbor next to his house take it according to the number of the persons; according to each man’s need you shall make your count for the lamb. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats. Now you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month. Then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it at twilight. And they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses where they eat it. **Then they shall eat the flesh on that night; roasted in fire, with unleavened bread and with bitter herbs they shall eat it.** Do not eat it raw, nor boiled at all with water, but roasted in fire—its head with its legs and its entrails. You shall let none of it remain until morning, and what remains of it until morning you shall burn with fire. And thus you shall eat it: with a belt on your waist, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. So you shall eat it in haste. **It is YHVH’s Passover.** ([Exodus 12:1-11](#))

- Note that the sacrifice and eating of the lamb is called “YHVH’s Passover.” The Passover is a sacrifice meal, not a holiday.
- Note that the lamb was slaughtered in place of the firstborn son of each family of Israel.

“All the firstborn males that come from your herd and your flock you shall sanctify to YHVH your God; you shall do no work with the firstborn of your herd, nor shear the firstborn of your flock. **You and your household shall eat it before YHVH your God year by year in the place which YHVH chooses.** But if there is a defect in it, *if it is lame or blind or has any serious defect*, you shall not sacrifice it to YHVH your God. You may eat it within your gates; the unclean and the clean *person alike may eat it, as if it were a gazelle or a deer.* Only you shall not eat its blood; you shall pour it on the ground like water.

“Observe the month of Abib, and keep the Passover to YHVH your God, for in the month of Abib YHVH your God brought you out of Egypt by night. **Therefore you shall sacrifice the Passover** to YHVH your God, from the flock and the herd, **in the place where YHVH chooses to put His name.** You shall eat no leavened bread with it; seven days you shall eat unleavened bread with it, *that is*, the bread of affliction (for you came out of the land of Egypt in haste), that you may remember the day in which you came out of the land of Egypt all the days of your life. And no leaven shall be seen among you in all your territory for seven days, nor shall *any* of the meat which you sacrifice the first day at twilight remain overnight until morning.

“You may not sacrifice the Passover within any of your gates which YHVH your God gives you; but at the place where YHVH your God chooses to make His name abide, there you shall sacrifice the Passover at twilight, at the going down of the sun, at the time you came out of Egypt. And you shall roast and eat *it in the place which YHVH your God chooses*, and in the morning you shall turn and go to your tents. Six days you shall eat unleavened bread, and on the seventh day there *shall be* a sacred assembly to YHVH your God. You shall do no work *on it.*” ([Deuteronomy 15:19-16:8](#))

- This passage is extremely clear: The Passover is not to be sacrificed within any of our gates but only at the place where He has placed His name.
- The word “sacrifice” in this passage is *zabak* (Strong’s 2076), which means to slaughter or kill.

In this house and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, I will put My name forever. ([2 Kings 21:7](#))

- The “place where YHVH your God will choose” is Jerusalem, and He has placed His Name there *forever*.

“But you shall seek the place where the LORD your God chooses, out of all your tribes, to put His name for His dwelling place; and **there you shall go**. There you shall take your burnt offerings, **your sacrifices**, your tithes, the heave offerings of your hand, your vowed offerings, your freewill offerings, and the **firstborn of your herds and flocks**. And there you shall eat before the LORD your God, and you shall rejoice in all to which you have put your hand, you and your households, in which the LORD your God has blessed you.

“You shall not at all do as we are doing here today—every man doing whatever *is* right in his own eyes— for as yet you have not come to the rest and the inheritance which the LORD your God is giving you. But *when* you cross over the Jordan and dwell in the land which the LORD your God is giving you to inherit, and He gives you rest from all your enemies round about, so that you dwell in safety, then there will be the place where the LORD your God chooses to make His name abide. There you shall bring all that I command you: your burnt offerings, your **sacrifices**, your tithes, the heave offerings of your hand, and all your choice offerings which you vow to the LORD. And you shall rejoice before the LORD your God, you and your sons and your daughters, your male and female servants, and the Levite who *is* within your gates, since he has no portion nor inheritance with you. **Take heed to yourself that you do not offer your burnt offerings in every place that you see**; but in the place which the LORD chooses, in one of your tribes, there you shall offer your burnt offerings, and there you shall do all that I command you.

“However, **you may slaughter and eat meat within all your gates**, whatever your heart desires, according to the blessing of the LORD your God which He has given you; the unclean and the clean may eat of it, of the gazelle and the deer alike. Only you shall not eat the blood; you shall pour it on the earth like water.

You may not eat within your gates the tithe of your grain or your new wine or your oil, **of the firstborn of your herd or your flock**, of any of your offerings which you vow, of your freewill offerings, or of the heave offering of your hand. But **you must eat them before the LORD your God in the place which the LORD your God chooses**, you and your son and your daughter, your male servant and your female servant, and the Levite who *is* within your gates; and you shall rejoice before the LORD your God in all to which you put your hands. (Deuteronomy 12:5-18)

You may not sacrifice the Passover within any of your gates which YHVH your God gives you; but at the place where YHVH your God chooses to make His name abide, there you shall sacrifice the Passover ([Deuteronomy 16:5-6](#)).

“Whatever man of the house of Israel who kills an ox **or lamb** or goat in the camp, or who kills it outside the camp, and does not bring it to the door of the tabernacle of meeting to offer an offering to YHVH before the tabernacle of YHVH, the guilt of bloodshed shall be imputed to that man. He has shed blood; and **that man shall be cut off from among his people**, to the end that the children of Israel may bring their sacrifices which they offer in the open field, that they may bring them to YHVH at the door of the tabernacle of meeting, to the priest, and offer them as peace offerings to YHVH. And the priest shall sprinkle the blood on the altar of YHVH at the door of the tabernacle of meeting, and burn the fat for a sweet aroma to YHVH. They shall no more offer their sacrifices to demons, after whom they have played the harlot. **This shall be a statute forever for them throughout their generations**” ’ ([Leviticus 17:1-7](#)).

- It is a big deal to the Father. He even says to the Israelites that if someone sacrificed a lamb anywhere other than the place He chose, they were to be cut off from the people of God.