

EPISODE NO. 64

Exo. 12:21-28

The First Passover Meal

21 Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel. He said to them, “Go out and choose flock animals for you and your families immediately. Butcher the Passover lambs. 22 Then you must take a bunch of hyssop and dip it in the blood which is in the pan. Use the blood in the pan to paint above and on both sides of the door. Not one of you must go outdoors until morning, 23 because the Always-Present One will pass through to strike down the Egyptians. When the Always-Present One sees the blood above and on both sides of the door, He will pass over the door. He will not allow the destroyer to come into your houses to strike you down. 24 You must be obedient in this matter. It is a permanent command for you and your descendants. 25 When you have come to the land which the Always-Present One will give you (as He has promised), you must celebrate this ceremony. 26 And when your sons ask you, ‘What does this ceremony mean to you?’ 27 Then you will answer: ‘It is the Passover sacrifice of the Always-Present One. He passed over the houses of the sons of Israel in Egypt when He struck down the Egyptians, but He spared our homes.’ ”

Then the people bowed their heads and worshiped. 28 The sons of Israel went and did what Yahweh had commanded Moses and Aaron. That is exactly what they did.