Too Little for the Lamb

Genesis 22:8 God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering.

Isaiah 53:7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.

John 1:29 Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

1 Corinthians 5:7 For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:

Acts 8:32, 35 The place of the scripture which he read was this, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth /elipsis Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus.

In Exodus 12, when the time came for deliverance from Egypt, God gave specific instructions to Moses. He gave Israel the “good news” of the Passover Lamb, and they could either accept or reject it.

Each household took a first-year lamb on the 10th day of the first month and set it aside until the 14th day. In the evening the lamb was killed and its blood sprinkled on the household door. They feasted on the lamb, with bitter herbs and unleavened bread. They ate in haste, dressed to leave Egypt at midnight.

The Passover lamb was set aside for four days. When Adam sinned, God’s Lamb was “set aside” to be hidden in OT typology for 4000 years, or “four days.” Jesus was manifested to Israel for 3½ years, then slain for the sins of men in the fourth year of His ministry. Jesus even entered Jerusalem on the tenth day of the month and was crucified on the fourteenth day, just like the Passover lamb.

The Passover lamb had to be without blemish. Those inspecting “God’s Lamb” found Him without fault:
- Pilate (“I find in Him no fault at all” - John 18:38)
- Judas (“I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood” - Matthew 27:4)
- The Centurion (“Truly this was the Son of God” - Matthew 27:54)

1 Peter 1:18-19 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

Throughout Exodus 12, even though there were hundreds of lambs slain on Passover night, the word “lamb” is always singular – because God is pointing us ahead to His own sacrifice for sin!

Hebrews 9:12 Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.

Acts 20:28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Emmanuel’s veins
And sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains
Lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains
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Victory ahead, victory ahead, Through the blood of Jesus, victory ahead
Trusting in the Lord I hear the conqueror’s tread, By faith I see the victory ahead.

When I see the blood, when I see the blood
When I see the blood, I will pass, I will pass over you.

In sin I wandered sore and sad, with bleeding heart and aching head
Till Jesus came and sweetly said, “I’ll take your sin away.”

Thank God for the blood, Thank God for the blood
Thank God for the blood that washes white as snow.

The death angel didn’t know WHO had died, he just saw the BLOOD.
It was LAMB’S BLOOD. It was a lamb taking the death of a man so the man could take the life of the lamb. It was a lamb taking the guilt of a man so the man could take the innocence of the lamb. It was a lamb dying in a man’s name so the man could live in the lamb’s name!

Exodus 12:13 And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt.

Moses amplifies something that God explained in verse 13, because he knows the tendency of the people to do their own thing and ignore the SPECIFICS of God’s commandments (they’ve already done it before!).

Exodus 12:22-23 And ye shall take a bunch of hyssop, and dip it in the blood that is in the bason, and strike the lintel and the two side posts with the blood that is in the bason; and none of you shall go out at the door of his house until the morning. For the Lord will pass through to smite the
Egyptians; and when he seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, the Lord will pass over the door, and will not suffer the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite you. When the plague came to the door of a house covered by blood, death "PASSED OVER" the household. Why? Because God had already been there in mercy before He arrived in judgment!

I should have / could have / would have died … but JESUS died for me!

Illustration: prairie fire and fire break (sins already "burned over")

My sins: “God’s already been here!”
- He has taken them away – John 1:29
- He has forgotten them – Hebrews 10:17
- He has washed them away – Isaiah 1:18
- He has blotted them out – Isaiah 43:25
- He has wiped them out like a cloud – Isaiah 44:22
- He has pardoned them – Isaiah 55:7
- He has buried them in the depths of the sea – Micah 7:19

His blood is powerful blood – HEALING is provided in the atonement!

Psalm 105:37 He brought them forth also with silver and gold: and there was not one feeble person among their tribes.

Greek scholar A.T. Robertson reports that, while the NT uses the term "ho amnos" for "lamb," when we get to the book of Revelation, John changes the term to “arnion” and uses it 29 times to refer to Christ. It stresses the slaughter, suffering, pain, agony and humiliation of Jesus on the cross – and lets us know that it is still remembered in Heaven. THE LAMB IS ALIVE, BUT WITH THE MARKS OF HIS SACRIFICE.

No wonder Thomas, when he realized the significance of a mortal wound in the body of a living man, exclaimed “My Lord and my God!” (John 20:28).

Revelation 5:12-13 Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing. And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.

Revelation 7:13-17 And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

Revelation 12:10-11 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

Revelation 17:14 These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.

Revelation 19:7-9 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for his blood is powerful blood – HEALING is provided in the atonement!

Exodus 12:4 And if the household be too little for the lamb, let him and his neighbour next unto his house take it according to the number of the souls; every man according to his eating shall make your count for the lamb.

It was one of the provisions of the Passover law that no man could eat his Passover alone – it was a household sacrifice. The blood of Jesus Christ does not belong to the Pentecostal church – it is too powerful, too great, and too mighty for that. It belongs to the entire sinful human race.

What does the household represent?
- Your family
- The church, the household of faith
- Christianity worldwide

But these “houses,” no matter how great, are still TOO LITTLE FOR THE LAMB! We have no right to claim the Savior’s blood for ourselves alone! We cannot be content to be saved ourselves unless we have done everything in our power to give our neighbor an equal opportunity to receive eternal life!

We have “TOO MUCH LAMB” – what are we doing to share Jesus Christ with our city?
THIS HOUSE IS TOO LITTLE FOR THE LAMB!