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THIS DO IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME

Matthew 26:29

THESE studies are selected for us to increase our knowledge of our profession would have been to consider the incident connected with our Lord's closing of earth life in the Spring of the year—earliest of the season at which that occurred. But Truth is always previous to us and has always preceded us.

Jesus was a Jew and man; therefore, obliged to obey the laws of the Mosaic Law. He came not to destroy the Law, but to fulfill it. Today's study points us to the fulfillment of one feature of the Law—the Passover, not that it is already entirely fulfilled, but that the antecedent has for more than eighteen centuries been in process of fulfillment and the same fulfillment, still continues. We are now at least. To appear in this study we must however go back to the time of approximately 2500 years ago. God delivered the people of Israel from the despotic power of Pharaoh, King of Egypt. Time after time Pharaoh had refused to let the people go, preferring to hold them as slaves. Since that time God's own plagues upon Egypt as chastisements. Under the influence of each plague Pharaoh repented and through Moses entreated God for mercy upon himself. Nevertheless, every intimation of Divine mercy caused him to harden his heart until finally the tenth plague, the severest of all, was necessary. That plague consisted in the execution of the death sentence against the firstborn of Egypt. But the innocents in Egypt were exempt from its provisions under certain conditions. Each family was required to have its own lamb, not a lamb of which was to be broken. Its blood was sprinkled upon the doors posts of the house and the family assembled within, parting of its flesh with unleavened bread and bitter herbs, pigmy-like, with staff in hand, ready for departure out of Egypt in the morning.

Israel's First-born Passed Over

When that night the Divine sentence slew all of Egypt's first-born, the first-born of Israel were passed over or spared; hence the name-Pass-over. And this ceremony, as a reminder of the great blessing of the Lord upon Israel, was commanded to be observed yearly as a memorial of God's goodness and the Israelites, or, illustrated, a still greater mercy and blessing upon them.

A little later in those spiritual first-borns were exchanged for one of the tribes—Levi. Thereafter the Levites were the paved-over first-borns and were specially devoted to God and his service.

The Antitypical Fulfillment

These experiences of the Israelites and their first-borns must have been very interesting to them; but they are even more interesting to Christians, who themselves are antitypes now being passed over. By Christians we do not mean all who merely make profession, nor all who attend church, however regularly. We mean, surely, the saintly few who are now being called and being tested as to faithfulness to the Lord and by faith being passed over from death unto life. These are Scripturally styled, "The Church of the first-borns, whose names are written in heaven" (Heb. 12:22). As the deliverance of the nation of Israel from Egypt took place after the passing of the first-born, so the deliverance of the saints will be after the passing of the first-born.

God's First-born

In giving the Israelites the bread which represented the flesh and the wine, which represented the blood, the Master publicly uttered these words and identification and, as St. Paul explained, he did more than this—he offered them a participation with himself in the success of the present and in the glory of the future (1 Cor. 10:31-32; Matt. xxvii, 20). The antitype of the cup in its higher sense will be the new joys of the Kingdom which all the faithful in Christ will share with the great King of glory, when he shall take unto himself his great power and reign.



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