

# Jesus and the Israelites

## Chapters 3 and 4 of the Book

**1.** What are some professions that risk their lives to save others? \_\_\_\_\_

## **2.** Other Images of Christ in the Old Testament

The slain Passover lamb

**Exodus 12:5-7, 12-14**

5 Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, 6 and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight. 7 Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. 12 For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. 13 The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt. 14 This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the Lord; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast.

The sacrifice should be a year-old male lamb without \_\_\_\_\_. (12:5)

It should be \_\_\_\_\_ at twilight. (12:6)

Its blood should be put on the top and sides of \_\_\_\_\_. (12:7)

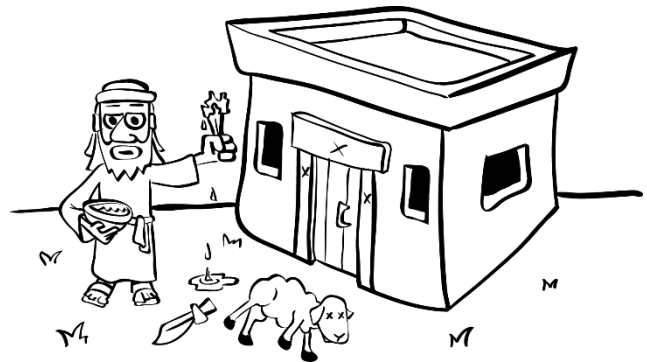
\_\_\_\_\_ will pass over the homes of those with blood on the door. (12:12-13)

The bronze serpent lifted up

**Numbers 21:5-9**

5 And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food." 6 Then the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. 7 And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord and against you. Pray to the Lord, that he take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. 8 And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live." 9 So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

If those bitten by the snake looked at the snake on the pole, they would \_\_\_\_\_. (21:8,9)



The Son of David  
**2 Samuel 7:12-13**

When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

There will be a descendent of David as king \_\_\_\_\_.

**3. Similarities between these pictures and Jesus in the New Testament**

Jesus the Lamb that was slain

**1 Peter 1:18-19** - knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

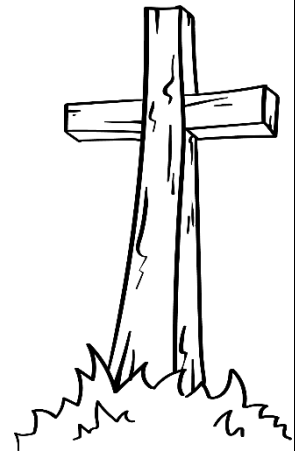
**John 1:29** - The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

As the lamb was perfect, Jesus was the \_\_\_\_\_ Son of God.

Jesus was killed on a cross on \_\_\_\_\_.

The blood on the door was in the form of \_\_\_\_\_.

When God sees Christ's blood, \_\_\_\_\_ will pass over.



Jesus on the cross

**John 3:14** - "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,"

Jesus was lifted up \_\_\_\_\_.

Those who turn to Jesus will \_\_\_\_\_ because of His death.

Jesus the Son of David

**Mathew 1:1** - The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

**Mathew 12:23** - And all the people were amazed, and said, "Can this be the Son of David?"

**John 7:42** - Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the offspring of David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?"

Jesus was a descendent of \_\_\_\_\_.

He was born in \_\_\_\_\_ -

The city of David.

Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_.

**4. Assignment.** Read chapters 5

and 6 of The Jesus Story and, if you have time, read from Isaiah 53 (a

prophecy about Jesus) and Daniel 3 (a surprising appearance of Jesus). Memorize 1 Peter 1:18-19.

**The Sacrifice of Christ**

**1 Peter 1:18-19**

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**1 Peter 1:18-19**

## Jesus and the Israelites (Christ's Death brings life– Chapters 3 and 4 of the Book)

### **Lesson Preparation:**

Read in advance chapters 3 and 4: "Which Way Back to the Promised Land?" and "The King Who Will Reign Forever". The group should also read these chapters. Four scraps of red paper and tape will be needed for the lesson.

### **1. Hook:**

Begin with a prayer. Then say, "There are brave people in our community who are willing to risk their lives to save others. Ask: What are some professions that risk their lives to save others? (Possible answers: firefighters, doctors, lifeguards, soldiers, just heroes, etc.) These are ordinary people who risk their lives and sometimes even lose their lives to save someone. Ask, "Do you know any stories about people like that?" Have the group briefly share such stories. Jesus is the ultimate example of one who died for others. He died to save the whole world from God's punishment for sin.

### **2. Book:**

In last week's talk we looked at four pictures of Jesus Christ in Genesis, the first book of the Bible. 1. Jesus as the one who crushed Satan's head / Jesus will destroy Satan's power over the world through sin. 2. Jesus as the ark / those who turn to Jesus will be saved from the coming worldwide punishment for sin. 3. Jesus as the promised Son (like the promised son, Isaac), He died as a sacrifice for sin (like Isaac, who was to be sacrificed).

4. Jesus, like Joseph, brought salvation to the whole world. Today we will look at a picture of Christ in the second book of the Bible, Exodus: Jesus as the Passover lamb. Read Exodus 12:5-7, 12-13. Ask, what do we learn about the lamb from this story? (Answers: The sacrifice should be a year-old male lamb without defect (12:5); It should be slaughtered at twilight (12:6); Its blood should be put on the top and sides of the door (12:7); Judgement will pass over the homes of those with blood on the door (12:12-13)) To illustrate this story, tape three scraps of red paper to the top and two sides of the door. The blood from the top of the door probably dripped down, so tape a fourth piece of red paper to the floor under the middle of the door. There is another story that tells of the Israelites being saved from destruction. Read Numbers 21:5-9. How were people saved from death by the snakebite? (Answer: If those bitten by the snake looked at the snake on the pole, they would live (21:8,9). Our third passage does not speak of an image, but of a promise. God promised King David that he would have a descendant on the throne of the kingdom forever. Read 2 Samuel 7:12-13 and fill in the blank. (Answer: There would be a descendent of David as king forever.) We know that God always keeps His promises. This promise is called the "Davidic covenant". The fulfillment of this promise, as you read in The Story of Jesus Christ, sometimes hung in the balance.

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**3. Look:**

Now we will look at how these three stories from the Old Testament were realized by Jesus Christ in the New Testament. Read the New Testament verses in which Jesus is called the Lamb: 1 Peter 1:18-19; 1 Corinthians 5:7; John 1:29. Ask what the Passover lamb in the Old Testament and Jesus have in common. Have the group members fill in the blanks on the handout. (Answers: As the lamb was perfect, Jesus was the perfect Son of God; Jesus was killed on a cross on the Passover; The blood on the door was in the form of a cross – Show how if you connect the four red papers on the door, it forms a cross; When God sees Christ's blood, judgement will pass over.) The second picture is the Bronze Serpent on the pole. What do it and Jesus have in common? (Answers: Jesus was lifted up on the cross; Those who turn to Jesus will live because of His death). Interestingly, Jesus himself referred to this story when he predicted his death. Read John 3:14. Ask why the serpent was used as the image on the pole. The serpent is a metaphor for sin. Christ on the cross took away the sin of all men. The third point from the Old Testament is the promise to King David. How was this fulfilled in Jesus? Read the verses in the printouts: Matthew 1:1; Matthew 12:23; John 7:42. So how was this promise fulfilled in the life of Jesus?

Answers: Jesus was a descendent of David. The Bible lists two genealogies of Jesus, and according to both, Jesus is a descendant of King David. Many called Him the "Son of David" when they asked for help and when He entered Jerusalem shortly before His crucifixion. He was born in Bethlehem – the city of David; Jesus was born in Bethlehem, though His family was from another city. In the Bible Jesus is called the King of Kings.

**4. Took:**

"As we read the Old Testament, we see more and more imagery and prophecies about Jesus. These lessons are only a brief overview. There are many other verses in the Old Testament that point to Christ that we haven't even touched on. The image of the coming Messiah (that's the Hebrew word) or Christ (that's the Greek word) was becoming more and more clear in Old Testament times, and many faithful followers were waiting for the Messiah to appear. Next time we will have our last Old Testament lesson, and we will look at several prophecies about Jesus Christ. For the next lesson, read chapters 5 and 6 from "The Story of Jesus Christ" and, if you have time, read Isaiah 53 (a prophecy about Jesus), and Daniel 3 (an amazing appearance of Jesus). Memorize 1 Peter 1:18-19. Finish with prayer thanking God for Jesus Christ and His sacrifice for us.