Police prevent goat sacrifice on Temple Mount

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Israeli police prevented Jewish groups from attempting to sacrifice a goat

on the Temple Mount this afternoon. Tonight begins the eve of Pesach

(Passover), when the Jews commemorate the night in

which the Angel of Death

passed over the camp of

Israel. The Israelites were commanded to sacrifice a

lamb, and put its blood on the lintel and on the doorposts, and the Lord

said that when He saw the blood, He would pass over that house. But the

Egyptians did not put lambs blood on their doors. Like

Bishop Jeffrey John,

they would have thought that

was nonsensical, for the Egyptians despised

shepherding and Moses' God - " who is the Lord that I should obey

Him?", Exodus 5:2. As a result of Pharaoh's hardened heart, the Bible

states that there was not one house in Egypt in which

there was not a man dead

Quote: "Right-wing activist Noam Federman was detained for

questioning Monday afternoon after police at the Dung Gate of Jerusalem's

Old City prevented Federman and several other activists

from entering the

Temple Mount compound, where

they reportedly intended to sacrifice a goat.

Israel

Radio reported that the goat would be handed over to the Jerusalem Municipality.

The newly-formed Sanhedrin had also purchased a flock

of sheep

to carry out an animal

sacrifice on the Temple Mount to

commemorate this

event, but Israeli authorities have not granted them

permission to go ahead with the ritual, citing security fears. But the group

did succeed in parading

two

sheep

on the route towards the Temple Mount.

Quote: "Despite the ruling, the followers decided to hold

a colorful procession yesterday in Jerusalem, heading to the Western Wall

along with two sheep. The Temple Mount Movement followers

present were

joined by partners from the Temple

Institute, which has for years prepared

the traditional

holy tools and utensils for the Third Temple, according to

Torah specifications. The spectacular display did not, however, persuade

authorities to allow the participants to perform the practice.

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The Passover was the first feast that the Jews were commanded to keep,

and it is the longest held religious ceremony in the history of the world. The

Lord instructed the Jewish people that they were to

keep this feast to

remind them and their children how

they were once slaves in Egypt, and how

God

delivered them from their enemies and brought them into the promised

land. Over 4000 years later, men and women are still being freed by the

blood of the Lamb. Egypt in the Bible is a picture of the

world, and the

cruel bondage of sin. The occupants of

the house had to take an unblemished

lamb (Exodus

12:5), and this of course speaks to us of the perfect Lamb of

God (John 1:29) Who is without sin (Hebrews 4:15). When God saw the blood of

the lamb on the doorposts He passed over that house (Exodus

12:13), for the

lamb had given its life in the place of

those in the house. When we trust in

Jesus Christ for

salvation, the Lord sees the blood of His Son upon us and

passes over us, for Jesus Christ has already born the punishment for our

sins that we deserved. The Passover lamb was eaten in haste, with

their

shoes upon their feet and their staff in their hand,

for they were to be

ready to leave at a moment's

notice (Exodus 12:11). Likewise, those who have

trusted in Jesus Christ must be ready to leave at a moment's notice (John

14:3), for the Lord will soon come to take us out of "Egypt" to our promised land of heaven.

Exodus 12:13

And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the

houses where ye are: and pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt.

when I see the blood, I will you

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