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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.*

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 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.

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