

Are You Under the Protective Blood?

It was a dark night in the land of Egypt. 430 years of Israelite sojourning and bondage would end tonight. Great anticipation spread throughout the Israelite dwellings as they had honed the commandments of God, given through Moses, to put blood on the two doorposts and the lintel above the door. The Passover meal had been eaten, the Israelites were fully clothed awaiting the command to leave after the work of the death angel was completed and permission was granted for their departure. In the midst of all this, a legend is born among the Israelites . . . And therein our story begins.

She was a young Jewish maiden, crippled since birth. She had been observing, as well as participating in the family's hurried, but careful, preparations for all that Moses said would soon be taking place. As she lay on her pallet just before the midnight hour was approaching, she asks her father, "Father, is the blood on our doorposts and lintel?" Yes, dear, the blood has been applied to our doorposts and lintel." Relieved, she was quite for a while before asking further, "Father, are you sure that the blood is on our doorposts and lintel?" "Yes, Dear," the father replies, "I commanded one of our most faithful servants put it there himself." A brief time passed. Nearing the midnight hour, the little girl asks, "Father, would pick me up and carry me outside where I can see the blood on our doorposts and lintel?" At that request the father lovingly picks up his daughter as he has done countless times before, opens the door and takes her outside . . . But much to his surprise and horror . . . There was no blood on the doorposts and lintel of their house! Hurriedly he carries his daughter back into the house, places her on her pallet, rushes to kill a lamb and place its blood on the two doorposts and lintel, closing the door just before the death angel passed through their street. Their firstborn is spared!

- Are you under the blood of Christ?
- **1 Corinthians 5:7** – "For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us."
- **Revelation 1:5** - "To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His blood."

Process: WASHING (Baptism by Immersion)

Cleansing Element: HIS OWN BLOOD

- **Ephesians 1:6-7** – "He made us accepted in the Beloved. In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins according to the riches of His grace."