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Exo 12:21-51 Pesach Expanded Chiasm

1A) 12:21-31A The **ORDINANCE OF THE PASSOVER**;

1a) 12:21a Then **Moses called for all the elders of Israel, and said** to them;

1b) 12:21b-23 ‘**YHVH will** pass through to **strike the Egyptians** but **pass over your door**;

1a) 12:21b Select out, and take lambs according to your families, and kill **the Passover lamb**;

1b) 12:22a And you shall take a bunch of hyssop, and dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and strike **the lintel** and **the two side posts** [*i.e., of the door*];

1c) 12:22b **With the blood** that is in the basin;

central axis) 12:22c-23a **And none of you shall go out of the door of his house until the morning. 23 For YHVH will pass through to strike the Egyptians**;

2c) 12:23b And when He sees **the blood**;

2b) 12:23c On **the lintel**, and on **the two side posts** [*i.e., of the door*];

2a) 12:23d YHVH will **pass over** the door, and will not suffer the destroyer to come in to your houses to strike you;

1c) 12:24 And **you shall observe this thing** for an ordinance for you and for **your sons** forever;

central axis) 12:25a And it shall come to pass, when you have come to the land which YHVH will give you, as He has promised;

2c) 12:25b-26 **You shall keep this service** with **your children**;

1a) 12:25b That **you shall keep this service**;

central axis) 12:26a **And it shall come to pass, when your children shall say to you**;

2a) 12:26b “What do you mean by **this service**?”

2b) 12:27-30 **YHVH passed over the houses of Israel** when **He struck the Egyptians**;

1a) 12:27a That you shall say: “It is the sacrifice of **YHVH’s Passover**, for He **passed over** the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt, when **He struck the Egyptians**, and delivered our houses;”

1b) 12:27b-28a And the people bowed the head and worshiped. **28** And **the children of Israel** went and **did so**;

central axis) 12:28b **As YHVH had commanded Moses and Aaron**;

2b) 12:28c **So they did**; {s}

2a) 12:29-30 And it came to pass at midnight, that **YHVH struck all the first-born in** the land of **Egypt**, from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sat on his throne, to the firstborn of the captive that was in the dungeon; and all the firstborn of cattle. **30** And Pharaoh rose up in the night, he, and all his

servants, and all the Egyptians; and there was a great cry in Egypt; for there was not a house where there was not one dead;

2a) 12:31a And **he called for Moses and Aaron** by night **and said**;

1B.1) 12:31B-32 GET YOU FORTH, you and **THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL, WITH** your **FLOCKS AND HERDS**;

1a) 12:31b ‘Rise up, **get you forth** from among my people;

1b) 12:31c Both you and the children of Israel;

central axis) 12:31d And go, serve YHVH, as you have said;

2b) 12:32a Take **both** your **flocks and** your **herds**, as you have said;

2a) 12:32b And **be gone**; and bless me also;’

1B.2.1) 12:33 And the **EGYPTIANS WERE URGENT** with the people, **TO SEND THEM OUT** of the land **IN HASTE**; for they said: We are all dead men;

1B.2.2) 12:34 And the people **TOOK THEIR DOUGH BEFORE IT WAS LEAVENED**, their kneading bowls being bound up in their clothes on their shoulders;

1C) 12:35 And the children of Israel did according to the word of Moses; and **THEY ASKED OF THE EGYPTIANS JEWELS** of silver, and jewels of gold, and clothing;

CENTRAL AXIS) 12:36A AND YHVH GAVE THE PEOPLE FAVOR IN THE SIGHT OF THE EGYPTIANS;

2C) 12:36B So that they let them have **WHAT THEY ASKED**. And **THEY DESPOILED THE EGYPTIANS**; {s+p}

2B.1) 12:37-38 And **THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL** journeyed from Rameses to Succoth, about six hundred thousand men on foot, besides children. **38** And a mixed multitude **WENT UP** also **WITH** them; and **FLOCKS, AND HERDS**, even very much cattle;

2B.2.2) 12:39A And they baked unleavened cakes of **THE DOUGH** which they brought forth out of Egypt, for it **WAS NOT LEAVENED**;

2B.2.1) 12:39B Because **THEY WERE THRUST OUT OF EGYPT**, and **COULD NOT LINGER**, neither had they prepared for themselves any food;

2A) 12:40-51 The **ORDINANCE OF THE PASSOVER**; {p+s+p}

1a) 12:40-41 Now the sojourning of the children of Israel, who dwelt in Egypt, was four hundred and thirty years. **41** And it came to pass at the end of four hundred and thirty years, even **the selfsame day it came to pass**, that **all the host of YHVH went out from the land of Egypt**;

1b) 12:42a-c The **night of watching to YHVH**;

1a) 12:42a It was a **night of watching to YHVH**;

central axis) 12:42b *For bringing them out from the land of Egypt*;

2a) 12:42c This same night is a *night of watching to YHVH*;
central axis) 12:42d For all the children of Israel throughout their generations; {p}

2b) 12:43-50 Keeping the ordinance of **the Passover to YHVH**;

1a) 12:43a And *YHVH said to Moses and Aaron*;

1b) 12:43b ‘This is the *ordinance* of the Passover;

1c) 12:43c-48a *No foreigner shall eat of it*;

1A) 12:43C-44 No foreigner shall eat of it; **44** but every man’s servant that is bought for money, **WHEN YOU HAVE CIRCUMCISED HIM**, then he shall he eat of it;

1B) 12:45 **A STRANGER** and a hired servant shall not eat of it;

CENTRAL AXIS) 12:46 **IN ONE HOUSE IT SHALL BE EATEN; YOU SHALL NOT CARRY FORTH ANY OF THE FLESH OUT OF THE HOUSE; NEITHER SHALL YOU BREAK ITS BONE;**

2B) 12:47-48A All the congregation of Israel shall keep it. **48** And when **A STRANGER** shall sojourn with you, and desires to keep the Passover to YHVH;

2A) 12:48B Let all his males **BE CIRCUMCISED**, and then let him come near and keep it;

central axis) 12:48c *And he shall be as one that is born in the land*;

2c) 12:48d But *no uncircumcised person shall eat of it*;

2b) 12:49 One *law* shall apply to him that is native born, and to the stranger that sojourns among you;’

2a) 12:50 Thus all the children of Israel did; as *YHVH commanded Moses and Aaron*, so they did; {s}

2a) 12:51 And **it came to pass the selfsame day** that **YHVH brought the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt by their hosts**. {p}