

Sermon Handout

“A New Beginning”

Exodus 12:1-14

- I. Closing the actual exodus story (12:1-13:16)
 - A God’s promise to rescue Israel Ex 6:14-7:7
 - A¹ God rescues Israel Ex 12:1-13:16
(The nine signs form the center of this chiasm.)

- II. God establishes a new calendar
 - A. “This . . . shall be . . . the beginning of months” v. 2

 - B. Called Abib 13:4; 23:15; 34:18; Dt 16:1
(called “Nisan” in Neh 2:1 and Esth 3:7)

 - C. God organizes life in Israel around his redemptive work
 1. In the tenth day *of this month* v. 3
 2. The fourteenth day *of the same month* v. 6
 3. *This day* shall be . . . for a memorial v. 14

- III. A new creation
 - A. The first creation Gen 1:5; 2:1-3 (*cf.* Ex 20:8-11)
An order of days, the sanctity of the seventh day

 - B. The redemptive year established Ex 12:3
Always to start with the commemoration of redemption

 - C. The new creation in Christ (a new weekly order)
Christ arose on the first day Mt 28:1-8
Disciples habitually gathered Acts 20:7; I Cor 16:2
John’s example Rev 1:10-11; 4:1-2
Exhortation to continue Heb 10:21-25

- IV. Mosaic codification was a shadow of things to come Col 2:16-17
 - A. The OT Passover points ahead to Christ
Christ is our Passover Heb 11:28; I Cor 5:7;
The Lamb slain Rev 5:5-10

 - B. Eucharist established at Passover Mt 26:26-28
Celebrated on the *first* day (not the seventh) Acts 20:7

 - C. A new order of life is established in Christ