

BBC – 4/7/24 – “Overcoming the Enemy” – Home Bible Study Discussion Outline

Rev 12:11 - *And they overcame him (devil) by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.*

Every person on earth (saved & unsaved) has a formidable Enemy:

Ps 143:3 – *For the enemy hath persecuted my soul; he hath smitten my life down to the ground; he hath made me to dwell in darkness, as those that have been long dead.*

1 Pet 5:8 – *Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour*

Ezek 22:25 – *There is a conspiracy of her prophets in the midst thereof, like a roaring lion ravening the prey; they have devoured souls; they have taken the treasure and precious things; they have made her many widows in the midst thereof.*

Rev 12:9 - *And the great dragon (mesmerizing devourer) was cast out, that old serpent (cunning), called the Devil (accuser), & Satan (adversary), which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.*

7 Steps for Overcoming the Enemy is seen in the Passover: (Exod 12)

In the New Testament era, the first 3 of the 7 have already been accomplished for us **by God**:

1) **v.3** - *Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of their fathers, a lamb for an house: **v.5** Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take it out from the sheep, or from the goats*

- God provided Jesus Christ, the perfect Lamb of God

2) **v.6** - *And ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening.*

- Sinless Jesus was crucified as a substitution for our sins

3) **v.7a** - *And they shall take of the blood, (**v.22** - collected in a basin)*

- None of Jesus' shed blood is wasted – it is all put to use with the capacity to cover every sin of all mankind

For Mankind, the last 4 of the 7 are our responsibility to appropriate by obedient faith:

4) **v.7b, 13 & 22a** - *and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it.*

²² *And ye shall take a bunch of hyssop, and dip it in the blood that is in the bason, and strike the lintel and the two side posts with the blood that is in the bason;*

- Applying the Blood with hyssop = our testimony in receiving salvation (*what we do by faith with God's provision*)
- Result = Salvation; 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.*

5) **v.8-10** - *And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roast with fire, and unleavened bread; and with bitter herbs they shall eat it. ⁹ Eat not of it raw, nor sodden at all with water, but roast with fire; his head with his legs, and with the purtenance thereof. ¹⁰ And ye shall let nothing of it remain until the morning; and that which remaineth of it until the morning ye shall burn with fire.*

- The complete Lamb (*with all its internal organs*) is to be roasted/burned by fire – fully efficacious; no waste.
- The sacrifice is complete; even the dung in the intestines (*our sins He took upon Himself*) is completely burned
- None of the Lamb is left after the morning (*no more salvation after Jesus returns for His Church*).
- The “Day of Salvation” is now, the Church Age; Referred to here as the overnight period, before the ‘morning.’
 - In our lifetime (*the ‘overnight’ period*), we are called to holiness (unleavened bread)
 - and to “fight the good fight,” i.e., *spiritual warfare*, of faith (bitter herbs)

6) **v.11** - *And thus shall ye eat it; with your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat it in haste: it is the LORD's passover.*

- We are in “ready-mode,” not to ‘escape’ - (*we’ve already been told we’ll endure through the night, until morning*)
- But rather to be ready and willing to obey God’s call to service; so to occupy until He comes (*in the ‘morning’*).

7) **v.22b** - *...and none of you shall go out at the door of his house until the morning.*

- We are called to remain faithful...
- Our faithfulness is lived out by not neglecting our assembly at church, by prayer & studying the Word, by growing in faith, by our testimony & fruitfulness, and by enduring to the end.
- **Rev ch. 2-3** – 7 times we’re exhorted to Hear & Overcome.