

# Exodus 12:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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:

## Analysis

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The phrase 'congregation of Israel' (עֲדַת יִשְׂרָאֵל, 'adat yisrael') appears for the first time, indicating that God's redemptive act creates a community, not isolated individuals. The specific timing (tenth day) required advance preparation and examination of the lamb, foreshadowing Christ's public presentation before His crucifixion (John 12:1, 12-13).

## Historical Context

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This command unified all Israel in simultaneous preparation. The 'congregation' concept would become foundational to Israel's corporate identity as God's covenant people.

## Related Passages

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**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

## Study Questions

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1. How does redemption create community rather than private religion?
2. What does the four-day examination period teach about the scrutiny Christ endured before His sacrifice?

## Interlinear Text

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לְאמֹר יִשְׂרָאֵל	יְבָרֵךְ	כָּל	אֶל	עַד	תִּ	עַד	תִּ	לְאָמֹר
<b>speaking</b>		<b>to</b>	<b>all</b>	<b>unto</b>	<b>the</b>	<b>congregation</b>		<b>to</b>
H1696		H413	H3605		H5712			H3478
								H559
בְּעַשְׁר	לְחַדְשָׁה	בְּעַשְׁר	לְחַדְשָׁה	בְּעַשְׁר	לְחַדְשָׁה	לְחַדְשָׁה	לְחַדְשָׁה	אֲשֶׁר
<b>in the tenth</b>	<b>day of this month</b>			H2088		<b>they shall take</b>	H0	<b>to them every man</b>
H6218						H3947		H376
לְבַיִתִים	אֲבֹתָם	שֶׁה	לְבַיִתִים	אֲבֹתָם	שֶׁה	לְבַיִתִים	אֲבֹתָם	לְבַיִתִים
<b>a lamb</b>	<b>according to the house</b>		<b>of their fathers</b>		H1		<b>a lamb</b>	<b>according to the house</b>
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## Additional Cross-References

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**1 Corinthians 5:7** (Parallel theme): Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:

**John 1:29** (Parallel theme): The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

**Leviticus 5:6** (Parallel theme): And he shall bring his trespass offering unto the LORD for his sin which he hath sinned, a female from the flock, a lamb or a kid of the goats, for a sin offering; and the priest shall make an atonement for him concerning his sin.

**Leviticus 1:2** (References Israel): Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, If any man of you bring an offering unto the LORD, ye shall bring your offering of the cattle, even of the herd, and of the flock.

