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In Mitzrayim, the Yidden had to take a lamb on the 10th day of Nissan,
Although only on the 14th was it brought up as a Karban.
In order to explain why the Yidden had to take the lamb four days earlier,
Rashi quotes Rabbi Masya Ben Charash, a great Torah scholar.

"Rabbi Masya Ben Charash would teach often,
That when it was time for Hashem to fulfill his promise and redeem the Yidden,
From Mitzvos they were naked and bare,"
They didn't have any spiritual clothing to wear.

Therefore they were given Mitzvos two,
The blood of the Korban Pesach was one Mitzvah to do.
The other Mitzvah that they were given to merit the Geula,
Was the Mitzvah of the blood of the Bris Milah.

Rashi goes on to say,
"And they were steeped into Avodah Zara in every way.
Moshe told them to remove themselves from Avodah Zara,
And instead to take a lamb for a Mitzvah."

The reason for the 4 day wait,
The end of Rashi does state.
By keeping a lamb to serve Hashem, in their possession for 4 days,
They went to the other extreme and acted against their Avodah Zara ways.

Four days was necessary,
 Because if they would have slaughtered the lamb immediately,
 It would not have been enough time to break their evil totally,
 After 4 days passed, they proved that from idol worship they were free.

With Rabbi Masya's teaching, Rashi introduces his explanation,
 Because from him we learn why the Mitzvah of Korban Pesach was given.
 The goal of the Korban Pesach was to slaughter the evil,
 So that to Hashem we could be 100% loyal.

It was the blood of the Korban Pesach specifically,
 That destroyed the evil and made it possible for the Yidden to go free.
 Staying away from evil is the first key,
 So that a Jew could be dressed properly.

But we can't just stay away from bad, that is for sure,
 We must increase our wardrobe, with good spiritual clothing, more and more.
 The Mitzvah that represents our eternal bond that constantly does grow,
 Is the Mitzvah of Bris Milah, because on a Jew's body the loyalty does show.

Rabbi Masya Ben Charash, Rashi does mention,
 Because this was his life's mission.
 He established his Yeshiva in Rome specifically,
 So that to give spiritual clothing to others, he would have the opportunity.

If Moshiach was just about setting us free,
 Moshiach would have been here already.
 But Hashem wants that when Moshiach does appear,
 We all should have spiritual clothing to wear.

As Yud Shevat draws near,
 We think of the Frierdiker Rebbe and the Rebbe so dear.
 Mesiras Nefesh they did display so that every Jew should be ready,
 With Mitzvah clothing, To greet Moshiach speedily!
