

Moses—Exodus 11--12:20

First Passover

I. Additional Scriptures...

1. 12:03... Josh 7:14
2. 12:05... **without blemish**—Lev 1:3,10; 22:19-24; Deut 17:1; Mal 1:7-8, 14; Heb 7:26; 9:13-14; 1 Pet 1:18-19.
3. 12:06... **in the evening**: Heb. between the two evenings, The Jews divided the day into morning and evening. till the sun passed the meridian, all was morning or forenoon; after that, all was evening or afternoon. Their first evening began just after twelve o'clock, and continued till sunset; their second evening began at sunset, and continued till night, i.e., during the whole time of twilight; between twelve o'clock, therefore, and the termination of twilight, the passover was to be offered (see parallel passages). Ex 16:12; Mat 27:46-50. [TSK].
4. 12:08... **unleavened bread**. Ex 13:3; 13:7; 34:25; Num 9:11; Deu 16:3.

II. Chronology.

BIBLE PERIOD: **Egyptian Bondage**.

III. Summary.

This chapter gives instruction to the children of Israel regarding one of the annual feast days that will be a part of their lives for the future. The Passover will be observed in the first month of the Jewish calendar on the fourteenth day. Preparation for the feast will begin to be made on the tenth day. They are to take a lamb without blemish, a male of the first year of sheep or goats. The Passover Lamb is to be eaten entirely, having been cooked in a certain way—roasted. Their attire is to be with loins girded, shoes on their feet, staff in hand, and it is to be eaten in haste.

The Lord announces that He will pass through the land of Egypt and smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast, and against all the gods of Egypt He will execute judgment. When there is blood as a token upon the houses, He will pass over them, and the plague will not be upon them to destroy them.

Eating of unleavened bread for seven days will be a part of the future observance of this Passover Feast (from the 14th day till the 21st day of the first month). On the first day and on the seventh day there will be a holy convocation. For seven days there is to be no leaven found in the houses of the children of Israel.

IV. Outline.

1. The beginning of months (Ex 12:1-2).
2. Each household must take a Passover Lamb (Ex 12:3-4).
3. A description of the Passover Lamb (Ex 12:5).
4. Keeping the Lamb and the use to be made of it (Ex 12:6-10).
5. More instructions on observing the Passover (Ex 12:11-20).

V. Questions.

True or False

01. _____ The children of Israel were to eat unleavened bread during the time of the Passover Feast.
02. _____ This chapter gives instruction regarding the Jewish Calendar.
03. _____ On the 19th day of the first month, Israelites would be able to eat leavened bread.
04. _____ God gave instructions about what the children of Israel were to wear as they observed the Passover.
05. _____ God executed judgment against all the gods of Egypt.

Multiple Choice (Select the BEST Answer)

06. _____ In observing the Passover, there was to be a lamb for an: (a) offering; (b) house; (c) example.
07. _____ Would a goat be an acceptable animal to use for the Passover: (a) YES; (b) NO.
08. _____ Besides the lamb and the unleavened bread, what other food would be part of the Passover meal: (a) vegetables; (b) a ram; (c) bitter herbs.
09. _____ The Passover Lamb was to be roasted in what manner: (a) well done; (b) whole; (c) then boiled.
10. _____ The day of the tenth plague would be for the children of Israel: (a) a memorial; (b) holy day; (c) a judgment.

Fill in the Blanks

11. “Ye shall eat nothing _____ in all your habitations shall ye eat _____.”
12. Unleavened bread was to be eaten from the _____ day of the first month until the _____ and _____ day.
13. “For I will _____ the land of Egypt this night, and will _____ all the _____ in the land of Egypt, both _____ and _____.”
14. The blood of the Passover Lamb on the doors would be for the children of Israel a _____.
15. The day of the first month that the children of Israel were to take a lamb was the _____ day.

Each Question is worth 7 Points

My Score is: _____

Answers will be found on next week’s handout

ANSWERS to Lesson 01-57 ... [01—False, Ex 9:3; 02—False, Ex 9:11; 03—True, Ex 9:20; 04—True, Ex 9:26; 05—True, Ex 9:28; 06—a, Ex 9:21; 07—c, Ex 9:6; 08—b, Ex 9:10; 09—b, Ex 9:16; 10—b, Ex 9:31; 11—flee, Ex 9:20; 12—died, Ex 9:6; 13—herb, brake, Ex 9:25; 14—13, 13, despiseth, commandment; 15—sinned, Ex 9:34.]

VI. Lessons & Applications.

1. **...Yet will I bring one plague more upon Pharaoh, and upon Egypt...** (Ex 11:1). It was the Lord who was in control in this confrontation between the mighty Pharaoh and Almighty God. The timing of it was by design of the Lord. It was time to end the plagues. There had been sufficient demonstration of the power of God. The present generation would have plenty to tell the succeeding generation about the marvelous power of their God. The surrounding nations would learn to fear God because of these powerful plagues. His wonders had been multiplied in Egypt. Pharaoh would be humbled by this final plague sufficiently to bring about the results desired by the Lord.

2. **And the Lord gave the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians** (Ex 11:3). God had done this same thing earlier through the agency of Joseph. Because of Joseph's interpretation of an earlier Pharaoh's dreams and the preparation he directed for seven years of famine, Joseph and his family were treated as royalty by the Egyptians. Then there arose a Pharaoh who knew not Joseph (Ex 1:8). That Pharaoh began to mistreat the children of Israel and make their burdens great, fearing that they might rebel against Egypt and join an alliance of their enemies. Now we are back full circle and through the intervention of the Lord, there is good will once again between the Egyptians and the children of Israel. That which they would need in the wilderness was being supplied by the Egyptians willingly.
3. **...the Lord doth put a difference between the Egyptians and Israel** (Ex 11:7). This began way back with the promise to Abraham (Gen 12:1-3). Of all the nations upon the face of the earth, the Lord chose Israel to be His people. God gave this people some specific instruction which, if followed, would prevent any harm coming to the firstborn among them. The great Scheme of Redemption is developing as we read from the great Book of Exodus! The people have been amalgamated into a great nation of people and they await the reception of the law at Sinai and the reception of the land in Canaan. Through this people the Lord will eventually, at just the right time (Gal 4:4), send the Messiah, Who will save His people from sin (Mt 1:21). Thus, indeed, from the seed of Abraham all nations would be blessed!
4. **Your lamb shall be without blemish...** (Ex 12:5). There is an obvious type/antitype relationship here between the Passover Lamb and "the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world," (Jn 1:29). Just as the lamb was to be "perfect," just so was Jesus Christ PERFECT. He had no sins and could thus serve as the PERFECT sacrifice for your sins and for mine. Only in this manner could God be just and the justifier (Rom 3:26). God is JUST. His justice requires that sin be punished. The substitutionary death of Jesus makes possible peace and reconciliation between God and man. God so loved man that He was willing to send his only begotten Son (Jn 3:16). Christ had such great love for man that He was willing to die, even the death of the cross (Ph 2:8).
5. **...against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the Lord** (Ex 12:12). This battle was between the powerful God Who created all things and the made-up gods of the Egyptians. If the children of Israel had properly weighed and pondered the contest that took place before their very eyes, they would never waver in their faith in the Living God. However, Satan was able to blind their eyes from time to time and they would even dare to bow down to the gods of the heathen nations surrounding them. Even such a great and wise man as Solomon allowed strange women to turn his eyes away from God and to the idol gods of his wives (1 Kings 11:1-3). How vital it is for us to learn lessons that the children of Israel failed to learn. Let us know that God is a jealous God (Ex 20:5), and that we cannot serve both God and mammon (Mat 6:24).
6. **...and when I see the blood, I will pass over you...** (Ex 12:13). That which protected the firstborn of the children of Israel was BLOOD. We have to be aware that the blood of bulls and goats could not remove sin, in fact it is NOT POSSIBLE that it should take away sin (Heb 10:4). Under the old law, each year, on the Day of Atonement, there was a remembrance of sins. Blood was sprinkled on the altar and the scapegoat was led out into the wilderness to symbolize separation from sin. It was only the powerful BLOOD OF CHRIST that had any cleansing power to wash away sins (Acts 22:16). We are saved by the blood of Christ like they were saved from that devastating tenth plague in the land of Egypt.

VII. Seek-A-Word Puzzle.

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 Q A X E S S W E K D R F V B G T Y H N U
 N M B R G T R E E D C V F R T G B N H Y
 W S X C D E R F V B G T Y H N M J F Y H
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[The highlighted words can be found above. They may be backwards, diagonal, upside down, etc. See if you can find them all. The more you use the words of the Bible, the greater blessed you will be! You might be surprised at how much this little exercise will help you retain important truths. THANK YOU for the good effort you are putting forth in Bible study. DRL]

Exodus 12:7-11--⁷ And they shall take of the blood, and **strike** it on the two side posts and on the upper **door post** of the houses, wherein they shall **eat** it. ⁸ 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. 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**.