

Moses—Exodus 12:21-51

God Brings the Israelites out of Egypt

I. Additional Scriptures...

1. 12:21... **the passover**: That is, the lamb which was called the paschal, or passover lamb; the animal sacrificed obtaining the name of the institution. St. Paul copies the expression in 1Co 5:7 [TSK].
2. 12:33... Ps 105:38
3. 12:34... **Kneadingtroughs** - (Compare the margin and Deut 28:5). The troughs were probably small wooden bowls in which the cakes when baked were preserved for use. The Hebrews used their outer garment, or mantle, in the same way as the Bedouins at present, who make a bag of the voluminous folds of their burnous. See Ruth 3:15; 2 Kgs 4:39.
4. 12:35... **borrowed**, rather, asked of.
5. 12:36... **lent**, Or gave. The word in the Hebrew means simply “granted their request.” Whether the grant is made as a loan, or as a gift, depends in every instance upon the context. Here the word “spoiled” ought to be regarded as conclusive that the grant was a gift, a moderate remuneration for long service, and a compensation for cruel wrongs. [TSK]
6. 12:37... **600,000** - This includes all the males who could march. The total number of the Israelites should therefore be calculated from the males above twelve or fourteen, and would therefore amount to somewhat more than two millions. This is not an excessive population for Goshen, nor does it exceed a reasonable estimate of the increase of the Israelites, including their numerous dependants.
7. 12:40... Gal 3:17
8. 12:50... Deut 4:1-2; 12:32; Mat 7:24-25; 28:20; John 2:5; 13:17; 15:14; Rev 22:15.

II. Chronology.

BIBLE PERIOD: **Egyptian Bondage—THE END!**

III. Summary.

This section begins with instructions regarding observance of the first Passover. Blood from the lamb was to struck on the doorposts and lintel of the houses of the children of Israel using a bunch of hyssop. Each home which was so prepared would be PASSED OVER by the Destroyer and the firstborn in those homes would be spared from death. This final plague upon Egypt would cause the beginning of a feast that would be observed each year as long as the Law of Moses was in effect. The purpose of the feast was to instruct the generations that were to come about the great deliverance the Lord gave to His people.

At midnight the Lord did smite the firstborn of the Egyptians from Pharaoh on the throne to the captive in the dungeon, and also all the firstborn of their cattle. There was not a house where there was not one dead. Pharaoh finally was humbled and called Moses and Aaron and told them to leave and the Egyptian people also urged the children of Israel to leave. The Lord gave His people favor among the Egyptian people and they provided them with the things they needed for their departure. About 600,000 on foot that were men marched from Rameses to

Succoth, also there were flocks and herds. Further instructions were given to Moses regarding the observance of the Passover Feast.

IV. Outline.

1. The children of Israel are given instructions on how to protect themselves from the Destroyer who would pass over them if they obeyed (Ex 12:21-28).
2. At midnight the Destroyer came and killed the firstborn of all of the Egyptians (Ex 12:29-30).
3. Pharaoh and the Egyptian people insisted that the children of Israel leave their land and they provided them that which they would need (Ex 12:31-36).
4. The children of Israel left from Rameses with 600,000 men plus children and flocks and herds (Ex 12:37-42).
5. Further instructions are given to Moses regarding the Passover (Ex 12:43-51).

V. Questions.

True or False

01. _____ There were no restrictions on “strangers” observing the Passover.
02. _____ Part of observing the Passover involved leaving the house at midnight.
03. _____ The total number of Israelites leaving Egypt was 600,000.
04. _____ It was a small amount of cattle that left Egypt with the Israelites.
05. _____ The Egyptian people wanted the Israelites to stay in their land.

Who/What Am I? Who Said It? Who Did It?

06. _____ gave the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians.
07. _____ The children of Israel would say this to them: “It is the Lord’s passover, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt...”
08. _____ Moses told the people to KILL this.
09. _____ “Bless me also.”
10. _____ None of these type persons shall eat the passover.

Fill in the Blanks

11. “And ye shall observe this thing for an _____ to thee and to thy sons for ever.”
12. “...and the people _____ their head and _____.”
13. The Egyptians were _____ upon the people that they should leave.
14. The children of Israel journeyed from Rameses to _____.
15. “Thus did all the children of Israel; as the Lord _____ Moses and Aaron, so _____ they.”

Each Question is worth 7 Points

My Score is: _____

Answers will be found on next week’s handout

ANSWERS to Lesson 01-58 ... [01—True, Ex 10:28; 02—True, Ex 10:3; 03—True, Ex 10:23; 04—False, Ex 10:13; 05—True, Ex 10:16; 06—b, Ex 10:26; 07—a, Ex 10:5; 08—c, Ex 10:21; 09—c, Ex 10:7; 10—b, Ex 10:28; 11—darkened, Ex 10:15; 12—humble, Ex 10:3; 13—west, Ex 10:19; 14—Pharaoh’s servants, Ex 10:7; 15—tell, ears, know, Lord, Ex 10:2.]

VI. Lessons & Applications.

1. **...take you a lamb according to your families, and kill the passover** (Ex 12:21). Here is another demonstration of great faith of Moses and of the children of Israel. In Hebrews 11:28, we are told that Moses did this BY FAITH. What God says is what

Moses and the children of Israel **did**. They had an active faith which was submissive to the will of the Lord. The Hebrews passage emphasizes that they truly believed that their own firstborn children would be killed unless they obeyed the Lord. This is very much like the occasion later on in the wilderness when the brazen serpent was formed and the Israelites who were bitten by the poisonous serpents were REQUIRED to look at that brazen serpent in order to be saved alive (Jesus uses the comparison in John 3:14-17). Today, if we are to be saved from sin, we must do something—that which the Lord has told us to do. How important it is to us to have this same kind of active and obedient faith as was demonstrated by Moses!!!

2. **And it shall come to pass, when you children shall say unto you, What mean ye by this service?** (Ex 12:26). The religion of the children of Israel was a TAUGHT religion. They would pass down to their children that which should guide their lives. The same is true for all times. Christianity is a TAUGHT religion. As parents, we have tremendous responsibilities to teach our children (Eph 6:1-4).
3. **...And they spoiled the Egyptians** (Ex 12:36). “To the victor go the spoils,” is a famous saying. This was true here. The Egyptian people had benefited greatly by the presence of the children of Israel and the benefits that accrued to them by their God. It is now time for them to separate themselves and it is only just and fair that some of the produce of the land be given to Israel.
4. **...about six hundred thousand men on foot...** (Ex 12:37). It was a tremendously large group of God’s people who left out of Egypt. They now have one part of that which is required of a nation—they have the PEOPLE. Next will come the PRECEPTS or law, and then the PROPERTY, the promised land. This is a good text to remember when the question comes up of how many people were involved in the exodus.
5. **And they baked unleavened cakes...** (Ex 12:39). This fact and the fact that they had to leave Egypt in a hurry would become a part of the actual observance of the Passover Feast in years to come. The design of the memorial of the Passover was to keep the power and might of God constantly in the minds of the people. It was a great deliverance by a Great and Mighty God. The children of Israel needed to remember this fact!
6. **And it came to pass the selfsame day, that the Lord did bring the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt by their armies** (Ex 12:51). Sure enough, just as Moses had been promised at Mt. Sinai, God did keep His promise. Just as Moses had told the people, sure enough, God did deliver them from their oppressive bondage. God is a Promise-Keeping God!!!

VII. Seek-A-Word Puzzle.

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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 12:21-24... ²¹Then Moses called for all the **elders** of Israel, and said unto them, Draw out and take you a **lamb** according to your **families**, and **kill** the **passover**. ²²And ye shall take a **bunch** of **hyssop**, and **dip it in the blood** that *is* in the **basin**, and strike the **lintel** and the two **side posts** with the blood that *is* in the basin; and none of you shall go out at the door of his house until the morning. ²³For the LORD will pass through to **smite** the **Egyptians**; and when he seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, the LORD **will pass over** the door, and will not suffer the **destroyer** to come in unto your houses to smite *you*. ²⁴And ye shall **observe** this thing for an **ordinance** to thee and to thy sons for ever.