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| The LORD’s Passover  Exodus 11:1-12:30  Key Verse 12:13 “**13**The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt.” |  |

1. What had been Pharaoh's attitude from the beginning?(5:2) How had deliberate rejection of God's word affected him? (7:13;8:15,19;9:12,34-35,10:20)

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| (Exodus 5:2) **2**Pharaoh said, “Who is the Lord, that I should obey him and let Israel go? I do not know the Lord and I will not let Israel go.”  (Exodus 7:13) **13**Yet Pharaoh’s heart became hard and he would not listen to them, just as the Lord had said.  (Exodus 8:15) **15**But when Pharaoh saw that there was relief, he hardened his heart and would not listen to Moses and Aaron, just as the Lord had said. (Exodus 8:19) **19**the magicians said to Pharaoh, “This is the finger of God.” But Pharaoh’s heart was hard and he would not listen, just as the Lord had said.  (Exodus 9:12) **12**But the Lord hardened Pharaoh’s heart and he would not listen to Moses and Aaron, just as the Lord had said to Moses.  (Exodus 9:34-35) **34**When Pharaoh saw that the rain and hail and thunder had stopped, he sinned again: He and his officials hardened their hearts. **35**So Pharaoh’s heart was hard and he would not let the Israelites go, just as the Lord had said through Moses.  (Exodus 10:20) **20**But the Lord hardened Pharaoh’s heart, and he would not let the Israelites go. |  |

2. Read 11:1-10. What was God's final plague on Egypt? How were the Israelites to prepare for the Exodus? How had Moses changed? (7-8)

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| **11**Now the Lord had said to Moses, “I will bring one more plague on Pharaoh and on Egypt. After that, he will let you go from here, and when he does, he will drive you out completely. **2**Tell the people that men and women alike are to ask their neighbors for articles of silver and gold.”**3**(The Lord made the Egyptians favorably disposed toward the people, and Moses himself was highly regarded in Egypt by Pharaoh’s officials and by the people.) **4**So Moses said, “This is what the Lord says: ‘About midnight I will go throughout Egypt. **5**Every firstborn son in Egypt will die, from the firstborn son of Pharaoh, who sits on the throne, to the firstborn son of the female slave, who is at her hand mill, and all the firstborn of the cattle as well. **6**There will be loud wailing throughout Egypt—worse than there has ever been or ever will be again. **7**But among the Israelites not a dog will bark at any person or animal.’ Then you will know that the Lord makes a distinction between Egypt and Israel. **8**All these officials of yours will come to me, bowing down before me and saying, ‘Go, you and all the people who follow you!’ After that I will leave.” Then Moses, hot with anger, left Pharaoh. **9**The Lord had said to Moses, “Pharaoh will refuse to listen to you—so that my wonders may be multiplied in Egypt.” **10**Moses and Aaron performed all these wonders before Pharaoh, but the Lord hardened Pharaoh’s heart, and he would not let the Israelites go out of his country. |  |

3. Read 12:1-2. What does it mean that the Exodus marks the first month? Skim 12:3-11. How were they to choose, prepare, and eat the Passover lamb? What basic attitude must they have toward God's work of deliverance?

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| **12**The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, **2**“This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. **3**Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Exodus+11%3A1-12%3A30&version=NIV#fen-NIV-1820a)] for his family, one for each household. **4**If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbor, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat. **5**The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats.**6**Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the members of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight.**7**Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs. **8**That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast. **9**Do not eat the meat raw or boiled in water, but roast it over a fire—with the head, legs and internal organs. **10**Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it. **11**This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the Lord’s Passover. |  |

4. Read 12:12,13. What would God do? Skim 12:14-20. How was this event to be remembered? What was the importance of the blood? (12:21-23; Heb 9:22; Jn 1:29) What kind of faith did God want the people to have?

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| **12**“On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn of both people and animals, and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the Lord. **13**The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt. **14**“This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord—a lasting ordinance. **15**For seven days you are to eat bread made without yeast. On the first day remove the yeast from your houses, for whoever eats anything with yeast in it from the first day through the seventh must be cut off from Israel. **16**On the first day hold a sacred assembly, and another one on the seventh day. Do no work at all on these days, except to prepare food for everyone to eat; that is all you may do.  **17**“Celebrate the Festival of Unleavened Bread, because it was on this very day that I brought your divisions out of Egypt. Celebrate this day as a lasting ordinance for the generations to come. **18**In the first month you are to eat bread made without yeast, from the evening of the fourteenth day until the evening of the twenty-first day. **19**For seven days no yeast is to be found in your houses. And anyone, whether foreigner or native-born, who eats anything with yeast in it must be cut off from the community of Israel. **20**Eat nothing made with yeast. Wherever you live, you must eat unleavened bread.” **21**Then Moses summoned all the elders of Israel and said to them, “Go at once and select the animals for your families and slaughter the Passover lamb. **22**Take a bunch of hyssop, dip it into the blood in the basin and put some of the blood on the top and on both sides of the doorframe. None of you shall go out of the door of your house until morning. **23**When the Lord goes through the land to strike down the Egyptians, he will see the blood on the top and sides of the doorframe and will pass over that doorway, and he will not permit the destroyer to enter your houses and strike you down.  (Heb 9:22) **22**In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.  (Jn 1:29) **29**The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! |  |

5. Read 12:24-30. How and why did Moses instruct them about keeping the Passover?

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| **24**“Obey these instructions as a lasting ordinance for you and your descendants. **25**When you enter the land that the Lord will give you as he promised, observe this ceremony. **26**And when your children ask you, ‘What does this ceremony mean to you?’ **27**then tell them, ‘It is the Passover sacrifice to the Lord, who passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt and spared our homes when he struck down the Egyptians.’” Then the people bowed down and worshiped. **28**The Israelites did just what the Lord commanded Moses and Aaron. **29**At midnight the Lord struck down all the firstborn in Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh, who sat on the throne, to the firstborn of the prisoner, who was in the dungeon, and the firstborn of all the livestock as well. **30**Pharaoh and all his officials and all the Egyptians got up during the night, and there was loud wailing in Egypt, for there was not a house without someone dead. |  |