INTRODUCTION
This passage deals with the 10th and last plague and the march out of Egypt. Of all the recorded miracles in the Old Testament, the crossing of the Red Sea is referred to more than any other.

Passage | Comments
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Exodus 11 | God Knows the End from the Beginning
- v1. God tells Moses that Pharaoh will let Israel leave Egypt after the last plague. This begs the question, why didn’t God start off with Plague #10 and spare Egypt?
- Again, God’s love and mercy often starts off with small warnings before having to bring down the sledge hammer to get people to obey
- v2-3. God continues to work providentially behind the scenes and causes the Egyptians to look favorably on the Israelites, and Moses even had celebrity status.
- Do people look at us with favor or with disdain?
- Consider the following: "The wealth of the sinner is stored up for the righteous." Prov 13:33b
- v4-105. The firstborn of the Egyptians and beast shall die. How? By Miracle or Providence?
- This was not going to be a silent or painless death. Consider it would occur "after midnight" (v4; 12:29) and there would be a "great cry" (v6) waking every household up as the firstborn, be it a baby, toddler, teenager, or an adult, possibly shrieking in agonizing pain prior to death.
- We see in 12:30-31 that Pharaoh and ALL the Egyptians "arose in the night with a great cry" – and Pharaoh called for Moses while it was still night.
- Why such horror at night? At least, loved ones would have passed away while at home surrounded by family.
- If it occurred during the day, kids would've been at school with some crying out for their mommy, dads at work, only moms would have been at home, with some dying alone.

Exodus 12 | Passover is Instituted ➔ Points to the Sacrifice of Jesus
This commemorative feast would see ultimate fulfillment in the NT through the redemptive and sacrificial death of Jesus Christ, our eternal Passover Lamb
- v2. A new calendar is instituted for the Jews based on this Passover. The current Jewish year since Creation is 5777
- v5-6. A lamb is kept 4 days before slaughter. Why wait?
  - Possibly to contemplate on its significance
  - Possibly give time to get attached to the cute little pet so it rips your heart out when you must slaughter it and eat it
  - Possibly to convey that God does not want a rush job – but time to contemplate on the significance of the moment.
- v7, 13. Blood, which represents life, is shed and put on the door posts to signify something precious had to die to protect the lives within the house. ALSO, when the Lord saw the blood on the doorpost, it indicated the family inside was obedient to God’s word and was set apart to be spared.
- v11. Be dressed and eat in haste. BUT, it took 4 days to prepare the meal – Why the rush now? Possibly to convey we are to be a prepared and purpose-driven people, yet, when it comes to obedience, we are ever-ready to obey.

Exodus 12 (cont) | What Does It Mean to be “Cut Off” from the People?
- v23 & 29. At midnight, the Lord is credited for killing the firstborn, but we in see in vs 23 that the Lord is the one who is looking for blood on the doorpost, and if there is blood, He does not allow "the Destroyer" to enter the house to kill
  - God went door to door – He comes down to our level
  - v36. The Israelites "plundered" the Egyptians by receiving precious metals and jewels from them
  - Providentially, this positioned them very nicely to build the grandiose tabernacle with gold-plated artifacts and utensils
  - The kids, who received the wearable luxury items, were given a sense of prestige, which kept them from inheriting their parents’ poverty mentality to a degree ............Ex 3:22
  - v37. 600,000 men are mentioned. Add 1 wife, and at least 2 kids per family and you have 2,400,000 people marching through the desert with no McDonalds or Starbucks nearby
  - v40-41. God is able to control events for 430 years down ‘to the day’ if not down to the microsecond. What a sovereign God, and He does it without turning anyone into a robot, including Pharaoh. Everyone remains accountable.

CONCLUSION / APPLICATIONS / CONSIDERATIONS
- We have to admit God does treat His children (Israel) different from all other people groups. He gives them a unique identity and watches over them judiciously. As Christians, we should be thankful that we are grafted in and fall under God’s watchful eye.

NEXT WEEK: Exodus 13-14. Pharaoh doesn’t give up, and neither does God. Pharaoh’s going to learn the hard way that God can come across to the wicked as tortuous (ESV) ...............Ps 18:26

If the 10th plague doesn’t work, I’ll have to send a plague of Democrats & Republicans to finish ’em off.