

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

- 1) 03 Sept 2017 Exodus 01-04 Reluctance
- 2) 10 Sept Exodus 05-10 Confrontation
- 3) 17 Sept **Exodus 11-12** **Liberation**
- 4) 24 Sept Exodus 13-14 Victory
- 5) 01 Oct Exodus 15-18 Sufficient
- 6) 08 Oct Exodus 19-24 Commanded
- 7) 15 Oct Exodus 25-31 Equipped
- 8) 22 Oct Exodus 32-34 Rebellion
- 9) 29 Oct Exodus 35-40 His Presence
- 10) 05 Nov Leviticus 01-07 Set Before
- 11) 12 Nov Leviticus 08-15 Set Apart
- 12) 19 Nov Leviticus 16-22 Set Free
- 13) 26 Nov Leviticus 23-27 Set Futures

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
Exodus 11	<p>God Knows the End from the Beginning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ 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 • vv2-3. God continues to work providentially behind the scenes and causes the Egyptians to look favorably on the Israelites, and Moses even had celebrity status. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ 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 • vv4-105. The firstborn of the Egyptians and beast shall die. How? By Miracle or Providence? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ 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	<p>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</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v2. A new calendar is instituted for the Jews based on this Passover. The current Jewish year since Creation is 5777 • vv5-6. A lamb is kept 4 days before slaughter. Why wait? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ 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. • vv7, 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.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v14. This is "a permanent ordinance." God created a unique culture for the Jews based on their celebratory feasts. No matter where Jews have been scattered over the centuries, they have a common heritage that binds them together. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ What culture distinctions identify other people groups? • v15. "That person shall be cut off." What does "cut off" mean? Depending on the context, it could either mean executed or excommunicated (i.e., Quarantined or Ostracized). In brief, God's people were to take His word seriously or there would be serious consequences. How do we treat God's word?
What Does it Mean to be "Cut Off" from the People?	<p>03772 כרת karath Cut Off, Destroy, or "Make a Covenant." OT "Cut Off" Passages Alluding to Execution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Profane the Sabbath and be cut off / killed.....Exod 31:14 • For sexual immorality (adultery, homosexuality, bestiality, incest) they shall be cut off / executedLev 18:29; 20:10-12 • Mediums & spiritists were to be cut off / executed ..1Sam 28:9 <p>Passages Alluding to Excommunication or Quarantine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Touch anything unclean and be cut off/quarantined ..Lev 7:21 • Neglect the Passover and be cut off/ostracized Num 9:13 <p>NT Passages alluding to Excommunication</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For unrepentant & blatant sexual immorality 1Cor 5:1-7
Exodus 12 (cont)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vv23 & 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ 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. • vv40-41. 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.