

The Tenth Plague/The First Passover

Exodus 12

How many of the nine plagues from the last lesson can you name? See page 2 for help.

After each plague Pharaoh promises to let God's people go from Egypt but then changes his promise. In Exodus 11 God promises a tenth plague that would guarantee Pharaoh would release the Israelites. Let us study that final plague.

Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father, Please send Your Holy Spirit into my heart through Your Word that we are about to study. Help me to learn about the Passover lamb and about Jesus, our true Passover Lamb who died for the whole world's sins. In Jesus' name. Amen.



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The Passover Feast Instituted

Now the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, {2} "This month shall be your beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year to you. {3} "Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying: 'On the tenth day of this month every man shall take for himself a lamb, according to the house of his father, a lamb for a household. {4} 'And if the household is too small for the lamb, let him and his neighbor next to his house take it according to the number of the persons; according to each man's need you shall make your count for the lamb. {5} 'Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year. You may



Blood



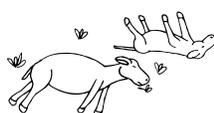
Boils



Darkness



Death of a 1st son



Flies



Frogs



Hail



Gnats



Locusts

take it from the sheep or from the goats. {6} 'Now you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month. Then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it at twilight. {7} 'And they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses where they eat it. {8} 'Then they shall eat the flesh on that night; roasted in fire, with unleavened bread and with bitter herbs they shall eat it. {9} 'Do not eat it raw, nor boiled at all with water, but roasted in fire; its head with its legs and its entrails. {10} 'You shall let none of it remain until morning, and what remains of it until morning you shall burn with fire. {11} 'And thus you shall eat it: with a belt on your waist, your



sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. So you shall eat it in haste. It is the Lord's Passover. {12} 'For I will pass through the land of Egypt on that night, and will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the LORD. {13} 'Now the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you; and the plague shall not be on you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

The First Passover

{21} Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel and said to them, "Pick out and take lambs for yourselves according to your families, and kill the Passover lamb. {22} "And you shall take a bunch of hyssop, dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and strike the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood that is in the basin. And none of you shall go out of the door of his house until morning. {23} "For the LORD will pass through to strike the Egyptians; and when He sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the LORD will pass over the door and not allow the destroyer to come into your houses to strike you. {24} "And you shall observe this thing as an ordinance for you and your sons forever. {25} "It will come to pass when you come to the land which the LORD will give you, just as He promised, that you shall keep this service. {26} "And it shall be, when your children say to you, 'What do you mean by this service?' {27} "that you shall say, 'It is the Passover sacrifice of the LORD, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt when He struck the Egyptians and delivered our households.' " So the people bowed their heads and worshiped. {28} Then the children of Israel went away and did so; just as the LORD had commanded Moses



and Aaron, so they did.

{29} And it came to pass at midnight that the LORD struck all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sat on his throne to the firstborn of the captive who was in the dungeon, and all the firstborn of livestock. {30} So Pharaoh rose in the night, he, all his servants, and all the Egyptians; and there was a great cry in Egypt, for there was not a house where there was not one dead.

{31} Then he called for Moses and Aaron by night, and said, "Rise, go out from among my people, both you and the children of Israel. And go, serve the LORD as you have said. {32} "Also take your flocks and your herds, as you have said, and be gone; and bless me also."

{33} And the Egyptians urged the people, that they might send them out of the land in haste. For they said, "We shall all be dead." {34} So the people took their dough before it was leavened, having their kneading bowls bound up in their clothes on their shoulders. {35} Now the children of Israel had done according to the word of Moses, and they had asked from the Egyptians articles of silver, articles of gold, and clothing. {36} And the LORD had given the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they granted them what they requested. Thus they plundered the Egyptians.

{37} Then the children of Israel journeyed from Rameses to Succoth, about six hundred thousand men on foot, besides children. {38} A mixed multitude went up with them also, and flocks and herds; a great deal of livestock. {39} And they baked unleavened cakes of the dough which they had brought out of Egypt; for it was not leavened, because they were driven out of Egypt and could not wait, nor had they prepared provisions for themselves.

{40} Now the sojourn of the children of Israel who lived in Egypt was four hundred and thirty years. {41} And it came to pass at the end of the four hundred and thirty years; on that very same day; it came to pass that all the armies of the LORD

went out from the land of Egypt. {42} It is a night of solemn observance to the LORD for bringing them out of the land of Egypt. This is that night of the LORD, a solemn observance for all the children of Israel throughout their generations.

Outer Aim

God saved His people from death and delivered them from Egypt.

What the Story Tells Us - Change these false sentences to true sentences by crossing out the wrong word (s) and writing the correct word above it.

1. The LORD spoke to Moses and Abraham about the Passover feast.
2. The lamb that was killed should be sickly.
3. The blood from the lamb was to be spread on the ground.
4. The feast included unleavened bread, bitter herbs and boiled lamb.
5. The LORD would visit the homes that had blood on the doorposts.
6. The youngest child in the family of the Egyptians was killed.
7. Pharaoh told Moses and God's people to stay in Egypt.
8. The children of Israel got clothing and copper and silver items from the Egyptians.
9. There were 6,000 men that left Egypt.
10. The children of Israel had been in Egypt 100 years.

What God Tells Us - Compare the lamb of the Passover feast and Jesus, our Passover Lamb by completing the chart below. The answers are below the chart, but mixed up.

Lamb of the Passover Feast	Jesus, our Passover Lamb

without blemish

blood shed on the cross
saves us from eternal
death

killed

killed

without sin

blood saved the
firstborn from death

Your Turn - Draw a picture of a Passover meal or describe the meal. Be sure to label the three (3) things in the meal that God commanded for the Old Testament Jews to eat.

Inner Aim - Jesus, our Passover Lamb, was sacrificed for us.

Passages - Fill in the missing words from the Bible passages. Use your Bible if you need help.

John 1:29 "Behold! The _____ of God who takes away the _____ of the _____."

1 Corinthians 5:7 Christ our _____ is sacrificed for us.

1 Peter 1:18-19 Knowing the you were not _____ with corruptible things, like _____ or _____, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious _____ of Christ, as of a lamb without _____ and without _____.

Hymn - TLH #147

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away
The sin of the world, have mercy upon us!
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away
The sin of the world, have mercy upon us!
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away
The sin of the world, grant us Thy peace!

Prayer

Dear Jesus,

You are the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. We pray that You would help us see how You delivered Your people out of Egypt protecting them from death through the blood of the Passover lamb. Help us to believe that the blood of Jesus, the perfect Passover Lamb, protects us from eternal death in hell and gives us life in heaven. In Jesus' name. Amen.