

SLAVES SET FREE
A Study in the Book of Exodus
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The Passover

Exodus 12

*"Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the LORD will bring you today.
The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. The LORD will fight for you;
you need only to be still."* Exodus 14:13–14

Day 1: Read Exodus 12.

1. God's judgment of Egypt is a preview of the final judgment of the whole world (Rev. 6:12–17).
 - a. What means of escape did God provide from his wrath on Egypt?

 - b. What means of escape does God provide from his final wrath to come? (Rom. 5:9)

2. How is the fate of Pharaoh an illustration of Proverbs 29:1?

3. God's long-suffering and multiple warnings to Pharaoh are an example of his dealing with the whole unbelieving world. How does God want us to respond to his merciful warnings and discipline? (Prov. 1:23; Heb. 3:15)

4. What should you do if you've ignored God's repeated warnings, have totally blown it, and now are in big trouble? (Joel 2:12–14)

Day 2: Read Exodus 12.

5. Read Deuteronomy 9:4–6; 7:8. God rescued Israel from the plagues he was sending on Egypt because they were: *(circle the correct answer)*

a. a lot better than the Egyptians b. slightly better c. neither

6. Read Ephesians 2:1–5. God rescued you from his wrath to come and made you a Christian because you were: *(circle the correct answer)*

a. a lot better than others b. slightly better c. neither

7. How is God's mercy to the Egyptians shown even while he is pouring out judgment on Pharaoh? (Ex. 7:5)

a. What do Exodus 12:38 and 48 imply?

b. What do Isaiah 19:21–25 and 49:6 reveal to be God's intention all along in his plan of salvation?

Day 3: Read Exodus 12:14–17, 24–27 and Psalm 78.

8. Why do you think God was so adamant that the Israelites commemorate the Passover every year from that day on?

9. Psalm 78 talks about the next 500 years of Israel's history. As you skim this passage, list some verses/phrases that describe how well Israel "remembered" God's continued deliverance.

10. What happens when we are not careful to remember God? (Ps. 78:32–33; Jer. 3:21)

11. What does God delight to do when we turn back to him? (Mic. 7:18)

12. How can we help one another to remember God's gracious acts in our lives? (Heb. 3:12–13)

Day 4: Read Exodus 12.

13. Which came first, the giving of the law (Ex. 20) or God's redeeming his people from Egypt?

14. Why do you think it is important that God ordered things that way?

- a. What does this suggest regarding whether we are saved by grace or by our own obedience to the law?
- b. What might the Israelites have assumed if the law had been given before the Passover and their exodus from Egypt?

Day 5: Read Exodus 12.

15. What Jewish feast was Jesus celebrating the night before his crucifixion? (Jn. 13:1)

Do you think that was just a coincidence?

16. What is Jesus called in John 1:29, 1 Corinthians 5:7, and in Revelation 13:8? Why?

17. How is Jesus the fulfillment of the Passover animal sacrifices in the Old Testament? (Heb. 10:3–7, 11–14)