

SLAVES SET FREE
A Study in the Book of Exodus
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Free from Egypt

Exodus 13–14

"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 13:1–10.

1. What do "consecrate" and "commemorate" mean? (13:2-3; You might want to check a dictionary.)

2. The Passover lays the foundation for our understanding of Jesus' sacrificial death. What are the stipulations of this ceremony? If you ever attended a Seder (the ceremonial dinner at the start of Passover), recall and share what you remember about it.

3. Why did God tell the Israelites to remove the yeast from their homes? (Ex. 12:14–15, 39)

4. What is the ultimate goal of the Passover ceremony? (13:9)

Day 2: Read Exodus 13:11–16.

5. What was the response required of the Israelites when they got to Canaan?

What does "redeem" mean in this context?

6. How do the "sign" and "symbol" of the Passover Feast mentioned in verses 9 and 16 differ from the sign of the covenant—circumcision? What symbols or metaphors are meaningful to you in your walk with God?

7. How does God ensure that his merciful acts will not be forgotten? (13:14–15)

In what ways do we remember his merciful acts today?

Day 3: Read Exodus 13:17–14:9.

8. What did God know about the hearts of the Israelites? (13:17)

What does he know about your heart?

9. What did Moses remember to bring with him? (13:19; Gen. 50:25).

Why was this important?

10. What does 14:1–4 reveal about God?

11. Describe Pharaoh's thoughts and feelings in 14:5–9.

Day 4: Read Exodus 14:10–18.

12. Characterize the tone of the Israelites' comments. (14:11–12)

a. How would you expect Moses to respond?

b. How does Moses respond?

13. What underlying issue does Moses recognize as the root of Israel's complaint? (14:13-14)

Is this an issue in **your** life?

14. What further instructions does God give to Moses?

Day 5: Read Exodus 14:19-31.

15. What parts do God's angel and the pillar of cloud play in the drama of the Red Sea crossing? (14:19-20)

16. What is the effect of Moses' obedience (stretching out his hand) in verses 21-22 and again in verses 26-28?

17. What is the result of this miracle in the lives and hearts of the Israelites? (14:30-31)

Can you recall a New Testament miracle that had a similar effect on those who saw it?