

## EXODUS 11-12

TODAY'S TEXT IS HEAVY. IT IS ONE OF CELEBRATION, FROM SLAVERY TO FREEDOM. IT IS ALSO ONE OF DEEP CONVICTION, SHOWING US THE GREATNESS OF OUR GOD AND HIS INTENTIONAL PURPOSE FOR HIS PEOPLE. AS CHILDREN OF GOD THIS PARTICULAR TEXT IS SO MEANINGFUL BECAUSE ALTHOUGH THIS HAPPENED THOUSANDS OF YEARS AGO, WE SEE VERY CLEARLY THAT WE AREN'T THAT DIFFERENT THAN OUR ISRAELITE BROTHERS AND SISTERS.

WE CAN AGREE THAT JUST AS THE ISRAELITES DELT WITH THE SYMPTOMS OF SIN: WORSHIP OF FALSE gods, SATANIC INFLUENCE IN THEIR SOCIETY, AND BONDAGE PHYSICALLY, MENTALLY AND SPIRITUALLY, WE TOO DEAL WITH THE SAME.....THOUSANDS OF YEARS LATER.

TODAY, AS WE FOCUS ON THE FINAL PLAGUE, WE WILL TALK ABOUT THE SOLUTION TO THIS.

I WILL ANSWER THIS QUESTION "HOW" "HOW DOES THE LAST PLAGUE SPECIFICALLY TAKE US FROM SLAVERY TO FREEDOM"

ALL OF THE PREVIOUS PLAGUES HAVE SET THE STAGE FOR THIS LAST AND FINAL ONE. EVERYONE INCLUDING PHARAOH AND HIS MAGICIANS ARE STARTING TO REALIZE WHO THE ONE TRUE GOD IS.

**RECAP QUICKLY MOSES UP TO THIS POINT**

## Exodus 11:1-3 NKJV

**11** And the LORD said to Moses, “I will bring one more plague on Pharaoh and on Egypt. Afterward he will let you go from here. When he lets *you* go, he will surely drive you out of here altogether. <sup>2</sup> Speak now in the hearing of the people, and let every man ask from his neighbor and every woman from her neighbor, articles of silver and articles of gold.” <sup>3</sup> And the LORD gave the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians. Moreover the man Moses *was* very great in the land of Egypt, in the sight of Pharaoh’s servants and in the sight of the people.

THERE IS A COUPLE THINGS WE SEE HERE

FIRST...GOD IS WRAPPING UP HIS JUDGEMENT THROUGH THE PLAGUES. I’M SURE MOSES AND AARON WERE RELIEVED TO HERE THIS SINCE THEY ARE THE ONES GOING BACK AND FORTH FROM THE PALACE TO THE PEOPLE.

BY THIS POINT, EVERYONE IN EGYPT IS PAYING ATTENTION

THE SECOND THING WE SEE IN VERSE 3 OF CHAPTER 11, GOD HAS GIVEN THE ISRAELITES FAVOR WITH THE EGYPTIANS AND MOSES IS CONSIDERED TO BE VERY GREAT AMONG THEM.

THIS MUST HAVE MADE EGYPT COMFORTABLE FOR THE ISRAELITES. HEY, IT’S NOT SO BAD HERE. HARMONY BETWEEN THE TWO NATIONS, THE EGYPTIANS RECOGNIZING WHO THE ONE TRUE GOD REALLY IS.

ONE MIGHT WANT TO STOP THE STORY RIGHT HERE.  
“THANKS FOR MAKING LIFE BETTER LORD”

THINK ABOUT IT, THEY HAVE BEEN THERE 400 YEARS  
GENERATION AFTER GENERATION. I’M SURE EGYPT NEVER  
LOOKED SO APPEALING

NOW LETS LOOK AT OURSELVES TODAY, WE WOULD LIKE TO  
STOP AT VERSE 3 AS WELL. WE PRAY FOR GOD TO MAKE OUR  
LIVES BETTER BUT WHAT IF HE ISN’T INTERESTED IN  
MAKING OUR LIVES HERE ON EARTH “BETTER” WHAT IF  
GOD IN HIS INFINITE WISDOM WANTS TO DISMANTLE OUR  
LIVES SO WE STEP INTO HIS.

WILL YOU STILL WORSHIP HIM?

GOD HAS NO INTENTION OF LEAVING US IN EGYPT

GOD SPEAKS TO MOSES ABOUT THE LAST PLAGUE  
MOSES WARNS PHAROAH ONE MORE TIME...GOD HARDENS  
HIS HEART

Exodus 12:12-13

New King James Version

<sup>12</sup> ‘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. <sup>13</sup> 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.

LET'S ACKNOWLEDGE SOMETHING HERE, THIS IS THE HEAVY PART OF THIS TEXT. KILLING EVERY SINGLE FIRST BORN BOY IN ALL OF EGYPT IS GNARLY

WHY WOULD GOD DO SOMETHING SO HARSH? I'M SURE THERE WERE NICE EGYPTIAN FAMILIES, WHY WOULD GOD LUMP THEM IN WITH PHAROAH? DOES HE EVEN CARE FOR THEM? THEY SEEM READY TO LET THE PEOPLE GO EVEN THOUGH PHARAOH ISNT ON BOARD YET. WHY SHOULD THEY BE PUNISHED?

THE ANSWER IS HERE

Ezekiel 33:11

New King James Version

<sup>11</sup> Say to them: 'As I live,' says the Lord GOD, 'I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn, turn from your evil ways! For why should you die, O house of Israel?'

400 YEARS AND 9 PLAGUES BETWEEN BOTH THE EGYTIANS AND THE ISRAELITES THUS FAR HAVE GIVEN BOTH NATIONS AMPLE TIME TO REPENT.

ANOTHER THING, GOD IS GOD AND WE ARE NOT

YOU SEE, GOD HAS HUMAN KIND IN MIND HERE, SOMETHING MUCH BIGGER THAN EGYPT, MUCH BIGGER THAN WHAT IS GOING ON IN OUR LIVES NOW. GOD IS WORKING ON OUR BEHALF, FOR ULTIMATE PEACE AND FREEDOM ETERNALLY FOR ALL

**THIS IS GOD'S CALL FOR OBEDIENCE WITH HIS DIRECTION**

## EXPLAIN PASSOVER MEAL QUICKLY

EVERY FAMILY THAT DOES THIS WILL BE SPARED THE JUDGEMENT OR “PASSED OVER” FROM THE ANGEL OF DEATH

WHY SUCH A HARSH JUDGEMENT?

GOD IS MULTI TASKING

HE IS SETTING HIS PEOPLE FREE AND HE IS SMASHING ALL OF THE OTHER FALSE gods THE EGYPTIANS AND ISRAELITES WORSHIPED.

PHAROAH WAS SAID TO BE THE SON OF RAH THE GOD OF THE SUN WHO PRESERVES LIFE WHICH MADE HIM SEEM LIKE A DEITY

EACH PLAGUE DELT WITH THE FUTILITY OF ALL THEIR FALSE gods  
THIS LAST PLAGUE IS THE ONE AGAINST PHARAOH, RAH, AND THE REST

## WHAT FALSE gods HAVE YOU WORSHIPPED? GIVE EXAMPLES

DON'T SETTLE FOR “MOSTLY WORSHIPPING” GOD

FIRST COMMANDMENT

THERE SHALL BE NO OTHER gods BEFORE ME  
TO WORSHIP GOD 2<sup>ND</sup> TO ANYTHING IS WORSHIPPING FALSE gods

Exodus 12:29-30

New King James Version

<sup>29</sup> 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 <sup>[a]</sup>in the dungeon, and all the firstborn of livestock. <sup>30</sup> 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.*

PHARAOH WAS SHOWN HE WAS NO MORE POWERFUL THAN THE LIVESTOCK OR HIS CAPTIVES. IN A MOMENT HIS FOUNDATION OF BEING A DEITY WAS RIPPED FROM HIM AND HIS FIRST BORN DEAD

HE WAS HUMAN...POWERLESS

Exodus 12:31-32

New King James Version

<sup>31</sup> 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. <sup>32</sup> Also take your flocks and your herds, as you have said, and be gone; **and bless me also.**"

EVERY KNEE SHALL BOW AND EVERY TOUNGE WILL CONFESS THAT THE LORD OF ISRAEL IS THE ONE TRUE GOD

**NOW LETS LOOK AT THE SECOND IMPACTFULL PASSOVER**

BEFORE WE GO ANY FURTHER I MUST SAY THAT EVEN THOUGH THE FIRST PASSOVER WAS MAGNIFICANT AND POWERFUL. INTENSE AND GLORIOUS THOUGH IT MIGHT BE, IT FAILS IN COMPARISON TO THE POWER OF THE SECOND....THE FIRST MEARLY SHADOWS WHAT IS TO COME

WE HAVE TO FAST FORWARD ABOUT 1400 YEARS AND 700 KILOMETERS TOWARDS THE COAST TO A LITTLE CITY CALLED JERUSALEM..50-60 GENERATIONS LATER 33AD JEWS FROM EVERYWHERE GATHERED FOR THE PASSOVER FEAST

**BUT THERE WAS THIS ONE JEW NAMED JESUS**....MANY HAD HEARD THE STORIES OF THIS TEACHER WHO RESTORES SIGHT TO THE BLIND AND HEALS THE SICK AND THE LAME MANY HAD HEARD ABOUT THIS MAN WHO CLAIMED TO BE THE SON OF THE GOD OF ABRAHAM, ISAAC, AND JACOB... AND MANY WANTED HIM DEAD

YOU SEE, JESUS WAS GOING AROUND SAYING CRAZY STUFF LIKE THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS HERE AND ALL WHO CALL ON THE NAME OF THE LORD SHALL BE SAVED NOT JUST THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL

HE SAID I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE. NO ONE COMES TO THE FATHER EXCEPT THROUGH ME

**IT IS THE PASSOVER FEAST, THE MEMORIAL OF THIS GREAT LIBERATION WAS HONORED YEAR AFTER YEAR, GENERATION AFTER GENERATION**

JESUS HAS RODE IN ON THE DONKEY..HOSANNA!! ITS TIME TO PREPARE THE SACRIFICIAL LAMB...THE MOST IMPORTANT PIECE OF PASSOVER

GOD IS INTENTIONAL

Mark 14:12-15

New King James Version

<sup>12</sup> Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they [a]killed the Passover *lamb*, His disciples said to Him, “Where do You want us to go and prepare, that You may eat the Passover?”

<sup>13</sup> And He sent out two of His disciples and said to them, “Go into the city, and a man will meet you carrying a pitcher of water; follow him. <sup>14</sup> Wherever he goes in, say to the master of the house, ‘The Teacher says, “Where is the guest room in which I may eat the Passover with My disciples?” ’ <sup>15</sup> Then he will show you a large upper room, furnished *and* prepared; there make ready for us.”

NONE OF THE DISCIPLES REALLY UNDERSTOOD WHAT JESUS WAS ABOUT TO DO. THEY DIDN'T UNDERSTAND THAT HE WOULD BE BEATEN, RIDICULED, SPIT ON, AND HUNG ON A CROSS...FOR THEM...FOR US

THEY DIDN'T UNDERSTAND THAT HE WHO KNEW NO SIN, WOULD BECOME SIN AND RECEIVE THE FULL WRATH OF GOD IN OUR PLACE....BRINGING RECONCILIATION BETWEEN GOD AND MAN FOREVER.

IT...IS...FINISHED

NO LONGER WOULD WE NEED LAMBS, BULLS, AND GOATS THAT COULD NEVER REMOVE SIN..ONLY COVER IT

NO, THIS PASSOVER WAS SPECIAL INDEED

JESUS KEEPS THOSE TRADITIONS BUT RADICALLY RE INTERPRETS THE SIGNIFIGANCE BECAUSE NOW IT'S HIS BODY THAT WAS RIPPED APART FOR OUR TRANSGRESSIONS...AND HIS BLOOD THAT COVERS HIS PEOPLE FOREVER AND REMOVES THE SIN. THE PURE LIFE BLOOD OF JESUS IS THE NEW COVENANT BETWEEN GOD AND MAN GIVING US ACCESS TO HIM ALL DAY EVERYDAY

ALTER CALL

IT WAS TRADITION THAT AS THE PASSOVER ELEMENTS WERE BEING PASSED AROUND THE TABLE, ALL WOULD DISCUSS THE SIGNIFIGANCE OF THE ELEMENTS...THE BREAD AND THE WINE

COMMUNION

Mark 14:22-27

New King James Version<sup>22</sup> **And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke *it*, and gave *it* to them and said, “Take, [<sup>a</sup>]eat; this is My body.”**

<sup>23</sup> Then He took the cup, and when He had given thanks He gave *it* to them, and they all drank from it. <sup>24</sup> And He said to them, “This is My blood of the [<sup>b</sup>]new covenant, which is shed for many. <sup>25</sup> Assuredly, I say to you, I will no longer drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.”

PRAY