

***THE JOURNEY TO FREEDOM***  
**From Slavery to Freedom**

**The Passover                  Exodus 12**

*“I am the Lord. The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are;  
and when I see the blood, I will pass over you.  
No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt.”* Exodus 12:12–13

1. God’s judgment of Egypt is a preview of the final judgment of the whole world. (Revelation 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? (Romans 5:9)
  
2. 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? (Hebrews 3:15; Proverbs 1:23)
  
3. 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)
  
4. How is God’s mercy to the Egyptians shown even while he is pouring out judgment on Pharaoh? (Exodus 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?
  
5. Why do you think God was so adamant that the Israelites commemorate the Passover every year from that day on?

6. Read Psalm 78. It tells about the next 500 years of Israel's history. How did Israel do in "remembering" God's deliverance? (See especially verses 11, 42–43, 51.)
  
7. What happens when we are not careful to remember God? (Psalm 78:32–33; Jeremiah 3:21)
  
8. What does God delight to do when we turn back to him? (Micah 7:18–19)
  
9. Which came first, the giving of the law (see Exodus 20) or God's redeeming his people from Egypt? Why is the order of these important?
  
10. What Jewish feast was Jesus celebrating the night before his crucifixion? (John 13:1) Do you think that was just a coincidence? What is Jesus called in 1 Corinthians 5:7, in John 1:29, and in Revelation 13:8? Why? How is Jesus the fulfillment of the Passover animal sacrifices in the Old Testament? (Hebrews 10:3–7, 11–14)