

50+ Class – All Saints Presbyterian Church
Winter-Spring 2021
The Life of Moses
Week 16 – Death Passes Over

Introduction

Exodus 11 – 12.42

11.1 – 11.10—

*The LORD said to Moses, “Yet one plague more I will bring upon Pharaoh and upon Egypt. Afterward he will let you go from here. When he lets you go, he will drive you away completely. ² Speak now in the hearing of the people, that they ask, every man of his neighbor and every woman of her neighbor, for silver and gold jewelry.” ³ 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. ⁴ **So Moses said,** “Thus says the LORD: ‘About **midnight** I will go out in the midst of Egypt, ⁵ and **every firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die**, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sits on his throne, even to the firstborn of the slave girl who is behind the handmill, and all the firstborn of the **cattle.** ⁶ There shall be a great cry throughout all the land of Egypt, such as there has never been, nor ever will be again. ⁷ But not a dog shall growl against any of the people of Israel, either man or beast, that you may know that the LORD makes **a distinction between Egypt and Israel.**’ ⁸ And all these your servants shall come down to me and bow down to me, saying, ‘Get out, you and all the people who follow you.’ And after that I will go out.” And he went out from Pharaoh in hot anger. ⁹ Then the LORD said to Moses, “Pharaoh will not listen to you, that my wonders may be multiplied in the land of Egypt.” ¹⁰ Moses and Aaron did all these wonders before Pharaoh, and the LORD hardened Pharaoh’s heart, and he did not let the people of Israel go out of his land.*

The Passover

12.1 – 12.32—*The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, ² “This month shall be for you the **beginning of months**. It shall be the first month of the year for you. ³ Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the **tenth day** of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers’ houses, **a lamb for a household.** ⁴ And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. ⁵ Your lamb shall be **without blemish, a male a year old.** You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, ⁶ and you shall keep it until the **fourteenth day** of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at **twilight** [between the 2 evenings]*

*⁷ “Then they shall take some of the **blood** and put it on the **two doorposts and the lintel** of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸ They shall **eat the flesh that night**, roasted on the fire; with **unleavened bread** and bitter herbs they shall eat it. ⁹ Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. ¹⁰ And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. ¹¹ In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD’s Passover. ¹² For **I will pass through** the land of Egypt that night, and **I will strike all the firstborn** in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. ¹³ 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 no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.*

Feast of Unleavened Bread

¹⁴ “This day shall be for you a **memorial day**, and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations, as a statute **forever**, you shall keep it as a feast. ¹⁵ **Seven days** you shall eat **unleavened bread**. On the first day you shall **remove leaven** out of your houses, for if anyone eats what is leavened, from the first day until the seventh day, that person shall be cut off from Israel. ¹⁶ On the first day you shall hold a holy assembly, and on the seventh day a holy assembly. No work shall be done on those days. But what everyone needs to eat, that alone may be prepared by you. ¹⁷ And you shall observe the **Feast of Unleavened Bread**, for on this very day I brought your hosts out of the land of Egypt. Therefore you shall observe this day, throughout your generations, as a statute forever. ¹⁸ In the first month, from the **fourteenth day** of the month at evening, you shall eat unleavened bread **until the twenty-first day** of the month at evening. ¹⁹ For seven days no leaven is to be found in your houses. If anyone eats what is leavened, that person will be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether he is a sojourner or a native of the land. ²⁰ You shall eat nothing leavened; in all your dwelling places you shall eat unleavened bread.”

Once we trust in the Lamb's Blood, we enter a new walk/pilgrimage/life with God

Plague #10: Death of the Firstborn

²⁹ At midnight the LORD struck down 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 the livestock. ³⁰ And Pharaoh rose up in the night, he and all his servants and all the Egyptians. And there was a great cry in Egypt, for there was **not a house where someone was not dead**. ³¹ Then he summoned Moses and Aaron by night and said, “**Up, go out** from among my people, both you and the people of Israel; and go, serve the LORD, as you have said. ³² Take your flocks and your herds, as you have said, and be gone, and **bless me also!**”

God redeems those covered by lamb's blood as His firstborn sons

God initiates our pilgrimage from slavery to freedom and we respond with faith in Him

The Exodus

³³ The Egyptians were urgent with the people to 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, their kneading bowls being bound up in their cloaks on their shoulders. ³⁵ The people of Israel had also done as Moses told them, for they had **asked the Egyptians for silver and gold** jewelry and for clothing. ³⁶ And the LORD had given the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they let them have what they asked. Thus they **plundered** the Egyptians.

³⁷ And the people of Israel journeyed from **Rameses to Succoth**, about **six hundred thousand men** on foot, besides women and children. ³⁸ A mixed multitude also went up with them, and very much livestock, both flocks and herds. ³⁹ And they baked unleavened cakes of the dough that they had brought out of Egypt, for it was not leavened, because they were thrust out of Egypt and could not wait, nor had they prepared any provisions for themselves.

⁴⁰ The time that the people of Israel lived **in Egypt** was **430 years**. ⁴¹ At the end of 430 years, on that very day, all the hosts of the LORD went out from the land of Egypt. ⁴² It was a night of watching by the LORD, to bring them out of the land of Egypt; so this same night is a night of watching kept to the LORD by all the people of Israel throughout their generations.

Q & A / Discussion

Next Week: *The Life of Moses – Part 2 – Dead Sea Crossing* (Week 4 of 7: 5/2 thru 6/13)