

The Tenth Plague and Passover

Ex 11¹ 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.”² 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.”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 Then Moses said, “Thus says the LORD: ‘About midnight I will go out into the midst of Egypt;’⁵ and all the firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sits on his throne, even to the firstborn of the female servant who is behind the handmill, and all the firstborn of the animals.”⁶ Then there shall be a great cry throughout all the land of Egypt, such as was not like it before, nor shall be like it again.⁷ But against none of the children of Israel shall a dog move its tongue, against man or beast, that you may know that the LORD does make a difference between the Egyptians and Israel.’⁸ And all these your servants shall come down to me and bow down to me, saying, ‘Get out, and all the people who follow you!’ After that I will go out.” Then he went out from Pharaoh in great anger.⁹ But the LORD said to Moses, “Pharaoh will not heed you, so that My wonders may be multiplied in the land of Egypt.”¹⁰ So Moses and Aaron did all these wonders before Pharaoh; and the LORD hardened Pharaoh’s heart, and he did not let the children of Israel go out of his land.

12¹ Now the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying,² “This month shall be your beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year to you.”³ Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying: ‘On the tenth of this month every man shall take for himself a lamb, according to the house of his father, a lamb for a household.⁴ And if the household is too small for the lamb, let him and his neighbor next to his house take it according to the number of the persons; according to each man’s need you shall make your count for the lamb.⁵ Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats.⁶ Now you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month. Then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it at twilight.⁷ And they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses where they eat it.⁸ Then they shall eat the flesh on that night; roasted in fire, with unleavened bread and with bitter herbs they shall eat it.⁹ Do not eat it raw, nor boiled at all with water, but roasted in fire—its head with its legs and its entrails.¹⁰ You shall let none of it remain until morning, and what remains of it until morning you shall burn with fire.¹¹ And thus you shall eat it: with a belt on your waist, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. So you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD’s Passover.¹² 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.¹³ 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.” ...

► **Ch 10 ended** with what sounded like final words, but they were actually the build up to the final words, which are the announcement of one last plague (lit., *blow*), the death of the firstborn _____, which will result in Egyptian nobility bowing down before Moses and begging the Israelites to _____ (1, 4-6, 8).

♦ Why did this apply to the livestock as well?

♦ What blood must be displayed on the doorposts to protect the firstborn males of the household?

♦ God also commands Israel to seek _____ and _____ from the Egyptians, who will respond liberally (2-3; cf. 3.21-22). We will cover this in detail next time.

► **Lesson:** There is no true life or freedom apart from _____ through Christ.

♦ The life of Israel under Pharaoh was no _____ life, nor had they any _____ freedom.

♦ None of God’s first nine plagues were sufficient to _____ his people. Only the blood of the Passover lamb could do that, which was a picture of the atoning death of _____.

1Cor 5.7 Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us.

Heb 10.12, 14¹² [T]his Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God ...¹⁴ For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.

Lk 9.30-31³⁰ Moses and Elijah³¹ ... appeared in glory and spoke [with Him] of His decease [lit., *exodus*] which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.

► _____ is a synonym for salvation, and both mean to deliver those who are _____ to deliver themselves. The Bible says we need deliverance from three things:

1) A _____ we are helpless to pay.

Mat 6.12 [F]orgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

2) A judgment we are helpless to get out from under.

Rom 5.18 [T]hrough one man's offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation

3) A _____ we are helpless to get free of.

2Tim 2.25-26 ²⁵ God perhaps will grant [unbelievers] repentance, so that they may know the truth, ²⁶ and that they may come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his will.

♦ These helpless situations stack on top of one another.

It was Adam's unpayable sin debt, and ours, that resulted in our condemnation, which gave the devil rightful _____ to mankind and the earth.

Lk 4.5-7 ⁵ Then the devil ... showed Him all the kingdoms of the world ... ⁶ And the devil said to Him, "All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for this has been delivered to me [*i.e., by a higher authority*], and I give it to whomever I wish. ⁷ Therefore, if You will worship before me, all will be Yours."

► **Application:** All of life is downstream from our fall in Adam and our redemption in Christ. As it was with the Israelites and Egyptians of old, so it is with us today: We will not be able to solve our political, economic, and cultural problems until we realize that they have _____ roots.

♦ Every tyrant in history is really a _____ man for the ultimate tyrant, the serpent of old. Autonomy (self-law) leads not to freedom, but to _____ to the one who invented self-law, the serpent of old.

Isa 14.12-15 ¹² "How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations! ¹³ For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; ¹⁴ ... I will be like the Most High.' ¹⁵ Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, To the lowest depths of the Pit.

Rev 12.3-5, 9 ³ [B]ehold, a great, fiery red dragon ... ⁴ ... stood before the woman ... to devour her Child ... ⁵ ... who was to rule all nations ... ⁹ [T]he great dragon was ... that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan

Luke 23.12 That very day Pilate and Herod became friends with each other, for previously they had been [enemies]

Eph 6.11-12 ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but ... against the rulers of the darkness of this age

♦ All peoples that do not serve Christ eventually end up in _____scapes of one form or another.

Gen 11.4-8 The tower of Babel – totalitarian self-law

Judges 17.6; 21.25 "[E]veryone did what was right in his own eyes" – anarchistic self-law

♦ What kind of life and freedom is the fruit of serving Christ?

1Kings 4.25 Judah and Israel dwelt safely, each man under his vine and fig tree ... all the days of Solomon.

Zech 3.10 "In that day," says the LORD of hosts, "everyone will invite his neighbor under his vine and under his fig tree."