



Go for God!

“PASSOVER or JUDGMENT!” **EXODUS Chapters 10 - 12**

> Chapter 10 – “The Moses Challenge: Humble Yourself!”

(v1-11) In verse 3 Moses challenges Pharaoh to humble himself, in verse 7 Pharaoh’s servants have given up, but in verse 10-11 we read this smoother translation taken from the NIV “Pharaoh said, “The LORD be with you — if I let you go, along with your women and children! Clearly you are bent on evil. No! Have only the men go; and worship the LORD, since that’s what you have been asking for.” Then Moses and Aaron were driven out of Pharaoh’s presence.

(v12-15) 8th PLAGUE – A swarm of locusts cover the land.

- ***Egyptian gods refuted:*** The eighth plague, locusts, again focused on Nut, Osiris, and Set. The later crops, wheat and rye, which had survived the hail, were now devoured by the swarms of locusts. There would be no harvest in Egypt that year.

(v16-20) Pharaoh repents to escape the judgment, foxhole religion!

(v21-23) **9th PLAGUE** – **Darkness over the land for three days**, this was in direct opposition to the Egyptians worship of the sun-god “Ra”.

- ***Egyptian gods refuted:*** The ninth plague, darkness, was aimed at the sun god, Ra, who was symbolized by Pharaoh himself. For three days, the land of Egypt was smothered with an unearthly darkness, but the homes of the Israelites had light.
- ***Ipuwer Papyrus:*** The Ipuwer Papyrus says, “The land is without light” (9:11).

(v24-29) **Pharaoh’s heart is hardened to the point of wanting to kill Moses.** In time every human heart is revealed, a hardened heart like Pharaoh or a humble heart like Moses.

- What gods do we worship in America?

- 1 – MONEY
- 2 – SEXUAL IMMORALITY (Fornication, adultery, homosexual, bi-sexual, transgender, etc.)
- 3 – SELF
- 4 – PLEASURE (Party! Party! Alcohol and drugs!)
- 5 – POLITICS (Political parties)
- 6 – TECHNOLOGY (Is the solution to all things.)
- 7 – MILITARY MIGHT
- 8 – MUSIC / CELEBRITY / SPORTS
- 9 – EDUCATION (Evolution / liberalism / socialism)
- 10 – MULTI-CULTURALISM (Accepting all beliefs and religions.)

- Let’s remember the words of **James 4:6-10** - *That is why Scripture says: “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.*

> Chapter 11 – “Israel Be Paid, Pharaoh Be Warned”

(v1-3) It's time to recoup back wages!

(v4-10) **10th PLAGUE** foretold – The death of the firstborn of the Egyptians, Pharaoh's heart is still hardened. Egypt will reap what it sowed, (Exodus 1:22 - *Then Pharaoh gave this order to all his people: "Every boy that is born you must throw into the Nile, but let every girl live."*).

In **Galatians 6:7-10** - *Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.*

> Chapter 12 – “The PASSOVER or the JUDGMENT!”

(v1-2) **This month** - The month of Abib (Mar./Apr.) became the beginning of the religious calendar, marking the start of Israel's life as a nation. Later in Israel's history, after the Babylonian captivity, Abib would become Nisan (cf. Neh. 2:1; Esth. 3:7).

(v3-13) The **CHOSEN LAMB** was:

(1) **Without blemish** - **2 Cor 5:21** - *God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

1 Peter 2:22 - *"He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth."*

1 John 3:5-6 - *And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins, and in Him there is no sin.*

(2) **Of the first year** – Jesus Christ the One and Only Son of God!

(3) **Keep for four days** (*Jesus, the Lamb of God* (Jn. 1:29, 36) came into Jerusalem on Sunday hailed as Messiah (“*Hosanna!*” Mt. 21:9; Jn. 12:13), examined for four days (Monday thru Thursday) and then crucified on Friday.

(4) **All the congregation will kill their lamb** (all the people of Israel cried out “*Crucify him!*” (Mt. 27:22-23))

(5) **The blood of the lamb is placed on the doorposts and on the lintel of every Jewish home** (making the sign of the cross); this blood of the lamb will save every family from the death of the firstborn; death will PASSOVER that household of faith. (Romans 3:21-26 - *But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.*)

(v14) **The Passover is to be a memorial.**

(v15-20) Observation of the *Feast of Unleavened Bread* – *Leaven* is generally symbolic of sin throughout the scriptures (Jesus said in Mark 8:15 - "*Take heed, beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod.*")

Paul said in 1 Cor 5:6-8 - *Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us. Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.*)

- **The unleavened bread pointed to the Messiah's sinless life.** In the Passover celebration the Jews would have three wafers of unleavened bread placed one on top of the other in a napkin, they'll take the middle wafer, break it, hide it and then their children will go find it. By the way this unleavened wafer is pierced through with holes. Think about it three wafers unleavened representing the sinless Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; the middle one broken, the Son, "*this is my body which is broken for you*" (1 Cor. 11:24); pierced hands and feet; hidden in the grave three days then found in resurrection.

(v21-28) Moses commands the Passover; the children of Israel are obedient and worshiped the LORD!

(v29-36) The midnight cry -- it's judgment time!

(v37-39) Notice the term "*mixed multitude*," a mixed multitude will always cause trouble over the long run. This the last days church "Laodicea" will be a mixed multitude – not hot or cold, but lukewarm (Rev. 3:14-22).

(v40-51) Rules for the PASSOVER observance. (Not one of Christ's bones was broken. Also Ps. 34:20; John 19:33, 36.)