

The Death of the Firstborn and the Passover



EXODUS 11:1—12:36



The Land of Egypt Laid Bare under the Plagues



EXODUS 7:8—10:29

The Three Cycles of Plagues, Exodus 7:14-12:36



Plague	Verses	Cycle	Effective Action	Pharaoh's Tentative Response
Nile to Blood	7:14-25	1 st - Warning to Pharaoh	Aaron's staff	Magicians duplicate. Hardening. Pharaoh went into his house.
Frogs	8:1-15	1 st - Warning to Pharaoh	Aaron's staff	"Entreat the Lord for me."
Swarms of Gnats	8:16-19	1 st - No warning	Aaron's staff	Then the magicians said to Pharaoh, "This is the finger of God." Hardened.
Flies	8:20-32	2 nd - Warning to Pharaoh	"Tomorrow"	"Go, and make supplication for me."
Disease Cattle	9:1-7	2 nd - Warning to Pharaoh	"Tomorrow"	Pharaoh sent, and behold, there was not even one of the livestock of Israel dead.
Boils/Sores	9:8-12	2 nd - No warning	Soot thrown in air	Magicians could not stand before Moses. He did not listen.

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Plague	Verses	Three Cycles	Effective Action	Pharaoh's Tentative Response
Hail	9:13-35	3 rd - Warning to Pharaoh	Moses' staff	Confession, "make supplication for me," "I will let you go."
Locusts	10:1-20	3 rd - Warning to Pharaoh	Moses' staff	Confession, "make supplication for me."
Darkness	10:21-29	3 rd - No warning	Moses' staff	Go, only leave you flocks and herds.
Death of Firstborn	11:1-12:36	Warning to All Egypt	"Midnight"	"Rise up, get out ... and go worship ... take ... and go, and bless me also."

Each of the initial responses of Pharaoh have a hardening statement which usually follows: either "the Lord hardened Pharaoh's heart," or "Pharaoh hardened his heart," or "Pharaoh's heart grew hard." In the first response to the first plague, the statement precedes Pharaoh's turning and going into his house.

It is important to note the phrase, "as the Lord had said," in the hardening statements, as it shows the purpose of Yahveh as the reason for the stubbornness of Pharaoh, compare Ex 11:9; 14:4.

Exodus 4:22-23



Then you shall say to Pharaoh,

Thus says the LORD,

Israel is My son, My firstborn. So I said to you, ‘Let My son go that he may serve Me’; but you have refused to let him go. Behold, I will kill your son, your firstborn.

The Hebrew Calendar



Hebrew Month	Biblical Designation	Gregorian Months	Important Jewish Holidays
Nisan	Aviv/Nissan	March-April	Passover, Unleavened Bread, First Fruits
Iyar	Ziv	April-May	
Sivan		May-June	Feast of Weeks
Tammuz		June-July	
Av		July-August	
Elul		August-September	
Tishrei	Eitanim	September-October	Day of Atonement, Booths, Trumpets (Rosh Hashanah)
(Mar)Cheshvan	Bul	October-November	
Chislev/Kislev		November-December	Hanukkah
Tevet		December-January	
Shevat		January-February	
Adar		February-March	Purim

The Hebrew Festivals



Feast	Hebrew Month	Gregorian Month	Biblical Mention	Purpose
Passover & Unleavened Bread	Aviv/Nissan	March-April	Ex 12-13; Lev 23:4-8; Deut 16:1-8	Commemorates the Exodus
First Fruits	Aviv/Nissan	March-April	Lev 23:9-14	Commemorates entering Canaan, harvest
Weeks or Pentecost (50 days after First Fruits)	Sivan	May-June	Lev 23:15-22; Deut 16:9-12	Commemorates the giving of the law
Day of Atonement or Yom Kippur	Tishrei	September-October	Lev 16; 23:27-32	Fast, sacrifice and substitution for sin, blood on the mercy seat; scapegoat
Booths or Sukkot	Tishrei	September-October	Lev 23:33-44; Deut 16:13-15	Commemorates the wilderness wanderings
Trumpets (Rosh Hashanah)	Tishrei	September-October	Lev 23:23-25; Numbers 29:1-6	Beginning of the civil New Year; shofar

The Passover Meal Elements



Element	Meaning	Passage
The Lamb	Substitute and Atonement for sin	Exodus 12:3-5
Roasted meat	Eaten fully clothed, ready for travel	Exodus 12:8-11
Unleavened Bread	Made without leaven and in haste	Exodus 12:8
Bitter Herbs	Bitter bondage and grief of sin	Exodus 12:8
Blood on Door Posts	Cleansing and protection from sin	Exodus 12:8



The Passover, a Type of Christ



See John 1:29; 1 Cor. 5:7

- Offering had to be without blemish, Ex. 12:5; 1 Pet 1:18-19
- Offering had to be killed, Ex. 12:6; John 12:24, 27
- Blood had to be applied, Ex. 12:7; Heb. 9:22



Baby Lamb



One year old lamb =
mutton