

Death Of The Firstborn

Exodus 12:29-51

Faith Portal Church

ADULT

Unit 11 Lesson 2

Supplemental Texts

Exo 11; 12:1-28

Focus Verse

“Rise up, and get you forth from among my people, both ye and the children of Israel; and go, serve the Lord, as ye have said.” – Exodus 12:31

Introduction

Deliverance was swiftly coming to the Israelites as God’s judgment to the Egyptians, with no exception. God had instructed Moses and Aaron on how the Israelites would prepare to escape the coming judgment when He passed through the land of Egypt. The safety of the Israelites was in adhering to the entire instructions. A perfect, male lamb in its first year was to be sacrificed, eaten roasted, and its blood applied to the door side posts and the lintel (Exo 12:1-28).

Deeper Look

Go, Serve The Lord, As You Have Said – Exo 12:29-36

As Moses had said, God passed through Egypt at midnight and smote all the firstborn in the land (Exo 11:4-5). Indeed, there was a great cry in Egypt. Pharaoh did not wait until the morning before thrusting the Israelites out of his land (Exo 11:1). This time, he could not hold them back any longer, but he unconditionally commanded them to go and worship their God. Realizing the God of Israel, Pharaoh asked Moses and Aaron to bless him (Exo 5:2). The Egyptians’ despair was so vivid that they said, “We be all dead men.” Being favored of God, the Israelites received all the items they requested from the Egyptian neighbors (Exo 3:21-22; 11:2).

And The Children Of Israel Journeyed – Exo 12:37-51

When the Israelites journeyed out of Egypt, a mixed multitude (non-Israelites) went out with them. The mixed multitude consisted of people of lowest class who probably used the occasion to escape with the Israelites. The unleavened cakes became their only food because they were driven out so quickly. And so, the armies of the Lord went out of Egypt on the fifteenth day of the month Abib or Nisan after the Passover. This month generally falls around March-April on the Gregorian calendar. God told Moses and Aaron that the Passover is strictly for the Israelites. But He gave a condition by which a foreigner might observe it (vv. 44,48). The idea that the Passover is to be eaten in one house refers to communion, and that no bone of it is to be broken pointed forward to Christ (Psa 34:20; John 19:36). And God led His people out of Egypt to serve Him.

Questions

1. The last plague was a shock to Pharaoh and the Egyptian families in the night of the Passover. Was Pharaoh warned of this devastating calamity? If yes, when, and how? How did he respond to the warning?
2. Who was to blame for this calamity? God, Who hardened Pharaoh's heart; Moses, who did not persuade God from sending the plague on Pharaoh and his people; or Pharaoh, who refused to let the Israelites go and worship their God? Explain.
3. Did Pharaoh reach the point to let the Israelites go out of obedience to the Lord? What caused the Egyptians to drive the Israelites out forcibly? What are probably consequences of defiantly resisting God's command?
4. Why did God want the Israelites to plunder the Egyptians? Did the Egyptians deserve this treatment? Is this an example of God fighting for His children? Explain.
5. Why would the "mixed multitude" go out of Egypt along with the Israelites? What danger could they possibly be to the Israelites along the way to the promised land?
6. What is special about the Passover night to the Israelites? How should they revere this night? What experience in your life is like the experience of the Israelites?
7. On what condition would foreigners be allowed to participate in the Passover? How could unbelievers be allowed to partake in church ordinances? Why?

Personal Meditation

The sound of deliverance is exciting; it brings the reality of safety to the soul. Being free is a beautiful thing. Moses was the man God assigned to deliver His people from under the bondage of the Egyptians. The process, from the beginning, was not easy for the Israelites, nor for Moses and Aaron, but God had a perfect plan. As it might be hard for the Israelites to fully understand God's plan, so it may be for us today. The good news is that God's plan is perfect and will come to pass sooner than we think (Hab 2:3). Throughout the periods of the first nine plagues, Pharaoh obstinately stood in their way preventing them from leaving. However, that was for the glory of the Lord. Pharaoh could not stop the people of God from being free. To be free, dwell in Christ, and He will show Himself strong on your behalf.

Think about the awesomeness of God that would overtake the Israelites seeing that none of their firstborn was killed, and that Pharaoh, at last, ordered them to leave as quickly as possible. This indeed was the hand of God. Lord, let your hand work out miracles in our lives. AMEN!

DAILY STUDY

Monday	Exo 12:29-32
Tuesday	Exo 12:33-36
Wednesday	Exo 12:37-39
Thursday	Exo 12:40-42
Friday	Exo 12:43-47
Saturday	Exo 12:48-51



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