

## Questions / Answers

1. What did the Israelites have to do on 14th day of first month?  
*Kill a lamb without breaking its bones and roast it.*
2. What did they eat with the roast lamb?  
*Unleavened bread and bitter herbs*
3. What did they do with the blood of the lamb?  
*They painted it on their doorposts and above the door*
4. What happened at midnight?  
*The angel of death killed all the firstborn sons in Egypt.*
5. Which houses did the angel of death pass over and not go in and kill the firstborn?  
*The houses of the Israelites who had painted blood round their door*
6. How were the Israelites trapped at the Red Sea?  
*Pharaoh and his army came behind them. The sea was in front.*
7. How did they get across the Red Sea?  
*Moses held out his rod over the sea and God made a strong wind to blow back the waters which made a dry path through the sea.*
8. What meal have the Israelites eaten every year since that time?  
*The Passover meal to remember how God saved them from Egypt.*
9. What do we eat each week and what do we remember?  
*Bread and wine to remember how Jesus saved us from sin and death*
10. What did the Israelites carry from Egypt to the Promised Land?  
*The bones of Joseph.*

## Memory verses

Exodus 12:13; Exodus 13:14; Hebrews 11:28—29; John 1:29

## Discussion

Read 1 Corinthians 5:7 and John 1:29. Discuss how Jesus is the Lamb of God and the Passover lamb. What things are similar between the Israelites being saved from Egypt and Christians being saved by Jesus.

## Writing

Pretend you are an Israelite camping by the Red Sea. Describe how you were trapped when the Egyptian chariots were coming. Write about how you crossed the red Sea and were saved from the Egyptians.

# CBM Senior Lessons

## Lesson 13 The Passover

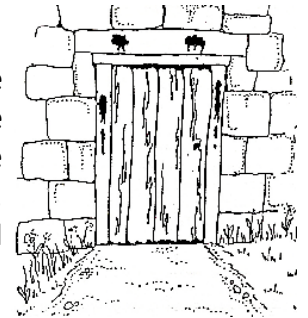


**READING** Exodus 12:1—42; 14:5—31

### LESSON

After there had been nine plagues on Egypt God told Moses and Aaron that the Israelites must be ready to leave Egypt. God gave Moses special instructions which they must obey exactly. On 14th day of the first month each family must kill a lamb and roast it. They must be careful not to break any bones of the lamb. This would be the last meal they would eat in Egypt. They must eat the lamb in the evening. They must eat it with unleavened bread (flat round bread baked without yeast) and with bitter herbs. They must eat the meal standing up, with their belongings packed ready to go. They must be dressed ready for the journey.

God commanded that before the Israelites ate this last meal, they must take some of the lamb's blood. They must paint the blood on the doorposts and above the door of their houses. Then they must stay inside, where they would be safe.



God said that on that night, the firstborn son in every Egyptian house would die. At midnight God sent His angel of death to kill all the firstborn sons in Egypt. But God's angel 'passed over' all the houses of the Israelites which had blood on the doorposts. Everyone in the houses with blood round the door was safe.

After this terrible plague, Pharaoh at last learned his lesson. He said that the Israelites could go. The Egyptians were so frightened that they begged the Israelites to go. They gave them silver and gold and jewels and sent them away. The Israelites left the land of Egypt at last. They were free from slavery.

The great nation of Israelites left Egypt with their flocks and herds and all their belongings. They travelled eastwards until they came to the Red Sea. Suddenly they heard behind them the noise of horses. Pharaoh had changed his mind again, and was coming with his great army to take the Israelites back to slavery in Egypt.

The Israelites were trapped. The Egyptian army was behind them and the sea was in front of them. But Moses told them not to be afraid. He said, "Stand still and see how God will save you." Moses stretched out his rod over the sea and God made a strong wind to blow all night. The wind divided the waters and formed a pathway across the sea. In the morning the Israelites walked across the sea on dry land. The Egyptian army followed them. When all the Israelites reached the other side, Moses stretched out his rod again. The waves of the sea crashed together and all Pharaoh's army was destroyed.

God saved Moses and the Israelites from Pharaoh. They thanked and praised God. Then they began their journey to the land God had promised them.

God told the Israelites that every year they should remember how He saved them from Egypt. Every year since that time the Israelites remember the wonderful way that God saved them from Egypt. They eat a meal like the Israelites ate on their last night in Egypt. They eat roast lamb, unleavened bread and bitter herbs. They call the meal 'Passover', because God saved the Israelites when the angel of death passed over their houses. The youngest boy in each family asks, "Why are we doing this?" His father tells the story of the first Passover and the way God saved His people from Egypt. Today God's people are called 'Jews'. They still keep this Passover meal and remember how God saved His people.

God promised that He would take the Israelites out of Egypt and lead them to the land He promised to them. God saved His people the Israelites. God saved them from the angel of death when they killed a lamb and painted the blood around their doors. God saved them from the Egyptian army when He made a path through the Red Sea.

Moses and the Israelites escaped from Egypt because they did what God told them. They believed the promises of God and they obeyed His word. The Israelites believed God - they had **faith**. *Read Hebrews 11 verses 28 and 29.* We can be saved from sin and death if we believe God and obey His word. **We** can be saved if **we** have faith.

Sometimes events in the Old Testament are like pictures of things that happen later in God's purpose. The things that are similar teach us lessons. There are some things about the Israelites being saved from Egypt which are similar to the way we are saved from sin by being baptised and becoming a Christian.

The Israelites	Us
God promised to take the Israelites to the promised land.	God promised that He will send Jesus to set up God's Kingdom on the earth.
The Israelites killed a lamb. The lamb's blood round the door saved them from death.	Jesus is our Passover lamb. He died. His blood was shed to save us from sin and death.
The lamb's bones were not broken	Jesus' bones were not broken
The Israelites went through the waters of the Red Sea.	We go through the waters of baptism.
God brought the Israelites through the wilderness to the Promised Land.	God is with us through life to bring us to the Kingdom.
The Israelites keep the Passover meal every year to remember how God saved His people from Egypt.	We break bread and drink wine to remember how Jesus saved us from sin and death.

The Israelites took the bones of Joseph and carried them through the wilderness to be buried in the Promised Land. Joseph had made his sons promise this so many years before.

God saved the Israelites from slavery in Egypt and led them through the wilderness to the land He had promised them. We will learn more about this journey in the next lessons.