

Lesson 14: Exodus 7–13, “Remember This Day, In Which Ye Came Out From Egypt”

Plaques in Egypt

The Lord makes it clear that it is going to take many signs and wonders in order to soften Pharaoh's heart to the point that he will let the Israelites leave Egypt

Exd 7:2-5

2 Thou shalt speak all that I command thee: and Aaron thy brother shall speak unto Pharaoh, that he send the children of Israel out of his land.

3 And I will harden Pharaoh’s heart, and multiply my signs and my wonders in the land of Egypt.

4 But Pharaoh shall not hearken unto you, that I may lay my hand upon Egypt, and bring forth mine armies, and my people the children of Israel, out of the land of Egypt by great judgments.

5 And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I stretch forth mine hand upon Egypt, and bring out the children of Israel from among them.

Note: JST verse 3 - And Pharaoh will harden his heart

Without going into any more detail about the plaques, it is interesting to note that these plaques will happen again before the second coming

Destruction of Egypt	Destruction Before 2 nd Coming
All the waters in the river were turned to blood; the fish died; the river stank	“The sea... became as the blood of a dead man: and every living soul died in the sea” (Rev. 16:3)
Frogs came up and covered the land of Egypt	“I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon” (Rev.
Plague of lice	Maggots eat the flesh of wicked (D&C 29:18)
Flies swarm over Egypt	“I the Lord God will send forth flies upon the face of the earth” (D&C 29:18)
Boils afflict man and beast	“there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast” (Rev. 16:2, 11)
Thunder and hail and the hail turns to fire on the ground	“hail and fire mingled with blood” (Rev. 8:7)
East wind brings locusts which	Plague of locusts torment wicked for

destroy fruit and herbs	five months (Rev. 9:3-10)
Thick darkness in all the land for 3 days	Light from sun, moon, and stars hidden (Rev. 8:12)

The Passover

First, Jacob in the Book of Mormon, states that the law of Moses typifies Christ

2Ne 11:4

Behold, my soul delighteth in proving unto my people the truth of the coming of Christ; for, for this end hath the law of Moses been given; and all things which have been given of God from the beginning of the world, unto man, are the typifying of him.

The 10th plaque was the death of the 1st born of Egypt. Moses was told what the Israelites should do to be protected. Let's note how the passover typifies Christ

Exd 12:5-8,11

5 Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take it out from the sheep, or from the goats:

6 And ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening.

7 And they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it.

8 And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roast with fire, and unleavened bread; and with bitter herbs they shall eat it.

11 And thus shall ye eat it; with your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat it in haste: it is the Lord's passover.

What are the different elements of the Passover and how does each typify Christ and his mission?

Firstborn male lamb without blemish

1 Peter 1:18-19

18) Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers;

19) But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

Put the blood of the lamb on their doorposts

Bruce R. McConkie

“Signifying that the blood of Christ, which should fall as drops in

Gethsemane and flow in a stream from a pierced side as he hung on the cross, would cleanse and save the faithful; and that, as those in Israel were saved temporally because the blood of a sacrificial lamb was sprinkled on the doorposts of their houses, so the faithful of all ages would wash their garments in the blood of the Eternal Lamb and from him receive an eternal salvation.” (The Promised Messiah, pg. 429–31)

Eat unleavened bread

“Leaven, or yeast, was seen anciently as a symbol of corruption because it so easily spoiled and turned moldy... For the Israelites, eating the unleavened bread symbolized that they were partaking of the bread which had no corruption or impurity, namely, the Bread of Life, who is Jesus Christ.” (Old Testament Student Manual: Genesis–2 Samuel, pg. 119)

Eat the sacrificial lamb

John 6:52-54

52) The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, How can this man give us his flesh to eat?

53) Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.

54) Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day

Eat the meal in hast

“The children of Israel were to eat the Passover meal in haste. Like the Israelites, we need to respond eagerly and immediately to the deliverance that the Savior offers us.” (Old Testament Gospel Doctrine Teacher’s Manual pg. 59)

Ulisses Soares

“By voluntarily taking upon Himself the sins of all mankind, being cruelly nailed to the cross, and victoriously conquering death on the third day, Jesus gave a more sacred significance to the Passover ordinance that had been bestowed upon Israel in ancient times. In fulfillment of prophecy, He offered His own body and precious blood as the great and last sacrifice, validating the traditional symbols used in the celebration of the Lord’s Passover. In so doing, Christ experienced physical and spiritual suffering that is incomprehensible to the human mind.” (CR, April 2021)

Exd 12:12-14,26-27

12 For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite 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 And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt.

14 And this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and ye shall keep it a feast to the Lord throughout your generations; ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance for ever.

26 And it shall come to pass, when your children shall say unto you, What mean ye by this service?

27 That ye shall say, It is the sacrifice of the Lord's passover, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt, when he smote the Egyptians, and delivered our houses. And the people bowed the head and worshipped.

What was another purpose given in Exodus for observing the Passover?

(To remember that the Lord delivered them
And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses)

Gerrit W. Gong

"The angel of death passed by the houses marked with the symbolic blood of the lamb. That passing by, or pass over, represents Jesus Christ ultimately overcoming death. Indeed, the atoning blood of the Lamb of God gives our Good Shepherd power to gather His people in all places and circumstances into the safety of His fold on both sides of the veil." (CR, April 2020)

(keep it a feast by an ordinance for ever)

Why do we no longer observe the Passover?

Boyd K. Packer

"The Lord promised that the angel of death would pass over the homes so marked and not slay those inside. They were saved by the blood of the lamb.

"After the crucifixion of the Lord, the law of sacrifice required no more shedding of blood. For that was done, as Paul taught the Hebrews, 'once for all,... one sacrifice for sins for ever' (Heb 10:10,12). The sacrifice thenceforth was to be a broken heart and a contrite spirit—repentance.

"And the Passover would be commemorated forever as the sacrament, in which we renew our covenant of baptism and partake in remembrance of the body of the Lamb of God and of His blood, which was shed for us." (CR, April 1988)

Departing Egypt

Moses stress how important it is that the Israelites always remember the great think the Lord has done for them in delivering them from Egypt

Exd 13:3, 8-10, 16

3 ¶ And Moses said unto the people, Remember this day, in which ye came out from Egypt, out of the house of bondage; for by strength of hand the LORD brought you out from this place: there shall no leavened bread be eaten.

8 ¶ And thou shalt shew thy son in that day, saying, This is done because of that which the LORD did unto me when I came forth out of Egypt.

9 And it shall be for a sign unto thee upon thine hand, and for a memorial between thine eyes, that the LORD's law may be in thy mouth: for with a strong hand hath the LORD brought thee out of Egypt.

10 Thou shalt therefore keep this ordinance in his season from year to year.

16 And it shall be for a token upon thine hand, and for frontlets between thine eyes: for by strength of hand the LORD brought us forth out of Egypt.

Dale G. Renlund

"Throughout time, even and especially during difficult times, prophets have encouraged us to remember the greatness of God and to consider what He has done for us as individuals, as families, and as a people. This direction is found throughout the scriptures....

"The consistency of pleas from prophets to reflect on the goodness of God is striking. Our Heavenly Father wants us to recall His and His Beloved Son's goodness, not for Their own gratification but for the influence such remembrance has on us. By considering Their kindness, our perspective and understanding are enlarged. By reflecting on Their compassion, we become more humble, prayerful, and steadfast." (CR, April 2020)

The Lord led them to promised land, "by day in a pillar of a cloud... by night in a pillar of fire"

Exd 13:19-22

19 And Moses took the bones of Joseph with him: for he had straitly sworn the children of Israel, saying, God will surely visit you; and ye shall carry up my bones away hence with you.

20 ¶ And they took their journey from Succoth, and encamped in Etham, in the edge of the wilderness.

21 And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go by day and night:

22 He took not away the pillar of the cloud by day, nor the pillar of fire by night, from before the people.

Why do you think it was so important for Joseph, as it was for Jacob, to be buried in the promise land?

Joseph Smith

"I believe those who have buried their friends here, their condition is enviable. Look at Jacob and Joseph in Egypt, how they required their friends to bury them in the tomb of their fathers. See the expense which attended the embalming and the going up of the great company to the burial....

"I will tell you what I want. If tomorrow I shall be called to lie in yonder tomb, in the morning of the resurrection let me strike hands with my father, and cry, 'My father,' and he will say, 'My son, my son,'....

"Would you think it strange if I relate what I have seen in vision in relation to this interesting theme? Those who have died in Jesus Christ may expect to enter into all that fruition of joy when they come forth, which they possessed or anticipated here.

"So plain was the vision, that I actually saw men, before they had ascended from the tomb, as though they were getting up slowly. They took each other by the hand and said to each other, 'My father, my son, my mother, my daughter, my brother, my sister.' And when the voice calls for the dead to arise, suppose I am laid by the side of my father, what would be the first joy of my heart? To meet my father, my mother." (TPJS, pg. 295)