

The Whole Truth
Lesson #6

Review

- A. Book Title, Exodus—"Road Out"
- B. Exodus as theological centerpiece of the Pentateuch
- C. Geographical Division—Israel in Egypt (1:1-12:36), in Desert (12:37-18:21), at Sinai (19-40)
- D. Israel's Growth and Bondage
 - 1. From 70 to thousands (430 years)
 - 2. Afflicted by Egypt—destroy seed (Genesis 3:15)
 - 3. Moses—called to deliver
 - 4. Moses and Aaron before Pharaoh—ten plagues

Today—Israel in the Desert (12:37-18:21)

I. The Passover (12:1-13:16)

A. The Meaning of Passover

- 1. Passover/to pass over = "Pesah" or "Pasah"—3x

The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt. Exodus 12:13 (NIV)

For the Lord will pass through to slay the Egyptians; and when he sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the Lord will pass over the door, and will not allow the destroyer to enter your houses to slay you. Exodus 12:23 (RSV)

You shall say, 'It is the sacrifice of the Lord's passover, for he passed over the houses of the people of Israel in Egypt, when he slew the Egyptians but spared our houses.'" And the people bowed their heads and worshiped. Exodus 12:27 (RSV)

- 2. The Lord will pass over? (see 12:23 again)
- 3. To protect or stand guard over
- 4. Lord himself will block entry of destroyer—security in His presence

B. Passover Instructions (12:1-28)

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1. God to Moses (1-20)
2. Moses to Elders (21-27)
3. Connected to Feast of Unleavened Bread (see Lev. 23:5-8; Num. 28:16-25; Deut. 16:1-8)
4. Instructions carried out (28)

C. New Testament Parallels

1. Prison is not slavery in Egypt but Kingdom of darkness

For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son ... Colossians 1:13 (NASB)

2. Redemption is an ethical change not geographical
3. Christ, the Passover Lamb

Clean out the old leaven so that you may be a new lump, just as you are in fact unleavened. For Christ our Passover also has been sacrificed. 1 Corinthians 5:7 (NASB)

But with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ. 1 Peter 1:19 (NASB)

D. Tenth Plague (12:29-32)

E. The Beginning of the Exodus (12:33-42)

F. Further instructions on the Passover and Feast of Unleavened Bread (12:43-13:16)

NOTE: God's redemptive work is both FROM Egypt and INTO the Promised Land (i.e. salvation)

IMPORTANT: We need to be people who share (13:14)

II. The Exodus From Egypt (13:17-19:2)

A. The Pathway Out (13:17-22)

1. Not the way of the Philistines—shorter route (17)
2. Wilderness route (18)
3. Take bones of Joseph—see Genesis 50:25 (19)
4. Pillar of cloud and fire—first visible sign of God's presence given to Hebrews

B. Crossing the Red Sea (14:1-31)

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But Moses said to the people, “Do not fear! Stand by and see the salvation of the Lord which He will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you have seen today, you will never see them again forever. ¹⁴ The Lord will fight for you while you keep silent.” Exodus 14:13-15 (NASB)

NOTE: This is done so they (Egyptians) would know He is Lord

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. ³¹ When Israel saw the great power which the Lord had used against the Egyptians, the people feared the Lord, and they believed in the Lord and in His servant Moses. Exodus 14:30-31 (NASB)

C. The Song of Praise (15:1-21)

1. Declares God’s acts
2. Declares God’s nature

NOTE: Cry (2:23-25) has turned into song (15:1-21)

D. Testing in the wilderness (15:22-18:27)

NOTE: Grumbling replaces gratitude (emotion-driven)

- 3 months from Egypt to Sinai
- Five crises events
- Filled with murmurings, complaining

Murmuring is a frame of mind in which one believes that in difficulties God is insufficient—Victor Hamilton

- God responds in spite of their murmurings (faithless, He remains faithful)

1. Crisis #1—Bitter waters turned sweet (15:22-27)
2. Crisis #2—No food ... manna and quail (16:1-36)—learned to trust God and rely on His provision

“For this reason I say to you, do not be worried about your life, as to what you will eat or what you will drink; nor for your body, as to what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?”

3. Crisis #3—Lack of water at Rephidim (17:1-7)

- a. First time undrinkable water (15:23)
- b. Now no water
- c. God provided water
- d. Yet their attitude overshadows God’s act (name of place)

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4. Crisis #4—Surprise invasion by Amalekites against Israelite camp (17:8-16)

LESSONS:

- Kingdom work involves a PARTNERSHIP with God (i.e. God moves but Moses and Joshua still expected to act, water to wine/fill jugs, march around Jericho)
- Kingdom work involves a PARTNERSHIP with the Body of Christ (Aaron and Hur, need one another)

5. Crisis #5—Overburdened Moses (18:1-27)

LESSONS:

- Delegation preserves the health of the leader
- Delegation provides opportunities for others to grow and thrive
- Delegation allows for greater kingdom activity to take place

Conclusion:

- Our salvation journey involves learning to **trust God, depend on His faithfulness,** and **rely on others** in the Kingdom of God
- We should be people of gratitude regardless of circumstances
- We should be people who communicate often God's faithful acts (Judges 2:10)