

# EXODUS 11-16

## WEEK IN REVIEW + FAMILY GUIDE



### WEEK IN REVIEW

We left off last week with God sending plagues to the Egyptians as a righteous act of judgment. Remember, the key idea for the book of Exodus is escape. The Israelites will escape from slavery in Egypt through the plagues, the Passover, and the parting of the Red Sea. We saw all of this played out in this week's chapters. The Lord hardened Pharaoh's heart and he would not let the Israelites go out of his land. We pick up this week in Exodus 11, where God gives instructions for the Passover. The Passover is one of the most significant events in the Old Testament. It is when God says that He is going to kill the firstborn son of every house. However, if a house (whether Egyptian or Israelite) killed an unblemished lamb and put the blood of it over their doorpost, the angel of death would "passover" them and not take their life. This event is what caused Pharaoh to finally let the Israelites go.

The reason why the Passover is so significant is because it clearly points to Jesus (over a thousand years before He was born). In 1 Corinthians 5:7, Paul tells us that Christ is our Passover lamb. This event foreshadows what is to come. Jesus is the perfect lamb that takes away the sins of the world. We see salvation through substitution. Like the blood of the lamb was used to set people free, the blood of Jesus sets us free from our sins. God tells His people to have a feast called the Passover every year to celebrate and remember this event! God continues to set His people free as they escape from slavery in Egypt. In Exodus 14:8-9 it tells us that Pharaoh and the Egyptian army chased after the Israelites who were leaving Egypt. When they got to the Red Sea, they cried out to the Lord. The Lord instructed Moses to lift up his staff, stretch it over the sea, and divide it so that the Israelites could walk through on dry land. The miraculous parting of the Red Sea is the first big action of redemption we see in Scripture.

After the Israelites walked through the Red Sea on dry ground, the people feared the Lord and believed in him and Moses (Exodus 14:31). Moses and the Israelites sang a song to the Lord as an act of worship and praise for what He had done. God did what felt impossible, and led His people out of slavery. Moses then led Israel out of the Red Sea into the wilderness. Immediately after Israel sees this miraculous event take place, they forget God's faithfulness and start to complain. The water in the wilderness was bitter, which meant it didn't taste very good. The Lord provided for them drinkable water as well as manna, which is bread from heaven, and quail. Like the Israelites, we can easily forget all that God has done for us. Remind yourself today of all the ways the Lord has been faithful to you in the past, and be encouraged that He will continue to be faithful in the present and the future.

## FAMILY GUIDE

<b>BIG IDEA:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● God provides salvation through substitution!</li></ul>
<b>KEY STORIES:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● The Passover</li><li>● The Parting of the Red Sea</li><li>● The Song of Moses</li><li>● Manna from Heaven</li></ul>
<b>KEY VERSES:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Exodus 12:13</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ “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.”</li></ul></li><li>● <b>Exodus 14:14</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ “The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still.”</li></ul></li><li>● <b>Exodus 14:22</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ “The waters were divided, and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left.”</li></ul></li></ul>
<b>PEOPLE/ WORDS TO KNOW:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Passover</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ God promises to spare the lives of those who wipe the blood of a spotless lamb over their doorposts</li></ul></li><li>● <b>Red Sea</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ The body of water where Moses led the Israelites to cross on dry ground and escape the Egyptians.</li></ul></li><li>● <b>Manna</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Bread from Heaven</li></ul></li></ul>

## Reflection Questions

<b>1.</b>	What were the acts of judgment against the Egyptians called? How many were there?
<b>2.</b>	What was the Passover?
<b>3.</b>	How does the Passover point to Jesus?
<b>4.</b>	What miracle did God do in order for the Israelites to finally escape from Egypt?