

April 6–12: Exodus 7–13, “Remember This Day, In Which Ye Came Out From Egypt”

Plaques in Egypt

The Lord makes it clear that it will take many signs and wonders to soften Pharaoh’s heart enough for him to allow the Israelites to 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: Verse 3 in the JST, “And Pharaoh will harden his heart...”

The plagues are listed in the table below, along with scripture passages that state similar plagues will occur prior to 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. 16:13)
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 teaches in the Book of Mormon that the law of Moses typifies Christ.

2Nephi 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 tenth plague was the death of the firstborn in Egypt. Notice how the Passover typifies Christ.

Exd 12:5-8,11-13

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.

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.

What elements of the Passover are described here, and how does each one typify Christ and His atoning 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)

-Because of the blood of the Lamb, death will pass over us

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)

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 12:14,26-27

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 reason does the Lord give for establishing “this day” with “a feast by an ordinance for ever”?

(the Lord... delivered our houses)

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 From Egypt

Moses stresses how important it is that the Israelites always remember the great

things 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.

Why is it important to have observable reminders in our lives to help us remember what the Lord has done for us?

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 the promised land, "by day in a pillar of cloud ... and 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.

In what ways might seeing the Lord guide them day and night have helped strengthen the Israelites' faith?

Carl B. Cook

"When the children of Israel were wandering in the wilderness, the Lord guided their journey each day as they looked to Him for direction.... His leading was constant, and I give you my humble witness that the Lord can do the same for us." (CR, Oct. 2011)

Why do you think being buried in the promised land mattered so much to Joseph, just as it did to Jacob?

-Perhaps it was related to the Resurrection, so that he would be in the same location as his fathers after Christ's Resurrection.

Joseph Smith

"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,'....

"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)