Exod 12:12-15

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. 15 Seven days shall ye eat unleavened bread; even the first day ye shall put away leaven out of your houses: for whosoever eateth leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that soul shall be cut off from Israel.

		12:1-28	**12:29-42**	**12:43-50**	**12:51**	**13:1-16**	**(13:17ff)**
Legislation	The Lord's Instructions	1-20 • 1-14 **Passover** • 15-20 **Unleavened Bread**		43-49 **Passover**		1-2 **Firstborn**	
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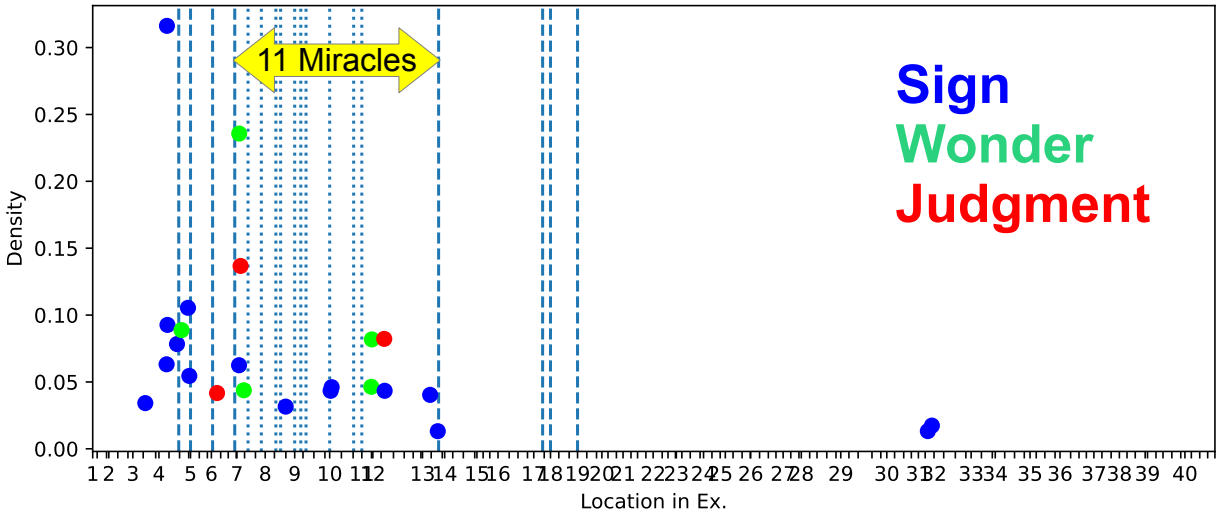
For Discussion

- Exod 12:13 says that the blood on the doorposts and lintel is a “sign.” What does it signify?
- What does the verb “pass over” actually mean, and how does it protect the people in the house?
- What is the purpose of the feast of unleavened bread?
- What is the distinctive feature of this feast, and how does it reflect the original event?
- What does it mean for someone to be “cut off from” the nation?
- How does the content of Moses’ instruction to the people (12:21-27) differ from what the Lord told him (12:1-20), and why?
- What is the significance of using hyssop to apply the blood?
- What three roles are involved in the deliverance pictured in 12:23?
- How are these roles reflected in our spiritual experience?

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What does “Pass Over” (פסח *pasach* H6452) Mean?

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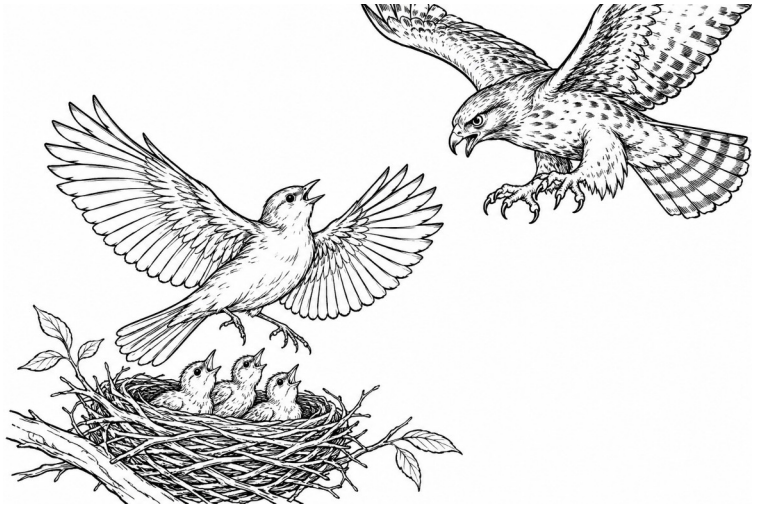
Three Roles

Exod 12:23 For the LORD will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when he seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, **the LORD** will pass over the door, and will not suffer **the destroyer** to come in unto your houses to smite **you**.

Pass Over ≠ Pass By!

1Ki 18:21 And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long **halt** ye between two opinions? if the LORD be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word.

Is. 31:5 As birds flying, so will the LORD of hosts defend Jerusalem; defending also he will deliver it; and **passing over** he will preserve it.



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Feast of Unleavened Bread (Why)

A. Why Do It	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.**	16 And in the **first day** there shall be **an holy convocation**, and in the **seventh day** there shall be an **holy convocation** to you; no manner of work shall be done in them, save that which every man must eat, that only may be done of you. 17 And ye shall **observe the feast** of unleavened bread; for **in this selfsame day have I brought your armies out** of the land of Egypt: therefore **shall ye observe this day in your generations by an ordinance for ever.**

Num 9:1 And the LORD spake unto Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the first month of the **second year** after they were come out of the land of Egypt, saying, 2 Let the children of Israel also **keep the passover** at his appointed season. … 5 And they kept the passover on the fourteenth day of the first month at even in the wilderness of Sinai: …

Forty years later …

Jos 5:5 Now all the people that came out were circumcised: but all the people that were born in the wilderness by the way as they came forth out of Egypt, **them they had not circumcised**.

Jos 5:10 And the children of Israel encamped in Gilgal, and **kept the passover** on the fourteenth day of the month at even in the plains of Jericho.

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Feast of Unleavened Bread (How)

B. How to Do It	15 **Seven days shall ye eat unleavened bread**; even the first day ye shall **put away leaven out of your houses**: for **whosoever eateth leavened bread** from the **first day** until the **seventh day, that soul shall be cut off** from Israel.	18 In the first month, on the **fourteenth day** of the month at even, **ye shall eat unleavened bread**, until the **one and twentieth day** of the month at even. 19 **Seven days** shall there be **no leaven found in your houses**: for **whosoever eateth that which is leavened,** even **that soul shall be cut off** from the congregation of Israel, whether he be a stranger, or born in the land. 20 Ye shall eat nothing leavened; in all your habitations **shall ye eat unleavened bread**.

Original Motive

Exo 12:34 And the people took their dough before it was leavened, their kneadingtroughs being bound up in their clothes upon their shoulders. … 39 And they baked unleavened cakes of the dough which they brought forth out of Egypt, for it was not leavened; because they were thrust out of Egypt, and could not tarry, neither had they prepared for themselves any victual.

"Cut off …"

Gen. 17:14 And the **uncircumcised** man child whose flesh of his foreskin is not circumcised, **that soul shall be cut off from his people**; he hath broken my covenant.

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Marking the Refuge

Exo 12:21 Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel, and said unto them, Draw out and take you a lamb according to your families, and kill the passover. 22 And ye shall take a bunch of hyssop, and dip it in the blood that is in the bason, and strike the lintel and the two side posts with the blood that is in the bason; and none of you shall go out at the door of his house until the morning.

Hyssop

Psa. 51:7 **Purge me with hyssop**, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Rev 1:5 … Unto him that loved us, and **washed us from our sins in his own blood**, 6 And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

none of you shall go out …

Heb 3:12 Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in **departing** from the living God. … 14 For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end

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12:23, Moses Passes On the Command

The Lord	Moses
Ex 12:12 For I will **pass through** the land of Egypt this night,	Ex 12:23 For the LORD will **pass through**
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.	to **smite** the Egyptians;
13 And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and **when I see the blood**,	and **when he seeth the blood** upon the lintel, and on the two side posts,
I will **pass (pause) over** you,	**the LORD** will **pass (pause) over** the door,
and **the plague shall not be upon you** to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt.	and **will not suffer the destroyer** to come in unto your houses to smite **you**.

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Other Examples of the Three Roles

Job

Job 1:12 And the **LORD** said unto **Satan**, Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; only upon **himself** put not forth thine hand.

Job 2:6 And the **LORD** said unto **Satan**, Behold, **he** is in thine hand; but save his life.

David

2Sam. 24:16 And when the angel stretched out his hand upon **Jerusalem** to destroy it, the **LORD** repented him of the evil, and said to the **angel** that destroyed the people, It is enough: stay now thine hand.

Joshua the High Priest

Zec 3:1 And he shewed me **Joshua** the high priest standing before **the angel of the LORD**, and **Satan** standing at his right hand to resist him. 2 And the **LORD** said unto Satan, The LORD rebuke thee, O Satan; even the LORD that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee: is not this a brand plucked out of the fire? 3 Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and stood before the angel. 4 And he answered and spake unto those that stood before him, saying, Take away the filthy garments from him. And unto him he said, Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment.

Believers

Rev 12:10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the **accuser** of our **brethren** is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. 11 And they overcame him by the blood of **the Lamb**, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

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