Exod 12:23-28

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. 24 And ye shall observe this thing for an ordinance to thee and to thy sons for ever. 25 And it shall come to pass, when ye be come to the land which the LORD will give you, according as he hath promised, that ye shall keep this service.

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. 28 And the children of Israel went away, and did as the LORD had commanded Moses and Aaron, so did they.

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

- What three roles are involved in the deliverance pictured in 12:23?
- How are these roles reflected in our spiritual experience?
- What is the significance of the word “service” used to describe the passover in 12:25-26?
- How does the passover illustrate one way that the Lord delivers his people from his judgments on the world?
- How does the episode in Zechariah 3 help clarify the identity of “the angel of the Lord”?
- How consistent is the people’s response in 12:27?
- How does Moses’ spiritual condition compare with that of the people?
- What is the basis of their spiritual security, and of ours?

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12:23, Moses Passes On the Command

The Lord to Moses	Moses to the People
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.

Col 3:9 Lie not one to another, seeing that **ye have put off the old man** with his deeds; 10 **And have put on the new man**, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him: (cf. Gal 3:27)

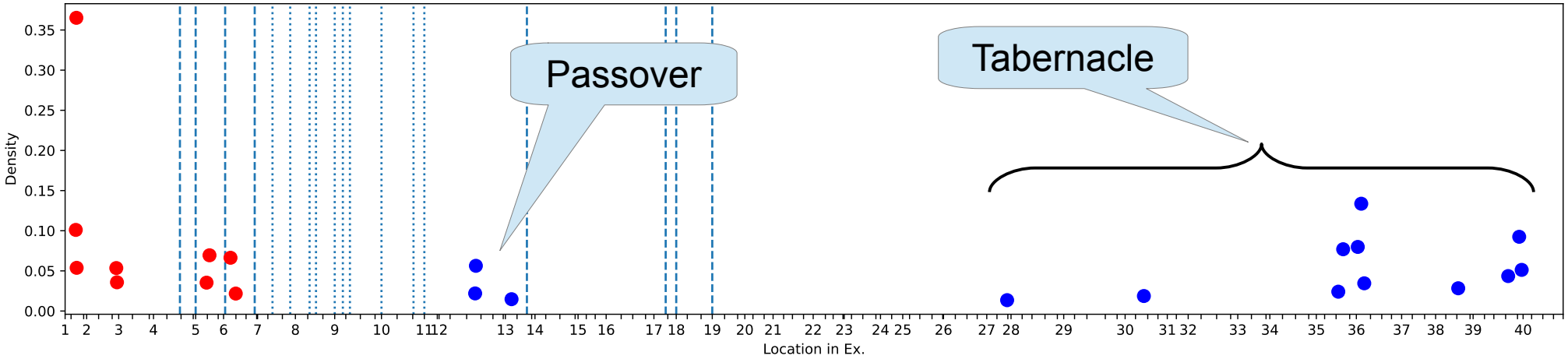
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Exod 12:24 And ye shall observe this thing for **an ordinance** to thee and to thy sons for ever. 25 And it shall come to pass, **when ye be come to the land** which the LORD will give you, according as he hath promised, that ye shall keep this **service.** 26 And it shall come to pass, when your children shall say unto you, What mean ye by this **service**?

Whom will you Serve?

Rom 6:16 Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? 17 But God be thanked, that **ye were the servants of sin**, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. 18 Being then made free from sin, **ye became the servants of righteousness**.

Service עבדה *avodah* H5656 (Red: Egypt; Blue: Lord)



Exo 12:27a 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.

2Pe 2:9 The Lord knoweth how to **deliver** the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of **judgment** to be punished:

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Responding to the Lord's Commands

Exo 4:31 And the people believed: and when they heard that the LORD had visited the children of Israel, and that he had looked upon their affliction, then they **bowed their heads and worshipped**.

But …

Exo 4:12 Now therefore go, and I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt say. 13 And he said, O my Lord, **send**, I pray thee, **by the hand of him whom thou wilt send.**

Exo 5:20 And they met Moses and Aaron, who stood in the way, as they came forth from Pharaoh: 21 And they said unto them, **The LORD look upon you, and judge;** because ye have made our savour to be abhorred in the eyes of Pharaoh, …

Exo 12:27b And the people **bowed the head and worshipped**. 28 And the children of Israel went away, and **did as the LORD had commanded** Moses and Aaron, **so did they.**

Exo 5:22 And Moses returned unto the LORD, and said, Lord, **wherefore hast thou so evil entreated this people?** …

Exo 6:8 And I will bring you in unto the land, concerning the which I did swear to give it to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob; and I will give it you for an heritage: I am the LORD. 9 And Moses spake so unto the children of Israel: but **they hearkened not** unto Moses for anguish of spirit, …

10 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 11 Go in, speak unto Pharaoh king of Egypt, that he let the children of Israel go out of his land. 12 And Moses spake before the LORD, saying, Behold, the children of Israel have not hearkened unto me; **how then shall Pharaoh hear me,** … ?

Divine Faithfulness

Mal 3:6 For I am the LORD, **I change not;** therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

2Ti 2:13 If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: **he cannot deny himself.**

Enthusiastic Obedience

Gen. 6:22 Thus **did** Noah; **according to all that God commanded him, so did he**.

Ex. 7:6 And Moses and Aaron **did as the LORD commanded them, so did they.**

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12:29-30, Death of the Firstborn

Moses' Warning to Pharaoh	The Fulfillment
11:4 And Moses said, Thus saith the LORD, About **midnight** will **I** go out into the midst of Egypt:	12:29 And it came to pass, that **at midnight the LORD**
11:5 And **all the firstborn in the land of Egypt** shall die,	smote **all the firstborn in the land of Egypt,**
from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sitteth upon his throne,	**from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sat on his throne**
even unto the firstborn of the **maidservant** that is behind the mill;	unto the firstborn of the **captive** that was in the dungeon;
and **all the firstborn of beasts H929.**	and **all the firstborn of cattle H929.**
	30 And Pharaoh rose up **in the night**, he, and all his servants, and all the Egyptians;
6 And there shall be **a great cry** throughout all the land of **Egypt**,	and there was **a great cry in Egypt;**
such as there **was none** like it, **nor shall be** like it any more. [temporally unparalleled]	for there **was not a house** where there was not one dead. [spatially universal]

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12:31-32, Released

Warning	Fulfillment
11:8 And all these **thy servants shall come down** unto me,	12:31 And **he called for Moses and Aaron** by night, and said,
and **bow down themselves** unto me,	**Rise up**,
saying, **Get thee out**,	and **get you forth** from among my people,
and **all the people** that follow thee:	both ye and **the children of Israel**;

Exo 10:28 And Pharaoh said unto him, **Get thee** from me, take heed to thyself, see my face no more; for in that day thou seest my face thou shalt die. 29 And Moses said, Thou hast spoken well, I will see thy face again no more.

Exod 12:3b and **go, serve** the LORD, as ye have said. 32 Also **take your flocks and your herds**, as ye have said, **and be gone**; and **bless me** also.

31b go, serve

Ex. 5:4 … Wherefore do ye, Moses and Aaron, let the people from their works? **get you** unto your burdens.

Ex. 5:11 **Go ye**, get you straw where ye can find it:

Ex. 5:18 **Go** therefore now, and work [**go, serve**]; for there shall no straw be given you,

32 be gone

Ex. 8:25 … **Go ye**, sacrifice to your God in the land.

Ex. 10:8 … **Go**, serve the LORD your God: but who are they that shall go? … 11 … **go** now ye that are men, …

Ex. 10:24 … **Go ye**, serve the LORD; only let your flocks and your herds be stayed: let your little ones also go with you.

32b bless me also

Gen 47:7 And Joseph brought in Jacob his father, and set him before Pharaoh: and **Jacob blessed Pharaoh.** … 10 And **Jacob blessed Pharaoh**, and went out from before Pharaoh.

Gen 12:3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and **in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.**

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