



I. Exodus 3:18-20

Summary of what is to come

They will listen to your voice; and you and the elders of Israel shall go to the king of Egypt and say to him, ‘YHWH, the God of the Hebrews, has met with us; let us now go a three days’ journey into the wilderness, so that we may sacrifice to YHWH our God.’ I know, however, that the king of Egypt will not let you go unless compelled by a mighty power. So I will stretch out my arm and strike Egypt with all my wonders that I will perform in it; after that he will let you go.

2. Exodus 3:21-22

Summary of what is to come

I will bring this people into such favour with the Egyptians that, when you go, you will not go empty-handed; each woman shall ask her neighbour and any woman living in the neighbour's house for jewelry of silver and of gold, and clothing, and you shall put them on your sons and on your daughters; and so you shall plunder the Egyptians.” [the spoils of victory]

3. Exodus 4:19-20

YHWH said to Moses in Midian, “Go back to Egypt; for all those who were seeking your life are dead.” So Moses took his wife and his sons, put them on a donkey and went back to the land of Egypt; and Moses carried the staff of God in his hand.

Matthew 2:19-20

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child’s life are dead.”

4. Exodus 4:22-23

Say to Pharaoh, ‘Thus says YHWH: Israel is my firstborn son. I said to you, “Let my son go that he may worship me.” But you refused to let him go; now I will kill your firstborn son.

5. Exodus 6:2-5

God said to Moses: “I am YHWH.

I appeared to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob

as God Almighty [El Shaddai], but by my name

‘YHWH’ I did not make myself known to them.

I also established my covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land in which they resided as aliens. I have also heard the groaning of the Israelites whom the Egyptians are holding as slaves, and I have remembered my covenant.

6. Exodus 6:6-8

Say therefore to the Israelites, ‘I am YHWH, and I will free you from the burdens of the Egyptians and deliver you from slavery to them. I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgment. I will take you as my people, and I will be your God. You shall know that I am YHWH your God, who has freed you from the burdens of the Egyptians. I will bring you into the land that I swore to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; I will give it to you for a possession. I am YHWH.’”

7. Exodus 6:14-25 [P]

A genealogy in which the Priestly School traces the priestly office back to Levi through Aaron.

8. Exodus 6:28 - 12:36

Revolution Stage One: Rejection of the oppressor :

The ten plagues (Latin 'plangere' = strike the breast).

1. Punishment

2. 'That you may know Yahweh' (Exodus 5:2; 6:7; 7:5,17; 8:10,18,22; 9:14,29; 10:2; and 14:4,18; 16:6,12).

- YHWH demonstrates superiority over the gods of the most powerful nation on earth. The stories were developed as support for peasants in uprising against tyrants in pre-monarchy Israel, and continued on as examples of the prophetic critique of autocratic monarchs.

Exodus 7:15-25 (see 4:9)

First Plague: Water to blood

(copied by the magicians).

When the Nile does not flood, decaying algae + red soil can 'kill' the River.

= Defeat Hapi, the god of the Nile (= Blood).

Psalm 78:43-44

God displayed his signs in Egypt, and his miracles in the fields of Zoan. He turned their rivers to blood, so that they could not drink of their streams.

Psalm 105:26-27, 29

Yahweh sent his servant Moses, and Aaron whom he had chosen. They performed his signs among them, and miracles in the land of Ham ... He turned their waters into blood, and caused their fish to die.

Apocalypse 16:3-4

The second angel poured his bowl into the sea, and it became like the blood of a corpse, and every living thing in the sea died.

The third angel poured his bowl into the rivers and the springs of water, and they became blood.

Exodus 8:1-15

Second Plague: Frogs (copied by the magicians)

Psalm 78:45

‘God sent among them frogs, which destroyed them.’

Psalm 105:30

‘Their land swarmed with frogs, even in the chambers of their kings.’

Revelation 16:13

‘I saw three foul spirits like frogs coming from the mouth of the dragon, from the mouth of the beast, and from the mouth of the false prophet.’

Exodus 8:16-19

Third Plague: Gnats (magicians unable to copy this).

Psalm 105:31

Yahweh spoke, and there came ... gnats throughout their country.

Exodus 8:20-32

Fourth Plague: Flies (scarab beetles?)

(This affected the king, his ministers, and the peasants).

Psalm 78:45

‘God sent among them swarms of flies, which devoured them.’

Psalm 105:31

‘Yahweh spoke, and there came swarms of flies throughout their country.’

Exodus 9:1-7

Fifth Plague: Livestock killed by pestilence

Psalm 78:48

‘God gave over their cattle to the pestilence, and their flocks to thunderbolts.’

The calf of Ur-Mer (incarnation of Ra) was worshipped at Heliopolis, the Bull Bakis at Thebes and the Bull Apis at Memphis.

Exodus 9:8-12

Sixth Plague: Soot causes boils and sores

Deuteronomy 28:35

‘Yahweh will strike you on the knees and on the legs with grievous boils of which you cannot be healed, from the sole of your foot to the crown of your head.’

Revelation 6:2, 11

‘The first angel went and poured his bowl on the earth, and a foul and painful sore came on those who had the mark of the beast and who worshipped its image ... and they cursed the God of heaven because of their pains and sores, and they did not repent of their deeds.’

Exodus 9:13-35

Seventh Plague: Hail destroys workers and animals

Psalm 78:47

God destroyed their vines with hail,
and their sycamores with frost.

Psalm 105:32

Yahweh gave them hail for rain, and lightning that
flashed through their land.

Revelation 16:21

Huge hailstones, each weighing about a hundred pounds,
dropped from heaven on people, until they cursed God
for the plague of the hail, so fearful was that plague.

Exodus 10:1-20

Eighth Plague: Locusts

Psalm 78:46

God gave their crops to the caterpillar, and the fruit of their labour to the locust.

Psalm 105:34-35

Yahweh spoke, and the locusts came, and young locusts without number; they devoured all the vegetation in their land, and ate up the fruit of their ground

Exodus 10:21-29

Ninth Plague: Three days of darkness

Defeat of the sun-god Amen-Ra and so the eclipse of the Pharaoh, the son of the Ra.

Psalm 105:28

Yahweh sent darkness, and made the land dark.

Revelation 16:10

The fifth angel poured his bowl on the throne of the beast, and its kingdom was plunged into darkness.

Exodus 11:4-8 (see 4:22-23).

Tenth Plague threatened: Death of firstborn

Moses said, “Thus says Yahweh: About midnight I will go out through Egypt. Every firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sits on his throne to the firstborn of the female slave who is behind the handmill, and all the firstborn of the livestock ... so that you may know that Yahweh makes a distinction between Egypt and Israel. Then all these officials of yours shall come down to me, and bow low to me, saying, ‘Leave us, you and all the people who follow you.’ After that I will leave.” And in hot anger Moses left Pharaoh.

Exodus 12:1-8

‘Yahweh said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a **lamb** for each household ... without blemish, a year-old male ... On the fourteenth day of this month the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the **blood** and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs.

Exodus 12:11-14

‘This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet (Mark 6:8-9), and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of Yahweh. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am Yahweh. When I see the blood, I will pass over you ... This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to Yahweh; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.’

2Kings 23:22-23

No such passover had been kept since the days of the judges who judged Israel, or during all the days of the kings of Israel or of the kings of Judah; but in the eighteenth year of King Josiah [622BC] this passover was kept to YHWH in Jerusalem.

Ezra 6:19

‘On the fourteenth day of the first month the returned exiles kept the passover.’

Mark 14:12

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him, “Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the **Passover**?”

Luke 22:15

Jesus said: “I have eagerly desired to eat this **Passover** with you before I suffer”.

John 13:1

Before the festival of the **Passover**, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

Exodus 12:15-17

‘Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread; on the first day you shall remove leaven from your houses ... On the first day you shall hold a solemn assembly, and on the seventh day a solemn assembly; no work shall be done on those days; only what every-one must eat, that alone may be prepared by you. You shall observe the festival of unleavened bread, for on this very day I brought your companies out of the land of Egypt: you shall observe this day throughout your generations as a perpetual ordinance.’

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1Corinthians 5:7-8

Clean out the old yeast so that you may be a new batch, as you really are unleavened. For our paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed. Therefore, let us celebrate the festival, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and evil, but with the **unleavened bread** of sincerity and truth.

Exodus 12:21-28

Moses gives instructions for the rite

‘Slaughter the passover lamb. Take a bunch of **hyssop**, dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and touch the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood in the basin.’.

John 19:29-30

A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of **hyssop** and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the wine, he said, “It is finished.” Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Exodus 12:29-32

The Tenth Plague: the firstborn of Egypt are killed

At midnight Yahweh struck down all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sat on his throne to the firstborn of the prisoner who was in the dungeon, and all the firstborn of the livestock ... Then Pharaoh summoned Moses and Aaron in the night, and said, “Rise up, go away from my people, both you and the Israelites! Go, worship Yahweh, as you said. Take your flocks and your herds, as you said, and be gone. And bring a blessing on me too!”

Exodus 12:34-36

So the people took their dough before it was leavened, with their kneading bowls wrapped up in their cloaks on their shoulders. The Israelites had done as Moses told them; they had asked the Egyptians for jewelry of silver and gold, and for clothing, and Yahweh had given the people favour in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they let them have what they asked. And so they plundered the Egyptians [see 3:22].

Psalm 78:51

God struck all the firstborn in Egypt, the first issue of their strength in the tents of Ham.

Psalm 105:36

Yahweh struck down all the firstborn in their land, the first issue of all their strength.