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“Enter”

Exodus 10:1-13:16

In this week's Parasha God sends the final three plagues upon Pharaoh and the land of Egypt. The eighth plague of locusts, the ninth plague of darkness, and the tenth and final plague of death completed God's judgment. Pharaoh's consistent refusal to humbly submit to the authority of God resulted in an end to God's grace.

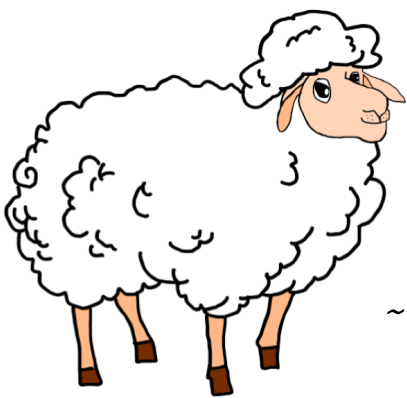
Pharaoh hardened his heart and refused to obey God with each of the ten plagues. God patiently displayed His power over His creation so that everyone would know and remember that He alone is God. All these things continue to testify that God is LORD and deserves all glory, honor and praise!

So Moshe (Moses) and Aharon (Aaron) came to Pharaoh and said to him,
“Thus said the LORD God of the Hebrews:
'How long will you refuse to humble yourself before Me? Send My people
forth, that they may serve Me.'

Exodus 10:3

~ Focus Passage of Scripture ~

Exodus 12:1-22 & 12:46



In Exodus 12:1-11 and 12:46 God gave Moshe and Aharon instructions for the preparations the Yisra'elites (Israelites) needed to make to avoid God's judgment of death to the firstborn of every household. God instructed them to choose a lamb on the tenth day of the month. This lamb could be from the sheep or the goats, but it had to be a male in the first year of life. The lamb had to be healthy with no defects. They were to choose a lamb according to the size needed to feed their entire household. If the lamb was too large for a family to eat in one meal, they were to combine households in order to consume the entire lamb. God instructed that none of the lamb should be left over, and all that remained of it must be burned the next morning.

Pray First

Father God,

We praise You because You deserve all glory, honor and praise. May the light of Your glory fill the earth. Please teach us to submit to Your authority so that we can reflect Your light in darkness.

In Yeshua's Name we pray. Amen

Read Next

Exodus 10:1-13:16

On the fourteenth day of the month the Yisra'elites were to sacrifice the lamb in the afternoon. They were to collect the lamb's blood in a basin, take a bunch of hyssop and dip it in the blood. They were to strike the lintel (top of the door frame) and the two doorposts of their home with the blood. The Yisra'elites were then to roast the entire lamb in a fire. They were not to break any of its bones, and they were to prepare bitter herbs and unleavened bread to be eaten with it. When everything was prepared, the Yisra'elites were to go into their homes and stay there until the next morning.

The fourteenth day is often called Preparation Day because many things had to be prepared. All preparations had to be made on the fourteenth day of the first month because at sunset, or the beginning of the fifteenth day, the Yisra'elites were to eat the lamb in their home in a very unusual way. They had to prepare themselves to eat the lamb by putting their belt on their waist, their sandals on their feet and their staff in their hands. They had to eat this meal of lamb, bitter herbs and unleavened bread in a hurry because they did not know when the LORD's judgment of evil would come that night.

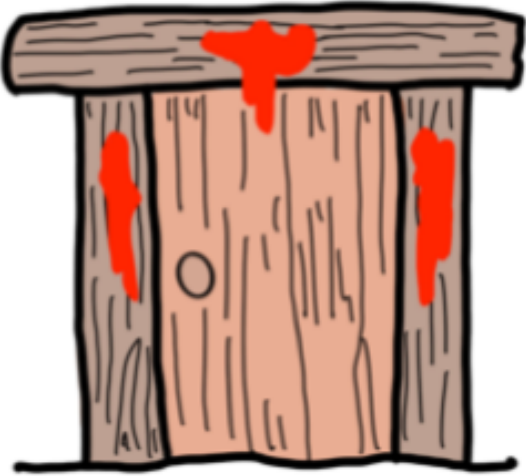
In Exodus 12:12 God announced that He would pass through the land of Egypt to judge it and all the people's false gods. His judgment would come in the form of death to the firstborn of every man and beast. Death is the final result for all those who choose not to agree with and submit to God's provision for life.

In Exodus 12:13-14 God provided a way to avoid His judgment of death. This way was through the blood of the innocent lamb that had been chosen on the tenth day and sacrificed on the fourteenth day of the first month of the year. God explained that this blood would act as a sign to Him. It would be seen by Him when He passed through Egypt as the destroyer. God would see this sign and consider those inside the homes marked with blood as blameless of sin against Him and not destroy them. Of course, the people were not blameless of sin against God, but He offered His grace to everyone who submitted to Him and obeyed His instructions. That night God redeemed the lives of those covered by the blood of the lamb. He commanded the people to remember and acknowledge His work of redemption and deliverance every year at this appointed time.

In Genesis 12:15-20 we learn that this feast is to begin in the evening of the fifteenth day after the end of Preparation Day. It is to last for seven days and is to be called The Feast of Unleavened Bread. Leaven makes the dough of bread rise up. It symbolizes the dangerous sin of pride in a person's life. Pride was the sin that hardened the heart of Pharaoh each time he refused to submit to the authority of God.

During the seven days of Unleavened Bread no leaven is to be found in the house nor is anything containing leaven to be eaten. The first and last days of the feast are to be holy convocation days, meaning people who have been saved by God's grace should come together to worship Him. Also, on the first and last days of the feast no work other than meal preparation can be done. These days are set apart to have more time to worship the LORD for all the mighty works. This feast symbolizes the realization of the people that they would have died due to their sins unless they had been saved by the all powerful God of Yisra'el. Anyone for all generations to come who did not acknowledge this feast in this way would be cut off from His people, Yisra'el.

Aviv (First Month of the Year)						
Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Shabbat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Select Passover Lamb
11	12	13	14 Preparation Day Passover	15 Feast of Unleavened Bread Begins	16	17
18 Feast of First Fruits Omer 1	19	20	21 Feast of Unleavened Bread Ends	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	



One Law for All

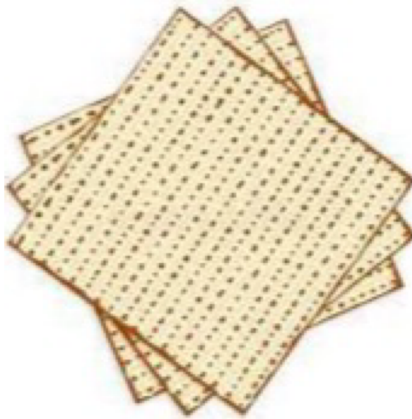
Exodus 12:42-51

After 430 years of exile in the land of Egypt, the Yisra'elites were finally driven out by Pharaoh. The LORD brought them out with His mighty hand! They came out with great riches from their neighbors. They ate unleavened bread for seven days because there was no time for their dough to rise.

The LORD commanded Moshe and Aharon that the observance of this event would be a solemn occasion for all the children of Yisra'el throughout their generations. No one could participate in this observance in an unworthy manner. No outsider would be allowed to eat the Passover meal unless he underwent circumcision. Remember, circumcision is the sign of the covenant God made with Avraham. It symbolizes death to the flesh so that new life can begin. All servants bought by Yisra'elites or strangers who sojourned with them who wished to anticipate in the Passover observance had to be circumcised first. Once circumcised, they could eat the Passover meal, keep The Feast of Unleavened Bread and were considered a part of Yisra'el.



Leavened Bread



Unleavened Bread

Numbers in the Bible and the Ten Plagues of Egypt

1

God

Unity

The blood of the lamb united the Yisra'elites with God, and they were seen as blameless in His sight. In the first plague of Egypt God turned life-sustaining water into blood.

Following the first plague, Pharaoh hardened his heart because of his pride and refused to send God's people forth.



2

Different Opinions

In the second plague of Egypt God brought frogs out of the waters. Frogs can represent evil, and water often represents blessing. God desires to bless His people but He will not bless evil.

Following this plague, Pharaoh hardened his heart because of his pride and refused to send God's people forth.



3

Testing

Revelation

Proving

In the third plague of Egypt God brought lice throughout the land of Egypt. Pharaoh's magicians were tested by this and could not produce lice. This proved that the plague was from God, and Pharaoh's magicians confessed this revelation.

Following this plague, Pharaoh hardened his heart because of his pride and refused to send God's people forth.



4

Worldwide

From All Directions

World

In the fourth plague of Egypt God brought wild beasts from every direction into the land of the Egyptians, but He did not bring them into the land of Goshen where the Yisra'elites lived.

Following this plague, Pharaoh hardened his heart because of his pride and refused to send God's people forth.



5

Incomplete

Lacking

In the fifth plague of Egypt God brought severe pestilence to part of the land animals of the Egyptians. Of all the land animals only the cattle, horses, donkeys, camels, oxen and sheep were afflicted.

Following this plague, Pharaoh hardened his heart because of his pride and refused to send God's people forth.



6

Grace

God extended His grace to Pharaoh in plagues one through five by giving him an opportunity each time to submit to His authority. Pharaoh refused to submit to God's authority because of his pride, and this hardened his heart. In the sixth plague God struck all men and beasts of Egypt with painful sores, or boils, over their entire bodies. They did not die only because of God's grace.

Following this plague, Pharaoh hardened his heart because of his pride and refused to submit to God's authority allowing him to receive forgiveness through His grace.



7

Rest

Holy

Set apart for a
purpose

In the seventh plague of Egypt God sent destroying thunder, fire and hail from heaven. He forewarned all the Egyptians to provide shelter for all men and beasts so that they would not be killed by the hail. All who feared God and rested in His provision were saved. All who did not died.

Following this plague, Pharaoh hardened his heart because of his pride and refused to send God's people forth. Pharaoh refused to trust and rest in God's word.



8

Kingdom of God

Redemption

Newness

Renewal

In the eighth plague of Egypt God sent locusts with an east wind to devour what had not been destroyed by the thunder, hail and fire from heaven. Pharaoh sent for Moshe and Aharon and finally confessed his sin against them and the LORD God. God sent a strong west wind and blew the locusts into the Red Sea. Not one locust remained on the land.

Following this plague, Pharaoh hardened his heart. Pharaoh's refusal to submit to the power and authority of God after his confession that he had sinned made him unable to enter the Kingdom of God.



9

Works

Deeds

Outcome

Result

In the ninth plague of Egypt God sent thick, paralyzing darkness that could be felt over the land of the Egyptians for three days. The land of Goshen had light. Pharaoh had relied on his deeds and works to get the outcome, or result, he wanted. When we rely on ourselves instead of God, the only outcome is darkness.

Following this plague, Pharaoh hardened his heart a final time. Due to his refusal to agree with God and rely on Him for salvation, Pharaoh would die and spend eternity in torment and darkness.



10

Entire

Complete

In the tenth plague of Egypt God destroyed every firstborn man and beast that was not covered by the redemptive blood of the Passover lamb. This demonstrated the final and complete judgment of God in its entirety.

Pharaoh finally sent God's people forth by driving them out of Egypt when his firstborn son died during the tenth plague.

Spiritual Truth:

When a person knows God's truth but chooses to disobey it, their heart becomes hard. A hardened heart makes it easier for a person to walk further away from God. When we say that God hardened Pharaoh's heart, we are saying that God's spiritual truths were revealed to Pharaoh who refused to receive them, and the result was a hardened heart.



Recap Review Fun

Directions: Draw a line from the numbers to the correct statements on both sides of the numbers.

Lice

1

Reveal

Wild animals

2

Different

Water to blood

3

God

Frogs

4

Incomplete

Pestilence

5

Grace

Boils

6

World

Hail

7

Rest

Death of firstborn

8

Complete

Darkness

9

Deeds

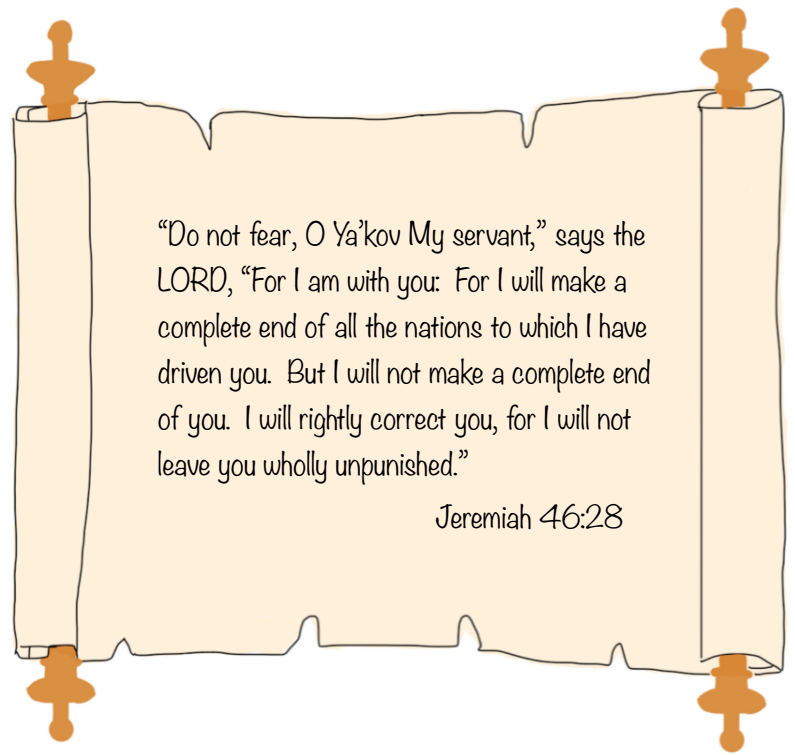
Locusts

10

Kingdom

Haftarah

Jeremiah 46:13-28



In this week's Haftarah we learn through God's prophet, Jeremiah, that God deals differently with Yisra'el than with any other nation. In today's Torah Portion the children of Yisra'el had been in exile from the land of promise for 430 years. This exile began due to their failure to submit to God's authority. When Yosef's (Joseph) brothers sold him into slavery they were acting pridefully. God had revealed His plan for Yosef to lead the family, and they opposed God's plan. This sin resulted in God's discipline. God caused a severe famine to be upon the earth by withholding His blessing of rain. The descendants of Yisra'el went into exile in Egypt due to this severe famine and remained there for 430 years. They became slaves who were greatly persecuted by the Egyptians. Despite God's discipline and their persecution at the hand of the Egyptians, God was with them.

God disciplines the descendants of Yisra'el when they sin against Him, but He utterly destroys all who persecute them. Anyone who opposes the nation of Yisra'el is acting in opposition to God! This pattern began with God's covenantal promises to Avraham (Abraham), Yosef's great-grandfather. Because God is perfect and does not change, this pattern has been displayed all through history and remains in place today.

Likewise, in this week's Haftarah we learn that the Yisra'elites had sinned against God again through the sin of idolatry. God raised Nebuchadnezzar the evil King of Babylon, as His means to discipline the Yisra'elites and destroy Egypt. God will always save a remnant of Yisra'el because Yisra'el is His firstborn son. As His firstborn son, it is God's will for Yisra'el to serve Him. One way Yisra'el will serve God is by being a blessing to all nations. Nothing can stop the will of God!

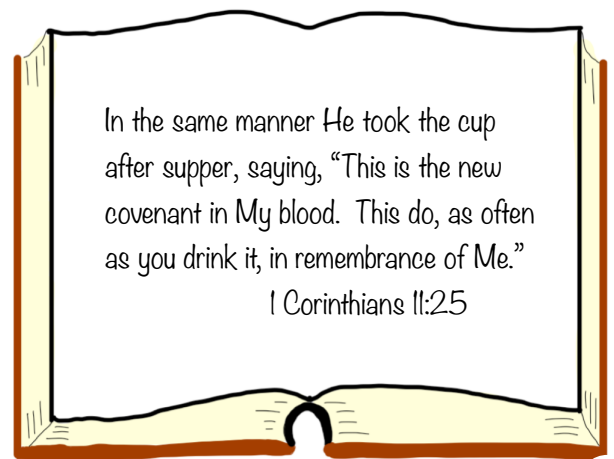
New Testament

1 Corinthians 11:20-34

In this week's New Testament reading the Apostle Paul instructed the people of Corinth in the significance and importance of the last supper that Yeshua (Jesus), the Lamb of God, shared with His disciples. Yeshua met with His disciples in the evening, or the beginning of the fourteenth day, Preparation Day. He took unleavened bread and shared it with them, explaining its new meaning. The unleavened bread now symbolized His body that would be broken for them. Yeshua took the cup and shared it with His disciples, explaining that from now on it would symbolize His blood that would be shed for them. He instructed His disciples that participating in this meal would be done in remembrance of His sacrifice and work of redemption as the Innocent Lamb of God. Paul explained to the people of Corinth that they should not come together to take part in this meal called the Last Supper or the LORD's Supper in an unworthy manner.

Yeshua is the Son of God Who left His throne in heaven to become the Passover Lamb of God. All those who submit to this provision of God for their redemption from death due to sin are seen as blameless by God and live. Only those who are covered by the Innocent Blood of Messiah Yeshua should participate in the LORD's Supper. They should only partake of it in remembrance of Him and His work of redemption for their souls.

Anyone who participates in this meal proclaims the death of Yeshua until He comes again. If someone participates for any other reason, that one is guilty of the body and blood of Yeshua and will be judged accordingly. For this reason many are weak, sick and die.



Pray First

Father God,

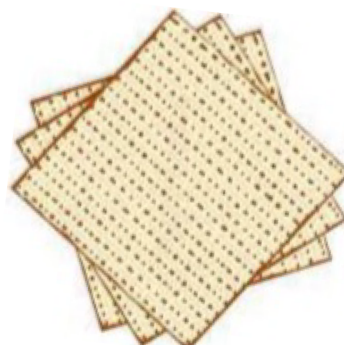
We praise You that while we were still sinners You sent Your Son as the Lamb of Redemption. Although we remain sinful, You consider us blameless when we are covered with the innocent blood of Your Only Begotten Son, Messiah Yeshua. Please help us live in a way that brings honor to You as our LORD and God.

In Yeshua's Name we pray.

Amen

Read Next

1 Corinthians 11:20-34



God revealed spiritual laws to the world through the ten plagues He sent upon Egypt!

Directions: Using the information learned about the meaning of numbers in the Bible, unscramble the letters beneath each blank to fill in the correct answer.

There is only _____ God. He is _____ and superior to all other gods.

1 eno

2 ffdeinetr

His will and character are perfect and do not change. He _____ Himself to man,

3 earvlse

Desiring a relationship with him and the _____. Even though man is sinful and

4 oldwr

_____ good character, God extends His _____ for _____ in Him.

5 caklgin

6 agecr

7 srte

God is coming back to establish His _____ on earth. No man can enter God's

8 igknmod

Kingdom by his _____ or _____. It is only by the Blood of the Lamb of God, Messiah

9 oswkr

9 esedd

Yeshua, that one is found _____ and able to enter the Kingdom of God.

10 opceltem