

**THE PASSOVER**

Old Testament Lesson #37

Until now, Pharaoh had not let the Israelites go. The 10th and final plague to come upon Egypt would be the killing of every firstborn son of Egypt, both men and animals. Through this act God would bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt.

The Israelites could avoid the plague but were required to take some action so that God's plague would "pass over" them. This action, called the LORD's Passover, involved a special sacrifice and meal.

God gave Moses specific instructions regarding how the Passover was to be kept. The steps included:

1. Selecting an unblemished year-old male lamb for each household and then killing it on the appointed day.
2. Staining the sides and tops of the door frames of the houses with blood from the lamb.
3. Eating the lamb roasted, along with bitter herbs and bread made without yeast (unleavened bread).
4. Consuming in haste all the food and leaving nothing for the next day.
5. Wearing cloaks and sandals while they ate so they could depart quickly.

That night at midnight, God struck dead the firstborn of Egypt, but God "passed over" every house that displayed the required blood marks, and death did not come to the firstborn in them.

This was the final blow to Pharaoh. People and animals died in every household of Egypt. There was a loud wailing in the land. Pharaoh finally consented to let the Israelites leave.

**POINTS TO CONSIDER:**

- This sacrifice and feast were established as a lasting ordinance throughout Israel's history and is still kept today. It became known as the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread. The Feast of Unleavened Bread became one of three feasts that were required for all males to attend in Jerusalem according to the law of Moses (see Leviticus 23, especially verses 4-14).
- John the Baptist referred to Jesus as the Lamb of God (John 1:29,36), and the apostle Paul referred to Jesus' death as a Passover sacrifice for Christians (1 Corinthians 5:7).

- Before the plagues, Pharaoh had asked, "Who is the LORD, that I should obey him and let Israel go?" (Exodus 5:2). In this plague, God had given Pharaoh an irrefutable answer (see Exodus 12:12 and Psalm 78:43-53).

**The Passover**

- I. God sent nine plagues to Egypt, but the Pharaoh still did not release the Israelites.
  - A. God sent the tenth and final plague.
  - B. He would kill every firstborn son in Egypt.
  - C. The killing would occur at midnight on a certain day.
  - D. Firstborn male animals would also be killed.
- II. The Israelites could avoid the plague if each house followed specific rules.
  - A. Select and kill an unblemished lamb.
  - B. Spread the lamb's blood on the door frame.
  - C. Roast and eat the lamb quickly, while wearing certain kinds of clothing.
  - D. Also eat bitter herbs and unleavened bread.
- III. The plague came as planned.
  - A. God passed over all houses with blood on the door frames.
  - B. Houses without blood experienced death.
  - C. The Egyptians cried throughout the land.
  - D. Pharaoh let the Israelites leave.

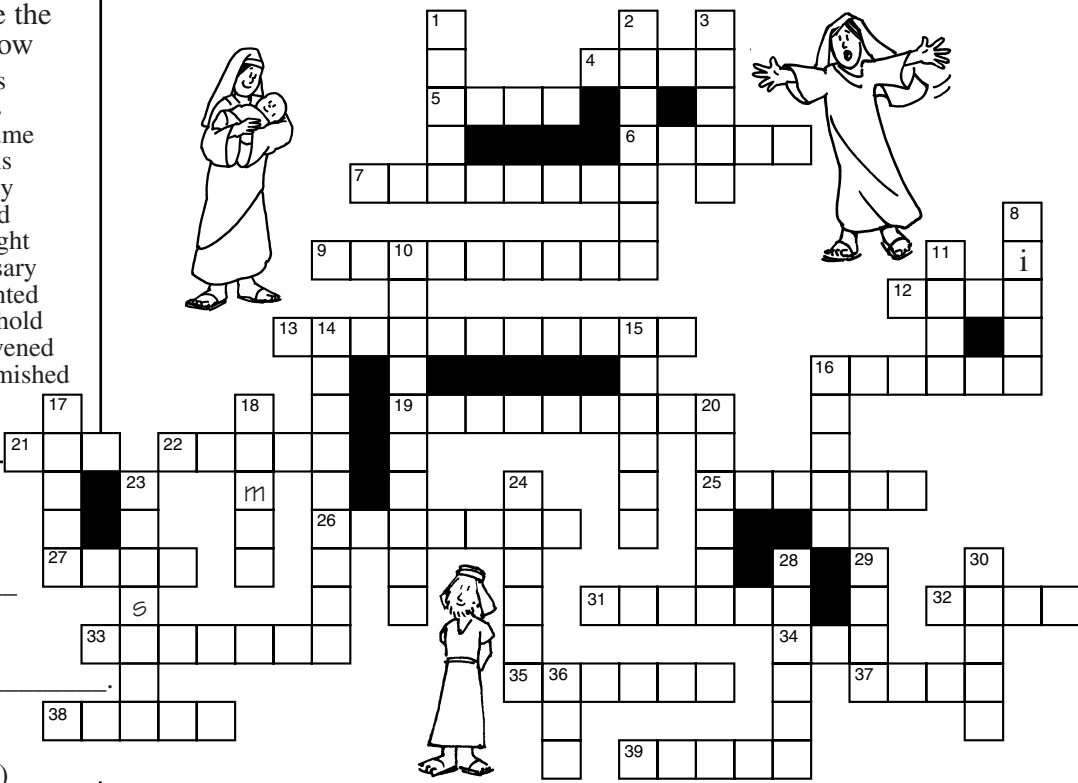
**ANSWER KEY:**

Select, unblemished, lamb, household, Kill, appointed, day, Stain, sides, tops, door, frames, houses, lambs, eaten, blood, Eat, roasted, lamb, bitter, herbs, unleavened, bread, Consume, all, food, quickly, Leave, none, Wear, cloaks, sandals, eating, depart, quickly, necessary, midnight, passed, over, every, house, blood, marks

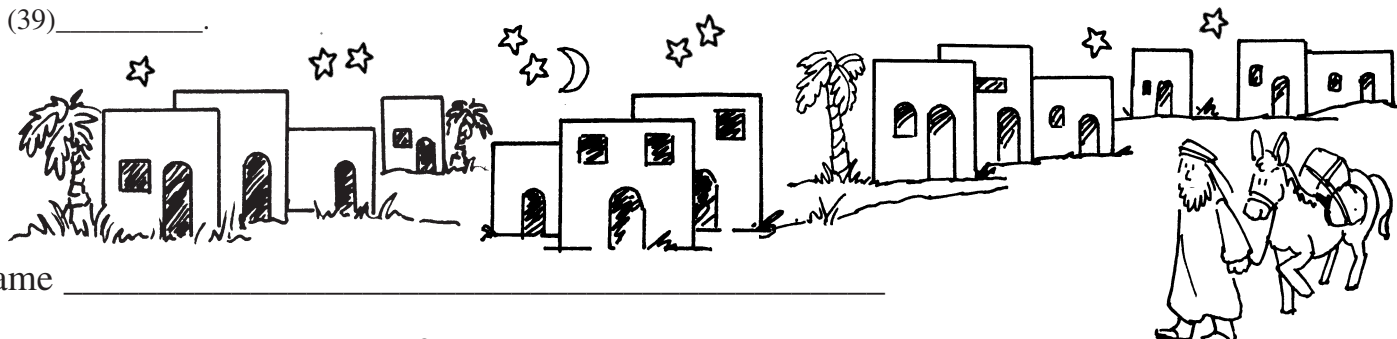
**G**od sent the 10th and final plague upon Egypt. Every firstborn male, both human and animal, would die, except those who followed God's specific instructions.

Fit the words in the crossword puzzle. Write the words on the lines below

day	Stain	houses
all	Leave	cloaks
Eat	sides	Consume
tops	eaten	sandals
over	bread	quickly
Kill	blood	roasted
door	every	midnight
Wear	lambs	necessary
none	bitter	appointed
lamb	passed	household
food	eating	unleavened
marks	frames	unblemished
herbs	depart	
house	Select	



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(13) \_\_\_\_\_  
(37) \_\_\_\_\_  
for each (9) \_\_\_\_\_.  
(29) \_\_\_\_\_ it on the  
(19) \_\_\_\_\_ (21) \_\_\_\_\_.
- (6) \_\_\_\_\_ the (8) \_\_\_\_\_ and (11) \_\_\_\_\_ of the (4) \_\_\_\_\_ (28) \_\_\_\_\_ of the  
(16 Across) \_\_\_\_\_ where the (18) \_\_\_\_\_ were to be (17) \_\_\_\_\_ with (1) \_\_\_\_\_.
- (36) \_\_\_\_\_ the (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (37) \_\_\_\_\_, along with (31) \_\_\_\_\_ (30) \_\_\_\_\_ and  
(10) \_\_\_\_\_ (3) \_\_\_\_\_.
- (23) \_\_\_\_\_ (34) \_\_\_\_\_ the (12) \_\_\_\_\_ (33) \_\_\_\_\_ (22) \_\_\_\_\_  
(27) \_\_\_\_\_ for the next day.
- (32) \_\_\_\_\_ (24) \_\_\_\_\_ and (26) \_\_\_\_\_ while (15) \_\_\_\_\_, so they could  
(20) \_\_\_\_\_ (33) \_\_\_\_\_ if (14) \_\_\_\_\_. At (7) \_\_\_\_\_ God  
“(25) \_\_\_\_\_ (5) \_\_\_\_\_” (38) \_\_\_\_\_ (16 Down) \_\_\_\_\_ that had the (1) \_\_\_\_\_  
(39) \_\_\_\_\_.



Name \_\_\_\_\_

**I**n the houses where people did what God told them to do, the firstborn were protected from death.

Find the word PASSOVER in the picture.



Name \_\_\_\_\_