

Study Notes and Questions for Exodus 11, 12 and 13

- Note: Chapter 11 is short and *probably* should have been tacked onto the end of chapter 10.
- Describe the tenth and final plague (see 11:1–10).
- Some of the plagues that were visited upon Egypt could be termed “natural disasters.” Does that mean that such natural disasters today are also God’s judgments? (Consider Matthew 24:6–8; and Luke 13:1–5.)
- What should the Egyptian people have learned from the plague judgments?
- Chapter 12 describes Israel’s departure from Egypt and the feast that commemorates it. Which of these receives more space, and why do you suppose it does?
- Since Christ is the ultimate fulfillment of the Passover, what does it tell us about His work that the lamb had to be “without defect” (see Exodus 12:5; compare 1 Peter 1:19)?
- Why did God forbid Israel to break the bones of the Passover lamb?
- How does the Passover lamb’s blood protecting the occupants from God’s wrath connect to our understanding of salvation by faith in the finished work of Jesus? How does **1 Thessalonians 5:9** figure in?
- Why do you think the Israelites had to do something to protect themselves from God’s judgment? Why didn’t the Lord automatically exempt the whole territory in which His people were living, as He had done in the previous plagues?
- What difference should it make to the way you live your life that God has redeemed you from slavery just as He redeemed the people of Israel from their slavery in Egypt? What should that freedom mean to you?
- Describe how the Feast of Unleavened Bread was connected to Passover?
- Why did God make such a big deal about the Israelites asking the Egyptians for silver, gold, and clothing?
- God commanded Moses to consecrate to Him all the firstborn persons and domesticated animals of Israel. What did this involve (see 13:1–2, 11–16)?
- By what right did the Lord demand this consecration of the firstborn (see 13:14–16)?
- The Lord gave Israel certain traditions by which to commemorate the exodus each year. What traditions has He given the body of Christ to commemorate His saving work?