

EXODUS BIBLE STUDY AND GUIDE

LESSON 20 EXODUS 12:14-20

Exodus 12 is the chapter of the Passover. While the description of the tenth plague is given, most of the chapter deals with the implications of the plague for Israel. This includes the Passover and its' associated feasts, for both the immediate time and future. Also included are the fulfillment of promises and the release of the people from their bondage. Vv14-20 deal especially with instructions for the feast of unleavened bread. These are part of what Moses and Aaron are to deliver to Israel.

1. What is 'this day' in v14?
 - What do the instructions say about this day and its' institution?

2. What are the instructions for the feast of unleavened bread in v15?
 - What is the warning that is attached?
 - When is the feast to be implemented (implied but not stated here)?
 - Trick question – is this the same as Passover, particularly the first day of the feast?

3. How are the first and seventh days set apart in v16 and what do these instructions make them?
 - From an outside source, how is the Jewish calendar set (as opposed to our calendar)?

4. What day is v17 about? Is this just a repetition of v14? Why or why not?
 - What does this say about the timing of the events of the original Passover?

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5. How does v18 fit with what we have read up to this point and Lev 23:6 and Num 28:17?

6. V19 repeats a previous warning but adds further definition to the warning. What else does it add?

7. Unleavened bread is a Hebrew word from which we get matzo, matza or matzah. V20 continues to set this feast apart. Based upon what we have read so far, why do you think Jehovah set this feast apart? V17 and the reference in the next question may also help.

CONTEMPLATION

8. How does the timing of these feasts relate to the timing of the New Testament account of the last week of the Lord Jesus?

9. Often but not always, the New Testament relates leaven to sin. Is that what is in view in this passage? If not, what? See question 7 also.

10. Is there some element of the Lord's Supper that might relate to the feast of the unleavened bread?