

LESSON 10 – A PASS-OVER AND A PASS-THROUGH ON PROMISE ROAD

Exodus 1 - 14

THEME: To teach the completeness of salvation in Christ.

We are going to pretend for a few moments. Suppose your country is at war! The enemy is sending planes with bombs over your home! You see them coming, a great mass of planes. You start praying they will pass over without dropping their bombs. When they do, you are saved! Death did not strike you from the air.

Today as we journey we shall learn how God's people were saved from three kinds of death as they travelled on PROMISE ROAD. The close of the last lesson left us in Egypt after the death of Israel and Joseph. While Joseph was in power, everything went well for the children of Israel, but after many years a different Pharaoh came to power. Because he feared the multiplying numbers of the Israelites, he began to oppress them, making them slaves. Exodus 1:8-22.

When the affliction became more than the Israelites could bear, they cried out. Exodus 2:23-25. God heard their groaning and called another Israelite named Moses to lead His people out of Egypt to the land God had promised to give Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. We call this land the PROMISED LAND. Moses showed reluctance when God gave him his mission and eventually God became angry and gave his brother Aaron as Moses his spokesman before Pharaoh. Exodus 3-4:16. With God's power, Moses would perform all the wonders so that Pharaoh would let Israel, God's firstborn son, go to serve Him. Exodus 4:21-23. Moses was eighty years old and Aaron eighty-three, when they spoke to Pharaoh. We read the exciting story of the plagues and contests in Exodus 7:8–11:10. God caused definite differences between the Egyptians and the Israelites, but even after all of these, Pharaoh still refused to allow the Israelites to leave Egypt.

God gave Moses and Aaron the plans for the Passover Lamb as told in Exodus chapter 12. All the Israelite families had to kill an unblemished male lamb of a year old and place some of its blood on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses in which they eat the lamb's flesh. The blood would be a sign for them on the houses where they were so that they would be spared. Because where there was no blood, *every firstborn would be killed by a band of destroying angels.* Psalm 78:49-50.

Why asked God the children of Israel to place blood on the two doorposts and on the lintel? Probably because only the doorposts and the lintel of their mudbrick homes were made of stone and on these were inscribed the name of the one who lived inside. Even if the house was destroyed, the chance of the name existing through the survival of the stone was very good. So when God required the Israelites to place the blood on the doorposts and the lintel, He was asking them to cover their names with the blood of the lamb. By doing this, they were taught the rudiments of salvation. Their names on stone did not ensure life in the hereafter like the Egyptians believed; only the blood of the Lamb could do that.

We, of course, have to learn the same lesson. It matters where our name is written. "And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire". Revelation 20:15. This book is also called "the Lamb's book of life". Revelation 21:27. To have your name written in that book you need to believe that we have only redemption in Christ, through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace. Ephesians 1:7.

At midnight the Lord struck all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sat on his throne to the firstborn of the captive who was in the dungeon, and all the firstborn of cattle. That night in Egypt death came to all houses and there was the sound of great wailing throughout the land. Pharaoh arose in the night and told Moses and Aaron to leave together with the other Israelites, their flocks and their herds. According to the word of Moses, the Israelites had requested from the Egyptians articles of silver and articles of gold, and clothing. And the Lord had given the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they let them have their request. Thus they plundered the Egyptians.

Then when the Israelites had not been long on their escape, Pharaoh changed his mind and his army began to chase them. In front of Israel was the Red Sea with no way to get across or to go around. But Moses said to the people, "Do not fear! Stand by and see the salvation of the Lord ... the Lord will fight for you." Exodus 14:13-14. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the Lord swept the sea back by a strong east wind all night and turned the sea into dry land, so the waters were divided. The sons of Israel went through the midst of the sea on the dry land, and the waters were like a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. Exodus 14:21,22.

Did the chasing army of Egypt also cross safely to the other side? No. They thought they could go through the sea, instead they drowned in the midst of it.



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Israel was victoriously saved from three kinds of death: 1) from the band of destroying angels; 2) from the sea; 3) from the army of Pharaoh.

God did it all by His power. We who live today at GRACE AIRPORT also have victory over three kinds of death: 1) the world; 2) the flesh; 3) the devil.

We will now think of how our experience is similar to that of the fleeing Israelites.

Egypt stands for the world which will one day be judged. Israel was saved by faith from the judgment upon Egypt by the blood applied to the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses. We, believers in Christ, shall be saved by faith from the judgment upon this world by the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ applied to our hearts.

The flesh is the old man who fights against the spiritual man. The Israelites ate of the roasted Passover Lamb to receive strength for their journey. We feed upon the living Christ by studying His Word rightly divided to receive strength for our journey in life. We should always remind that we, believers in Christ, have laid aside the *Old Self* (old nature) with its evil and that we have put on the *New Self* (new nature) who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him. Colossians 3:9,10.

Pharaoh and his armies stand for the devil. As Israel was saved by faith in the instructions of their leader Moses who received these from God, so are we saved by faith in the instructions of our leader, the apostle Paul, who received these from the risen Lord Jesus Christ. By faith we win the battle between the old and the new natures in us. We gain victory over the temptations and trials by following the words of the apostle Paul. If we do not obey his words we are serving the enemy. Even as the Israelites had not obeyed the words of Moses.

We see in each case that Israel's salvation depended on believing and obeying God. At that very point God showed His delivering power. Our salvation from the world, the flesh and the devil depends upon believing and obeying God's Word. Christ our Passover was sacrificed for us. By applying His shed blood to our hearts and lives, we believe and trust Him as our personal Saviour from going to hell. At that very point God does His great work of salvation.

MEMORY VERSE: "Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed." 1 Corinthians 5:7.

LESSON 10 – WORK SHEET

1. The Israelites had followed PROMISE ROAD to what country?

Exodus 1:1_____.

2. Why do we call Canaan the PROMISED LAND? Exodus 12:25.

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3. List the 10 judgments/plagues God sent upon Egypt. Exodus 7-12.

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| 1) _____; | 6) _____; |
| 2) _____; | 7) _____; |
| 3) _____; | 8) _____; |
| 4) _____; | 9) _____; |
| 5) _____; | 10) _____. |

God saved His people from three kinds of death as they escaped from Egypt to Canaan on PROMISE ROAD. Write what the 3 deaths were:

4. Exodus 12:12-13 _____.

5. Exodus 14:22-23 _____.

6. Exodus 14:27-28 _____.

We today can be saved from an enemy who wants to destroy our body and soul. He has three means he uses. The verses below warn us. Look them up and fill in the spaces below.

7. Galatians 1:4 Christ gave Himself for our sins so that He might rescue us from _____.

So Jesus Christ should be our personal Saviour and Lord.

8. Romans 8:13 If we are living according to the _____ we must die. But if by the Spirit we are putting to death the _____, we will live. So we should not live according to the flesh.

9. Ephesians 6:11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the _____. So we should put on the full armor of God in order to stand firm.

10. Write 1 Corinthians 5:7: _____
