

The Exodus Event

Rescued. Redeemed. We all need to be rescued or redeemed at some point in our lives. We are all lost and need to be found. We are all bound and need to be set free. The Exodus Event tells of the how the Israelites were bound and enslaved in Egypt and needed to be rescued and redeemed.

The Exodus Event begins when Pharaoh, a harsh Egyptian ruler, crushes the Israelites under the weight of oppressive slavery. After hearing the cries of His people, God sends Moses to rescue them. At God's instruction, Moses commands Pharaoh to let God's people go. After Pharaoh refuses, he watches his kingdom crumble as all of Egypt suffers from 10 plagues: rivers turning to blood, heaps of invasive frogs, gnats and lice, dead livestock, incurable bursting boils, crop-destroying hailstorms, giant locusts, complete darkness and lastly, the death of the firstborn.

It is during this time, that God instructed the Hebrew people to be ready at a moment's notice to leave, and as they waited, they were to sacrifice a lamb. It is only because of the blood of the lamb, placed on the doorposts of each Hebrew household, that the Death Angel "passed over" their homes and they were saved from death. After the last plague, Pharaoh agreed to let the Hebrew people go.

As the Israelites marched out of a defeated Egypt, they stop at what seems like a dead end: the chaotic waters of the Red Sea. But God provides a way through, parting the waters so that the Israelites can pass through on dry ground. Now free, the Hebrew people follow God through the wilderness, which provides an opportunity for them to learn to trust God for food, water, and protection. In a harsh and barren wasteland, it's easy to despair at the first sign of hunger and thirst. But God supplies food from the sky and water from a Rock. The way through the wilderness requires increased faith and reliance on God. As God leads the Hebrew people through this experience, he seeks to transform them.

On the far side of the wilderness journey, the Hebrew people encounter the way into the Promised Land, flowing with milk and honey. Here the former slaves can live free and enjoy God's goodness and provision. The wasteland gives way to abundant harvest, so that the people can spread God's blessing to their neighbors and the world. Our lives are no different. Passover was set up to be a time of remembrance of God's strong hand delivering His people. But Passover is more than that. Like only the Great Author can do, God set foreshadowing in motion, of His Son, who would come to rescue and redeem the entire world.

Life has a way of causing us to question everything around us, everything that happens to us, and to even question God. But when we honor Passover, we dig deep into a special meeting time with God. Passover helps us recall the goodness of God and how nothing is impossible for Him. At Passover we remember the Exodus and we recall the sacrifice that Jesus made and how from the beginning of time God has weaved His goodness and love throughout all our lives.