

Growth Group Notes

Autumn 2023



3. What is to be the nature, scope and result of God's final judgment on Egypt (11:4-7)?

Read Exodus 12:1-28

4. What steps did the Israelites have to take to be spared (12:1-13)?

5. A strange aspect of the event is the smearing of blood of the sacrificial lambs on the doorframes to mark the houses where the Israelites live so that they would be protected when the Lord passes over to strike down the first born (Exodus 12:23). Why does the Lord, the omniscient (all-knowing) God need to do this?

6. Why did they need to commemorate the Passover (12:14-20)?

Exodus: The journey of a lifetime

7. What parallels can you see between Jesus and the Passover Lamb?

WHAT NEXT?

The people of God in the Old Testament expected a Messiah (Christ). This Messiah was to 'reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness' (Isaiah 9:7). However, in the Old Testament there was another stream of messianic expectation. This is seen in the 'suffering servant' of Isaiah 40–55 who 'was led like a lamb to the slaughter' (Isaiah 53:7), who would take the sin of the world on himself and die on behalf of the guilty (vv.5–6).

Nobody expected the messianic king and the suffering servant to be the same person. Yet, in a breathtaking way Jesus brought these great messianic themes together. Jesus is both the King and also the suffering servant.

Jesus, the innocent suffering servant, died in our place so that we may go free. How do you feel about Jesus dying for you?