

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS

EXODUS 12:29-42

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INTRODUCTION:

- Context: Exodus 12 is the chapter that teaches us about the Passover.
 - EXODUS 12:1-20:** God talks to Moses and Aaron.
 - EXODUS 12.21-28:** Moses and Aaron talk to Israel.
- The children of Israel were required to observe the Passover.
 - NUMBERS 9.12:** *“According to all the ordinances of the Passover they shall keep it.”*
 - NUMBERS 9.13:** *“But...”* What were the circumstances which exempted them?
 - Notice the attitude: *“he may still keep the LORD’s Passover”* (Num. 9,9,10)
 - Is missing services a delight or a disappointment? (Heb. 10.24,25)

I. THE PASSAGE

- The tenth plague: The death of the firstborn.
 - The time of the plague. **EXODUS 12.29:** *“And it came to pass at midnight”*
 - The extent of the plague. **EXODUS 12.29:** *“the LORD struck all the firstborn”*
 - The house of Pharaoh, the slave in the dungeon, and the livestock. (v. 29,30)
 - EXODUS 12.30:** *“there was not a house where there was not one dead.”*
 - The one who caused mourning among the Israelites now mourned. (Ex. 1.22)
 - It was likely the death only of those who did not have children. (cf. Ex. 13.15)
- The reaction to the plague.
 - The reaction of Pharaoh.
 - EXODUS 12.31:** *“Then he called for Moses at night.”*
 - EXODUS 12.31,32:** He granted their unconditional freedom. (Ex. 8.28; 10.9,10,24)
 - Pharaoh drove them out of the land. (Ex. 11.1; 12.39)
 - EXODUS 12.32:** *“Bless me also.”* Culturally, it was a common courtesy.
 - The reaction of the Egyptians.
 - EXODUS 12.33:** They urged them to leave in haste. (cf. Ps. 105.38; Ex. 12.39)
 - EXODUS 12.35,36:** They gave Israel gold, silver, and clothing. (cf. Ex. 3.21,22)
- The exodus of Israel.
 - EXODUS 12.37,38:** They traveled to Succoth. (cf. Gen. 33.17)
 - EXODUS 12.39:** They left in haste without baking bread.
 - EXODUS 12.40-42:** Four hundred and thirty years of slavery ended.

II. THE PRINCIPLE

- Five things that God predicted.
 - Slavery: Israel would be in slavery. (Gen. 15.13; Ex. 12.40)
 - Stubbornness: Pharaoh would not let Israel go. (Ex. 7.4; 5.2)
 - Severity: Israel would be saved with a strong hand. (Ex. 3.20; 6.1,6; Deut. 4.34)
 - Spoils: Israel would plunder Egypt. (Ex. 3.21,22; Ex. 12.36)
 - Service: Israel would serve God at Mount Sinai. (Ex. 3.12; 19.3,4)
- God is in the know.
 - GENESIS 15.13,14:** *“Know certainly”* Slavery, Judgment, Freedom
 - GENESIS 15.13:** *“they will afflict them four hundred years.”*
 - GENESIS 15.14:** *“And also the nation whom they serve I will judge”*
 - GENESIS 15.14:** *“afterward they shall come out with great possessions.”*
 - Centuries before Jesus was born God predicted His birth. (Matt. 2.17,23; John 1.45)
 - How much does God know about your life? (Luke 12.6,7)
- God is in control. (Ex. 3.20,21)