

THE PASSOVER IN EGYPT



Passages to Study: Exodus 11 and 12.

Read with the class: Exodus 12:1-13 and 28-33.

Texts for memorization:

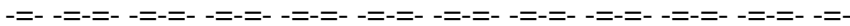
Younger: Ex. 12:13. "When I see the blood, I will pass over you"

Older 1 John 1:7.



OBJECTIVES: To Teach

1. That Pharaoh is representative of many who pay no attention to the many warnings they receive.
2. The grace and mercy of God in providing a way of salvation for all.
3. That freedom from death for the firstborn depended on the death of a substitute.
4. That not only did the blood have to be shed, but also each one had to obey God by applying it to the door.
5. That it is necessary to put one's faith in Christ while there is opportunity.



SCENE No. 1. Pharaoh's palace where Moses and Aaron appear before Pharaoh for the last time.

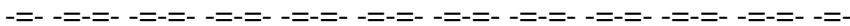
DEVELOPMENT OF THE LESSON:

- Moses and Aaron ask for freedom for the people of Israel, who are suffering under the lash of the Egyptians.
- Moses and Aaron warn the king of coming judgment, from which there is only one means of escape, the death of a sacrifice.
- Ex. 11:5. Everyone, Egyptians and Israelites alike, would be affected by the divine judgment.

Lxn. Apply Rom. 3:25. None were exempt from God's decree of judgment on the sinner.

- Pharaoh and his people receive the news in unbelief.
- The extensive amount of death among the Egyptians afterwards showed that they did not take the necessary steps to avoid it.

Apl. Ask the students what reasons the Egyptians might have had for not taking the word of God into account. (Unbelief, pride, self-sufficiency). Then, ask them why young people don't believe the gospel.



SCENE No. 2. At a sheepcote where Israelites choose a lamb which meets the requirements of God.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE LESSON:

Sug. (For a flannelgraph lesson, the figures can show the great care an Israelite would take when choosing a lamb for his household, making sure that the animal was TOTALLY healthy and without blemish as an adequate sacrifice to God.)

- God's instructions to Moses were very specific. Only a perfect animal would do.

Cns. The demand for perfection is important for it is a figure of the Lord Jesus Christ.

- The animal chosen could have been kept as a pet for the family, but it would never have saved from death had it remained alive.

Cns. It is not the life of Christ as an exemplary man that saves, but His death that atones for sin.

- The value of an animal without blemish was that it was qualified to be offered to God.

Sug. Talk with the students about the need of a perfect sacrifice in order to lead the conversation into showing that we are unable to offer God anything that is perfect. For that reason, He who is our substitute must be perfect.

