



...going deeper

a guide for your own study during the week

An Unforgettable Night (Exodus 12:1-11)

to think about

Pharaoh refused to let his Israelite slaves go, and his question 'Who is the Lord?' received a dramatic answer in the form of ten 'power encounters' [traditionally known as the 'Ten Plagues']. The final power encounter is for the Israelites a moment of deliverance, known as the Passover. Many see this as the central act of the Book of Exodus.

Read Exodus 12:1-11

What instructions did God give the Israelites?

Read Exodus 12:12-13. Why would God pass over the homes of the Israelites? Why would they be delivered (or saved)? ...because of who they were? or because of what they did? or because of something else? If something else, then what else?

Many years later, Jesus would celebrate Passover with his friends, and this would be the moment he would institute the Communion, or Lord's Supper. (see Matthew 26: 17-30, for example). how is Jesus himself prefigured in the Passover itself?

[Messianic Jews have a deeper understanding of the way in which Jesus is prefigured in the Passover, you might like to watch the video "Christ in the Passover" which you can watch on <http://jewsforjesus.org/>]

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast." (Ephesians 2:8-10) What do these words mean for people today? How can people be delivered (or saved)? ...because of who they are? or because of what they do? or because of something else? If something else, then what else?

taking it further

What does Passover mean?

You might like to pray for Jewish people in the light of this.

You might also like to pray for people everywhere to come to know God's salvation.