



Advent Day 11 (written by  
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Lamb

Exodus 12:5-7, 13-14  
"The animals you choose  
must be year-old males  
without defect, and you  
may take them from the  
sheep or the goats. Take  
care of them until the  
fourteenth day of the  
month, when all the

people of the community of

Israel must slaughter them at twilight. Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframe of the houses where they eat the lambs...The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt. This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD—a lasting ordinance." (NIV 1984)

Today's Bible reading is all about how God carried out the promise he made to Moses from the burning bush. It contains a lot of details about how things should be done. But these details had a bigger purpose than just getting up to two million people and all their livestock out of Egypt smoothly—and in one night! Verse 14 tells us that in the future, for years to come, God's people would celebrate this deliverance as a festival.

Did you notice the lamb? A lot of the details were all about the lamb. The lamb was to be a symbol for the people. At the houses where a lamb had been killed, the people inside would be spared. At the houses with lamb's blood above the door, nobody had to die.

Many years later, a prophet of God named John the Baptist would point to Jesus and say, "Look, the Lamb of God." The Passover lamb of Exodus was a symbol for the Savior who would come. Because Jesus died on the cross, we are spared from the punishment for sin. Because his blood purifies us from our sins, we don't have to die forever in hell.

Prayer: Lord, thank you for rescuing your children in Egypt so our Savior could come. Thank you for rescuing us from our sins. Amen.