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The Tenth Plague and the Passover 11:1 to 12:36



This section comprises the Tenth Plague and the instructions referring to the Passover night. In order to understand it, one has to keep in mind that the instructions fall into two distinct categories: those applying to **the first Passover night** only, or **as the Rabbis named it, the Egyptian Passover (*pesah mizrayim*)**, and those to be kept on **all future Passover nights (*pesah dorot*)**. They are worked one into the other alternatively. In the diagram below, they are denoted by saying **for the Egyptian Passover** and **for all future Passovers**.¹⁸⁴

- A The command to plunder Egypt (11:1-3)
- B The threat of the tenth plague (11:4-9)
- C Moses leaving Pharaoh in anger (11:10)
- D The Passover ritual described (12:1-6) *for all future Passovers*
- E Placing the blood on the doorframes (12:7-8) *for the Egyptian Passover*
- F Eating the roasted lamb (12:9-10) *for all future Passovers*
- G Saved by the physical blood of a lamb (12:11-13) *for the Egyptian Passover***
- F Eating the unleavened bread (12:14-20) *for all future Passovers*

- E** Placing the blood on the doorframes **(12:21-23)** *for the Egyptian Passover*
- D** The Passover ritual questioned **(12:24-28)** *for all future Passovers*
- B** The execution of the tenth plague **(12:29-30)**
- C** Pharaoh calling Moses in anger **(12:31-33)**
- A** Egypt plundered **(12:34-36)**.