

The Tenth Plague, the Passover, and the Exodus of the Jews from Egypt (Exodus, chs. 11-13): an Exegetical, Historical, and Missionary Approach

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Abstract

This research focuses on a basic moment in the history of the Jewish people, in particular, and in the scriptural history of the salvation of all mankind, in general: the exodus of the Jews from Egypt under the leadership of Moses. The research is intended to be a bridge between the time of the ten plagues that God inflicted on Egypt, especially the last of these: the death of the firstborn Egyptians, and the miracle of the Jewish people crossing the Red Sea, while the army Egyptian pursuer was destroyed by the waves. In addition to addressing Old Testament biblical issues related to language, geography, and history, each topic covered in the five chapters that make up this research will be completed by presenting the missionary side of Moses' work among the Jews and for them. Will not be excluded the associations between some Old Testament concepts and the way they were fulfilled in the New Testament with the coming of Christ, but neither their validity for the Christian living in contemporary society. The research will also address issues on which, over time, sometimes contradictory answers have been issued, coming from different researchers who have dealt with the scriptural episode, topics such as: the origin and establishment of the Passover, the link between the plague the tenth and this holiday, as well as between this holiday and the exodus of the Jewish people from Egypt, the riches received by the Jews from the Egyptians at the time of their exodus from Egypt, the number of Jews who then left Egypt, but also whether the Jews were led to the Sea Red and then through the desert, a pillar of cloud and fire by which we should understand God Himself or His angel.