

#2 Exodus Chapter 11:

5 And all the firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die, from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sitteth upon his throne, even unto the firstborn of the maidservant that *is* behind the mill; and all the firstborn of beasts.

6 And there shall be a great cry throughout all the land of Egypt, such as there was none like it, nor shall be like it any more.

7 But against any of the children of Israel shall not a dog move his tongue, against man or beast: that ye may know how that the Lord doth put a difference between the Egyptians and Israel.

#3 Exodus Chapter 12:

2 For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I *am* the Lord.

13 And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye *are*: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy *you*, when I smite the land of Egypt.

14 And this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and ye shall keep it a feast to the Lord throughout your generations; ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance for ever.

#4 Passover is celebrated every year as a time to remember when the Israelites escaped from being slaves in Egypt. It is celebrated in the early spring from the 15th through the 22nd of the Hebrew month of Nissan. (normally sometime in March or April) A traditional Passover meal takes several hours and each piece of food represents part of the story. Important prayers are recited and four glasses of wine are drunk. Notably, an extra place setting is always present and the front door is opened. This is to allow the prophet Elijah to enter the dwelling and participate in the Passover service. It was prophesied that Elijah would return one day:

Malachi 4: 5-6 “See, I will send you the prophet Elijah before that great and dreadful day of the Lord comes. He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers; or else I will come and strike the land with a curse.”

