

(Context: 8:16-32 [the third and fourth plagues; Pharaoh's heart was hardened]; 9:1-35 [the fifth, sixth, and seventh plagues; Pharaoh's heart hardened]; 10:1-29 [the eighth and ninth plagues; Pharaoh: I have sinned; your livestock cannot go; Pharaoh's heart hardened]; 11:1-10 [the tenth plague; Moses angry; Pharaoh's heart hardened])

Vs. 1-14:

Yahweh said to Moses:

- This will be the first month of the year
- On the 10th of the month
 - Take an unblemished lamb/goat
 - A year-old
 - One per household
- On the 14th: kill it
 - Its blood on the doorposts & lintels
 - Roast it
- Eat it hurriedly
- I will pass over: "in the blood"
 - A Day of Remembrance

Key words and Thoughts: unblemished/complete (תמים); lamb (כבש); kill/slaughter (שחט); blood (דם); doorposts (מזוזה); lintel (משקוף); roast (צלי); hurriedly (מהר); remembrance (זכרון)

Questions:

1. Why does it matter this month is to be the first month of the year for Israelites? Is something symbolic or meaningful? If yes, why?
2. Of the many specific instructions for the Passover meal, what are a few that stand out to you, seem unique or even strange?
3. This event began the tradition of a Passover meal. Traditional family meals are important still today. Which of these family meals have been important in your family and why: family dinner nights, birthdays, anniversaries, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter?

