

Chapters 12, 13

God said to Moses and Aaron "From now on, this month is to be the first month of your year.

On the evening of the 14th day of this month each family must kill and eat a one year old male sheep or goat. Some of its blood must be put on your front door.

You must eat it in a hurry, with a belt round your waist, sandals on your feet and a staff in your hand.

This night I will go through the land of Egypt and strike every first-born Egyptian.

But when I see the blood on your doors I shall PASS OVER your homes and you shall be unharmed.

Each year you must remember this night. Each year you must observe this feast of the Passover. You also must consecrate all first-born to me."

That night God indeed struck dead the first-born of all the Egyptians, including the son of Pharaoh

There was great mourning in Egypt and Pharaoh finally agreed to let the Israelites go.

The Israelites now numbered about 600,000 men, having been in Egypt exactly 430 years.

As the people travelled, God went before them in the form of a pillar of cloud during the day and a pillar of fire at night.

Dear God, please help me understand
the full meaning of the Passover story