

## Moses

Moses was an Israelite during the time when pharaohs in Egypt kept Jews as slaves, and God told him to persuade the current pharaoh to free the Jews and Israelites from slavery, because it was part of the covenant he made to Abraham. Moses visited the pharaoh and demanded, "Let my people go," but he refused. God then reacted by sending 10 plagues down to Egypt.

1. Rivers turned to blood – This will kill the fish in the river, it will stink, and Egyptians won't be able to bathe or drink water
2. Frogs – Frogs will plague the whole country, entering houses and ruining everything
3. Lice – All the dust in the land will become lice when Aaron stretched his rod out
4. Flies – This harmed the people and livestock, and pharaoh broke his promise to let the Jews go if Moses stopped it
5. Death of livestock – A disease will come to all the goats, sheep, cattle, horses, camels and donkeys, making it harder to ranch them
6. Boils – Moses and Aaron tossed soot to give Egyptians boils
7. Hail – God sent down the worst hailstorm Egypt has ever had, killing anyone without shelter
8. Locusts – The locusts ate whatever was left after the hail
9. Darkness – Darkness came for three days, and no one could leave their house
10. Death of firstborn – Every firstborn boy was killed at midnight by the death angel, including the pharaoh's son

Before the last plague, God told Moses to tell the Jews to put lamb's blood on their doorpost, so the death angel wouldn't take their firstborn son. Therefore, Passover is called this, as death 'Passed over' the land. The pharaoh let the Israelites take whatever they wanted, and they left Egypt. He changed his mind again and sent his army after the Israelites, who were trapped by the Red Sea, however, a miracle happened. God ordered Moses to part the sea with his rod, and they successfully crossed it. The army followed, but the sea closed, and pharaoh and his army drowned. This is another reason for why it is called Passover, as the Jews 'passed over' the Red Sea.