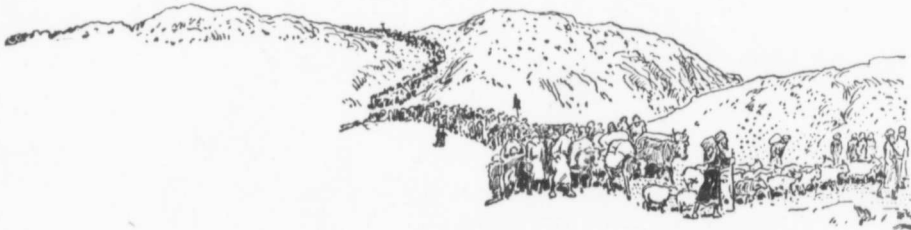


THE PASSOVER

Exodus 11:1 to 12:36

Moses had reached the land of Egypt. And God spoke to him saying, "Go to Pharaoh in the morning. Bid him let my people go."

Moses went. But Pharaoh would not listen. He would



not let the people go. And so God had to punish him. First the pure waters of the Nile were turned into blood. No one could drink from it. Next a plague of frogs swept over the land—frogs in the beds, frogs even in the ovens, in the bread troughs.

Other dreadful plagues followed—flies, diseases, hailstorms, and swarms of locusts that ate up all the crops. Clouds of darkness hung over the land. Still Pharaoh would not let the Hebrews go.

Then God told Moses that he would send one more punishment, so terrible that Pharaoh would be glad to set them free. He would go at midnight through Egypt and the oldest child in each house should die.

But the Hebrew children should be safe, if they obeyed. For on that day in each house a lamb was to be slain. Its blood should be sprinkled on the doorposts. Then the Lord would pass over that house, because he would know that