

SUMMARY OF SEFER SHMOS Chapters 11–14 (in PARSHAS BO)

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This SUMMARY helps clarify the:

- association between doorpost-blood and arm-tefillin, as both are called “OS”
- association between Pesach ritual and head-tefillin, as both are called (with rootword) “ZAKOR”
- association between God’s remembering to keep His promise and Jews’ remembering mind to keep Pesach, as both are called (with rootword) “SHAMOR”

In this SUMMARY, quotations from Torah are highlighted in italics and yellow, and, within those quotations, the key words (with roots OS, ZAKOR, SHAMOR) are highlighted in green.

In this SUMMARY, citations are designated with format 2:b:c, which means pasuk c in perek b in Sefer Shmos,

2:11:1-2:12:3

God told Moshe:

- there will be 1 more plague, after which Paroh will release the Jews
- Jews must borrow clothes & gold/silver utensils

2:11:4 – 2:11:10

Moshe informs Paroh

- at about midnight, God will kill all Egyptians’ firstborn humans & animals
- there will be great screaming in Egypt
- even dogs will not bark at Jews
- your (Paroh’s) servants will come to me & bow & say *“you (Moshe) & your nation leave”*

2:12:1 - 2:12:20

God instructed Moshe & Aaron

- what to do **THIS MONTH**:

- consider this month (Nisan) as the 1st month of the year
- on 10th day of this month, take an unblemished baby sheep or goat & designate it for a preselected group of neighbors
- on 14th day of month in afternoon: slaughter it, BBQ it whole, paint its blood on the doorposts
- on 14th day of month at night: the group must eat it in a single house, without leaving the house all night, while clothed in street clothes ready to leave
- God will kill Egyptian firstborn humans & animals at night,
“the blood will be for you as an OS on the houses that you are in & I will see the blood & skip over you...”

- what to do in **FUTURE YEARS**:

- “this day will be for you for a ZIKARON,
celebrate it as a CHAG to God, for future generations celebrate it as an eternal custom”*

2:12:21 - 2:12:27

Moshe instructed all Jewish elders

- what to do **THIS MONTH**:

- take a sheep, slaughter it as a pesach, collect its blood in a cup, paint the blood from the cup on doorposts,
- God will skip over the doorway

- what to do in **FUTURE YEARS**:

- “SHAMOR this thing as a custom...eternally,
and when you enter the promised land SHAMOR this AVODA,
and when your children say what is this AVODA to you, say it is a pesach sacrifice to God that He skipped...”*

2:12:28

Jews did what God instructed

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2:12:29 - 2:12:36

EXODUS EVENT

- at midnight, God killed all Egyptian firstborn
- Egyptians were screaming,
- Paroh told Moshe & Aaron to leave
- Egyptian civilians rushed the Jews out
- Jews carried raw dough with them
- Jews borrowed gold & silver utensils & clothes & emptied Egypt

2:12:37 – 2:12:42

Jews left from Ramses to Sukkot

- included about 600K adult males, besides children & many non-Jews & sheep & cattle
- Jews baked the dough, without it rising since the Jews could not delay
- Jews had lived in Egypt exactly 430 years.

*“it was on this very day, at the end of 430 years, God’s entire masses left Egypt,
this is a SHAMUR night for God for taking them out of Egypt,
this is a night for God which is SHAMUR for all Jews in future generations”*

2:12:43 – 2:12:49

God instructed Moshe & Aaron: in FUTURE YEARS this is the Pesach custom:

- no gentile may eat it, except if owned by a Jew or circumcised
- don’t take it outside
- don’t break its bones

2:12:50

“Jews did as God instructed Moshe & Aaron”

2:12:51

Jews left

“in this very day, God took Jew is masses out of Egypt”

2:13:1

God instructed Moshe & Aaron: in FUTURE YEARS, designate to God firstborn Jewish boys & animals

2:13:3 – 2:13:16

Moshe instructed, in FUTURE YEARS:

“ZAKOR this day that you left Egypt...

because God took you with a strong hand, & chametz won’t be eaten.

Today you leave in the month of spring.

And when God takes you to the land... that He promised...

you will AVOD this AVODA in this month.

7 days you shall eat matza, & on the 7th day is chag to God.

Matzos will be eaten 7 days, & chametz & yeast will not be seen...

you will tell you child saying due to this God did to me when I left Egypt.

It will be for you as an OS on your hand and as a ZIKARON between your eyes

in order for God’s Torah to be in your mouth

because God took you out of Egypt with a strong hand.

you shall SHAMOR this custom in its designated time (MOADA) from year to year”

In the promised land, all firstborns will be to God, except that firstborn sons shall be redeemed.

“and when your son will ask you tomorrow what is this

you will say to him God took us out of Egypt with a strong hand...

and when Paroh was hardened from sending us God killed all firstborn in Egypt, from human to animal,

therefore I sacrifice all firstborn & I redeem my firstborn sons.

And it will be as an OS on your hand and as TOTAFOS between your eyes that God took us out of Egypt with a strong hand”