

# Exodus 12:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt.

## Analysis

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The blood serves as an 'oth' (תּוֹט)—a sign or token—but critically, it's a sign 'to you,' not primarily to God. While God sees it ('when I see the blood'), its function is to assure believers they are protected. The Hebrew 'pasachti' (פָּסַחְתִּי) means 'I will pass over, skip over, spare.' The 'plague to destroy' (negef l'mashchit) would not touch blood-marked homes. This establishes the substitutionary principle: judgment satisfied by blood.

## Historical Context

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This night marked the culmination of ten plagues that demonstrated YHWH's supremacy over Egypt and its gods. The blood sign distinguished believing Israelites from unbelieving Egyptians.

## Related Passages

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**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

## Study Questions

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1. How does Christ's blood serve as your assurance of protection from divine judgment?
2. What does it mean that the blood is a sign 'to you' rather than primarily informing God of something He doesn't know?

## Interlinear Text

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וְהָיָה H1961	וְהָיָה H1818	וְהָיָה H0	וְהָיָה H226	וְהָיָה H5921	וְהָיָה H1004
	And the blood		shall be to you for a token		upon the houses
וְהָיָה H834	וְהָיָה H859	וְהָיָה H8033	וְהָיָה H7200	וְהָיָה H853	וְהָיָה H1818
			where ye are and when I see		And the blood
וְהָיָה H6452	וְהָיָה H5921	וְהָיָה H3808	וְהָיָה H1961	וְהָיָה H0	וְהָיָה H5063
	I will pass			over you and the plague	
וְהָיָה H4889	וְהָיָה H5221	וְהָיָה H776	וְהָיָה H4714	וְהָיָה H0	וְהָיָה H0
	shall not be upon you to destroy	you when I smite	the land	of Egypt	

## Additional Cross-References

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**Hebrews 11:28** (Blood): Through faith he kept the passover, and the sprinkling of blood, lest he that destroyed the firstborn should touch them.

**Exodus 12:23** (Blood): For the LORD will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when he seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, the LORD will pass over the door, and will not suffer the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite you.

**1 John 1:7** (Blood): But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

**Genesis 17:11** (Parallel theme): And ye shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be a token of the covenant betwixt me and you.

**1 Thessalonians 1:10** (Parallel theme): And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.

**Joshua 2:12** (Parallel theme): Now therefore, I pray you, swear unto me by the LORD, since I have shewed you kindness, that ye will also shew kindness unto my father's house, and give me a true token:

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