

# Exodus 12:30

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Pharaoh rose up in the night, he, and all his servants, and all the Egyptians; and there was a great cry in Egypt; for there was not a house where there was not one dead.

## Analysis

Pharaoh's rising 'in the night' shows the immediacy and universality of disaster—he could not wait for morning. 'All his servants, and all the Egyptians' includes everyone; 'there was not a house where there was not one dead' indicates comprehensive judgment touched every dwelling. The 'great cry in Egypt' contrasts sharply with Israel's silent protection. This vindicates God's word and breaks Egypt's resistance.

## Historical Context

This cry of mourning fulfilled Moses' prophecy (Exodus 11:6). Egyptian grief would have been intense and public, with professional mourners and elaborate funeral customs.

## Related Passages

**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

**Psalm 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

## Study Questions

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1. How does Egypt's 'great cry' contrast with the silence in blood-marked Israeli homes demonstrate salvation's dividing line?
2. What does universal Egyptian loss teach about the inescapability of divine judgment when it finally comes?

## Interlinear Text

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where there was not one dead  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Exodus 11:6** (References Egypt): And there shall be a great cry throughout all the land of Egypt, such as there was none like it, nor shall be like it any more.

**Amos 5:17** (Parallel theme): And in all vineyards shall be wailing: for I will pass through thee, saith the LORD.