

Textual Connections Between Exodus 12 and Joshua 4

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Date		
Tenth day of the first month	Exodus 12:3: Israel begins to prepare for the Passover on the <i>tenth day of the first month</i>	Joshua 4:19: Israel comes up from the Jordan on the <i>tenth day of the first month</i>
Warfare		
Passing through (<i>'abar</i>)	Exodus 12:12, 23: Yahweh <i>passes through</i> Egypt to strike down the firstborn	Joshua 4:1, 3, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 22, 23: Israel <i>passes through</i> the Jordan River to invade Canaan
In haste (<i>mahēr</i>)	Exodus 12:33: Egypt forces Israel to leave <i>in haste</i>	Joshua 4:10: Israel crosses the Jordan River <i>in haste</i>
Armed groups (<i>'elep</i> h)	Exodus 12:37: Six hundred <i>armed groups</i> depart from Egypt	Joshua 4:13: Forty <i>armed groups</i> enter into Canaan
Armies/hosts (<i>tsaba'</i>)	Exodus 12:17, 41, 51: Yahweh brings his <i>army</i> out of Egypt	Joshua 4:13: Yahweh's <i>army</i> enters into Canaan
Remembrance		
Bear up/carry (<i>naśa'</i>)	Exodus 12:34: Israelites <i>bear up</i> their unleavened dough	Joshua 4:3, 8, 9, 10, 16, 18: The Israelites <i>bear up</i> stones, resembling the priests <i>bearing up</i> the ark of the covenant
Night (<i>halaylah</i>)	Exodus 12:8, 12, 29, 30, 31, 42: Israel eats Passover <i>this night</i> while Egyptians struck down <i>this night</i>	Joshua 4:3: Stones place where Israel lodges <i>this night</i>
Call (<i>qara'</i>)	Exodus 12:21: Moses <i>called</i> the elders of Israel	Joshua 4:4: Joshua <i>called</i> the appointed men
Sign (<i>'ôt</i>)	Exodus 12:13: The Passover lamb's blood shall be a <i>sign</i>	Joshua 4:6: The stones shall be a <i>sign</i>
Children Asking	Exodus 12:26–27: When your children say, “What do you mean by this service?”	Joshua 4:6–7, 21–24: When your children ask, “What do you mean by these stones?”
Cut off (<i>karat</i>)	Exodus 12:15, 19: Whoever eats leavened bread will be <i>cut off</i>	Joshua 4:7: The waters were <i>cut off</i>
Memorial (<i>zikkarôn</i>)	Exodus 12:14: This day shall be for you a <i>memorial</i> day	Joshua 4:7: These stones shall be a <i>memorial</i> to Israel forever