



PASSOVER:
from the fifteenth to
the twenty-second of
Nisan (pages 31–34).

About 3500 years ago Hebrew slaves hurriedly gathered up their families and belongings and marched out of Egypt and into the Sinai desert. They were on their way to freedom in the land the Lord had promised to them—the Land of Israel. After their leader, Moses, had led them through the parted waters of the Sea of Reeds, he had to prod and scold them past many other dangers for forty frightening years. Afterwards, during the years that the Jews lived in the Land of Israel, they came to the Temple each Passover to thank God for the great gift of freedom.