

Displaying The Power Of Yahweh

Moses: God's Man For a Time of Crisis



The Beginning Of The End

- June 6, 1944 was the beginning of the end of WW2
- It was an ugly day. 2700 British, 946 Can, 2500 US, Germans 4-9000, 20,000 French Civilians died
- Moses talking to Pharaoh in Ex.5 made things ugly for the Hebrews, but it was the beginning of the end
- Ex.6:11 – God tells Moses to go talk to Pharaoh again
- 7:1 “I have made you like God to Pharaoh”
- God lays out the game plan 7:3-5. “great acts of judgement”

The Challenge Begins

- 7:8 – The Lord lets them know Pharaoh will want them to prove themselves.
- Their rods become serpents, and so do Pharaohs magicians – Demonic forces are powerful beings 10-12
- The plagues begin – 1 –Water turned to blood 7:20
- 22- The magicians did the same; Pharaoh indifferent 7:23
- 8:2 – 7 days later, The plague of frogs – 3-6
- 8:7 – and the magicians did the same
- 8:8 – Pharaoh asked the Lord to take away the frogs
- 10-15 Tomorrow.. they died, they stank, hardened heart

The Third Plague

- 8:16 – Gnats are next
- 18-19 – The Magicians could not produce gnats; “This is the finger of God” Pharaoh wouldn’t listen to them



The Fourth Plague

- 8:20 - Plague of Flies
- 22- Goshen given fly free zone
- 24 – What is so bad about flies?
- The land was ruined by swarms of flies
- Pharaoh relents to a degree.
- 25- sacrifice within the land -
- Moses: Egyptians wont like it, they’ll stone us
- Don’t go far – 30- Moses prayed, flies left; Pharaoh hardened his heart would not let people go

The Fifth and Sixth Plagues

- 9:3 – Plague on livestock in the field
- Israel would be spared, no animals would die
- 9:6 – All The livestock died! Social, Economic, Dietary, transportation impact!
- Pharaoh could not believe it and sent messenger to Goshen and found not one of their livestock had died
- 7 - But the heart of Pharaoh was hardened
- 8- Boils – handfuls of soot thrown in the air
- 9- Boils on man and beasts?

All The Animals?

- If all the Egyptian livestock died, how could there be boils on the Egyptian beasts? 9:10
- 9:3 says livestock in the field
- 9:7 investigated and found none of Israel's livestock had died. What would stop him to taking theirs?
- 9:6 it might be best translated that "all manner of livestock of the Egyptians died."
- simplest solution, would be to acknowledge the fact that "all" does not always mean exclusively "all."

God Has A Purpose

- Commentators wrote, "The term 'all' is often used in a general sense to mean 'the vast majority.'"
- 9:14 – The purpose of the plagues repeated
- So that you will know there is none like Jehovah
- 16-I could have killed you already, but I have a purpose
- 17 - You are still exalting yourself
- 19 The grace of God is shown in telling Pharaoh what is coming and how to avoid it 20 – 21
- Those who chose to ignore God's word did not act.



Plague Seven

- 23-26 The plague of hail
- 24- I believe this was one terrible thunder, lightening and hail storm
- Anything living, not under shelter was struck down
- Every plant, tree, man, beast
- Only Goshen was spared, again
- Pharaoh repents vs27-28
- Moses knows it is a sham 30
- Pharaoh sinned yet again 34-36

Plague Eight

- 10:1 – The Plague of Locusts
- If you resist God long enough He will harden your heart to make sure you get the message that there is cost to sin
- 3-6 Moses and Aaron explain in detail the next plague.
- 7- Pharaoh's servants appeal for reason
- 8-11 Negotiations that ended the same as usual
- 12 Bring on the locust swarms
- 16 – Pharaoh "hastily" calls Moses, repents again

Plague Nine

- God hardened Pharaoh's heart
- I am sovereign over water, over frogs. Frogs were sacred, now they were a plague and not to be killed.
- Gnats were always there, but never in these numbers
- Flies? Who likes sticky flies?
- Now the economy. Death of livestock
- Personal health, boils
- Hail knocking down anything left standing
- Locusts polishing them off

Plague Nine

- 10:20 God hardened Pharaoh's heart
- God calls Moses to stretch out his hand and darkness covered the land. "A darkness to be felt!" 10:21
- 10:23 – They did not see one another for 3 days, but Israel had light where they lived.
- 10:24 - Pharaoh calls Moses. People can go herds stay
- 28- get away from me
- Moses – As you say, you will not see my face again!
- Lk.21:25-28 – God uses cosmic signs as a warning