

"The 10 Plagues upon Egypt"

Part 13

Exodus 7-12

Introduction: As we continue our study of the Life of Moses, we have now come to the next plague which God brought upon Egypt.

The Sixth Plague

"Boils on Man"

Exodus 9:8-12

We are not going to spend a great deal of time on this plague so tonight we shall get into the 7th plague also.

I. The Connection of the Plague

This 6th plague is clearly connected to the oppression which the Egyptians inflicted upon the Israelites.

Notice Exodus 9:8-9

Here we see that Moses is to take the ashes from the furnace and sprinkle toward heaven **IN THE SIGHT OF PHARAOH**. Keep that in mind and we will come back to that in a moment. As the ashes were sprinkled toward heaven, they would become dust in the air and the dust would then become boils that would be open sores and they would be upon men and beast. There are several points to be seen here:

- 1. This plague happened quite some time after the previous plague.**

Notice Exodus 9:3-6

Here we see that all the livestock in Egypt died. So here in the plague of boils we see that even the **BEASTS** will be infected. This means there was a reprieve between the plagues.

In the Ryrie Study Bible, we are told that the plagues lasted for about 9 months. The first plague came in July or August when the Nile flooded. The last plague came in April, the Passover month. The point we need to see here is that there was a period of time between the plagues and the livestock had been replenished.

- 2. This plague was directly connected with how the Egyptians treated the people of Israel.**

Exodus 1:13-14

¹³ *And the Egyptians made the children of Israel to serve with rigour:*

¹⁴ *And they made their lives bitter with hard bondage, in mortar, and in brick, and in all manner of service in the field: all their service, wherein they made them serve, was with rigour.*

Exodus 5:4-8

⁴ *And the king of Egypt said unto them, Wherefore do ye, Moses and Aaron, let the people from their works? get you unto your burdens.*

⁵ *And Pharaoh said, Behold, the people of the land now are many, and ye make them rest from their burdens.*

⁶ *And Pharaoh commanded the same day the taskmasters of the people, and their officers, saying,*

⁷ *Ye shall no more give the people straw to make brick, as heretofore: let them go and gather straw for themselves.*

⁸ *And the tale of the bricks, which they did make heretofore, ye shall lay upon them; ye shall not diminish ought thereof:* *for they be idle; therefore they cry, saying, Let us go and sacrifice to our God.*

One of the severe afflictions upon Israel was to make bricks. When Pharaoh was first confronted by Moses and Aaron he demanded that Israel would now need to gather their own straw to make the bricks and the daily quota was not reduced. Let me show you how they were treated.

Exodus 5:12-16

¹² *So the people were scattered abroad throughout all the land of Egypt to gather stubble instead of straw.*

¹³ *And the taskmasters hasted them, saying, Fulfil your works, your daily tasks, as when there was straw.*

¹⁴ *And the officers of the children of Israel, which Pharaoh's taskmasters had set over them, were beaten, and demanded, Wherefore have ye not fulfilled your task in making brick both yesterday and to day, as heretofore?*

¹⁵ *Then the officers of the children of Israel came and cried unto Pharaoh, saying, Wherefore dealest thou thus with thy servants?*

¹⁶ *There is no straw given unto thy servants, and they say to us, Make brick: and, behold, thy servants are beaten; but the fault is in thine own people.*

They were beaten because they did not now make their daily quota. Now what we need to understand is that the bricks they made were then fired in a furnace. This was the very furnace which Moses was to take the ashes from.

Notice Exodus 9:8 again.

Moses was to do this **IN THE SIGHT OF PHARAOH**. This was so that Pharaoh would know that this plague was directly connected with how he and the Egyptians afflicted God's people.

We have been looking at the connections all through this study so we will not spend much time here, but I did need to point out that the consequences of sin are always connected with the sin.

3. This plague was also connected with another sin of the Egyptians and with their false gods.

Listen to the words of an unnamed writer:

"The Egyptians worshipped several healing gods. On occasion they would sacrifice human beings to these false gods. The victims were burned on the altar and their ashes were sprinkled in the air. The wind would then blow the ashes over the worshippers. This was viewed as a blessing for the Egyptians."

In this plague the ashes were sprinkled in the wind but instead of a blessing upon the people they became boils and open sores.

4. There was no warning before the plague.

Like the 3rd plague this 6th plague happened with no warning.

Application:

God always gives a warning before He brings a judgment. The warnings were given before the plagues ever started and then before each of the first two. But let us learn that when a person continues to reject the grace of God that judgment can come suddenly. Many people today live in their sin and they know what the Bible says but they continue to suppress the Truth. They may be going through life with no problems but what they do not realize is that God's judgment can come suddenly and when it does there is no way to stop it. There is not one person who can live in sin and not experience the consequences of God's judgment.

Numbers 32:23b

...be sure your sin will find you out.

II. The Confusion of the Plague

Notice Exodus 9:11

The magicians could not even stand before Moses because of the boils. These were supposed to be the men who had all the answers. They were looked at as the men who could somehow fix what was broken. But they have no answer in this plague. They themselves are brought down by the plague.

Application:

When God brings His judgment to a nation or on specific people it is impossible to stop it. God has ways to confuse evil and leave them with no answers. Today in our world we are experiencing the Coronavirus and I cannot be dogmatic that it is the judgment of God due to sin but it sure does give the appearance. In the midst of everything that is happening have you noticed that there are no solid answers as to how to deal with the virus. Protocol seems to change daily if not hourly. The people whom the world would expect to have all the answers are guessing about what to do and how bad this will be before it runs its course. No one really knows. There are thousands of ideas, but they are all guesses. All the education that we have in our world, all the so-called experts we have in our world, and all the technology we have in our world and no one can stop what is happening. This is one of the reasons we would be led to believe this is brought on by God to get people to turn to Him. He has the answers to what is happening but very few seem to look to Him.

1 Corinthians 1:25-29

²⁵ Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

²⁶ For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called:

²⁷ But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty;

²⁸ And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are:

²⁹ That no flesh should glory in his presence.

I would fully agree that what is happening in our world is definitely an attack against humanism. Humanism is the belief that man is so intelligent that he does not need God.

III. The Darkness in the Response

Notice Exodus 9:12

There are many things behind the scene that must be considered to clearly see the darkness in the heart of Pharaoh. When I was typing this up, I started to think of the people around Pharaoh. His wife and his children. Possibly the man had grandchildren also. These boils would have come upon his family also. Everyone of the plagues would have impacted his family. You and I would have been very concerned for our families but not Pharaoh. Why not?

This again is what sin will do to a man's heart. Just recently I heard of someone who has a beautiful family and one of the parents met someone at work and is now willing to cast it all away for the desires of the flesh. Anyone who does this is completely blind to what it does to their children, and everyone connected to their life. Sin hardens and chills the heart until it becomes desensitized to what is really happening. These people then continue on the path which they desire, not giving any thought to the pain they cause to others, and then one day suddenly as we will see in the 10th plague, something happens that devastates their entire world.

Exodus 12:29-30

²⁹ *And it came to pass, that at midnight the LORD smote all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sat on his throne unto the firstborn of the captive that was in the dungeon; and all the firstborn of cattle.*

³⁰ *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.*

The Seventh Plague

"Great Hail on the Land"

Exodus 9:13-35

Part 1

This 7th plague is going to be devastating to Egypt. It will consist of Rain, Hail, Thunder and Lightning.

I. The Demand before the Plague

Notice Exodus 9:13

This is at least the 6th time Pharaoh had heard this command. In this repetition we can see two points:

1. The greatness of Pharaoh's rebellion.

As we have looked at several times, we see again the hardness of this man's heart as he repeatedly rebels against God.

Application:

Do we not also see the same hard hearts in people today? We see storms, earthquakes, floods, and diseases, but we see no signs of repentance. It seems that no matter what happens in our world people continue to live in their rebellion against God. They dismiss many of the events to CLIMATE CHANGE or some other cause and in so doing they refuse to acknowledge God. These storms and devastating events are the results of the curse upon our world and they are designed for man's sake.

Genesis 3:17-19

17 And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life;

18 Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field;

19 In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

All the struggles of this world are to bring man to God. There is always going to be struggles and the lack of contentment here in this world because God desires that man would look to Him. But in our world today we see the coldness of man's heart because of their rebellion against God.

2. The greatness of God's grace.

As we look around today, we see the longsuffering of our God. He is daily extending grace to a lost and dying world. His grace is seen today in so many ways. Many live into their 80's and 90's, many are permitted to witness the mighty power of God in different events even though they dismiss them to climate change or something else, God has given the world access to the Gospel in many different ways through the internet.

Psalms 86:15

¹⁵ But thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious, long suffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth.

Joel 2:12-14

¹² Therefore also now, saith the LORD, turn ye even to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning:

¹³ And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the LORD your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil.

¹⁴ Who knoweth if he will return and repent, and leave a blessing behind him; even a meat offering and a drink offering unto the LORD your God?

2 Peter 3:3-9

³ Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,

⁴ And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.

⁵ For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water:

⁶ Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished:

⁷ But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

⁸ But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

⁹ The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

These are a few verses that speak of the longsuffering of our God. But His long suffering will not last forever.

Genesis 6:3

³ And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.

Jeremiah 44:20-23

²⁰ Then Jeremiah said unto all the people, to the men, and to the women, and to all the people which had given him that answer, saying,

²¹ The incense that ye burned in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, ye, and your fathers, your kings, and your princes, and the people of the land, did not the LORD remember them, and came it not into his mind?

²² So that the LORD could no longer bear, because of the evil of your doings, and because of the abominations which ye have committed; therefore is your land a desolation, and an astonishment, and a curse, without an inhabitant, as at this day.

²³ Because ye have burned incense, and because ye have sinned against the LORD, and have not obeyed the voice of the LORD, nor walked in his law, nor in his statutes, nor in his testimonies; therefore this evil is happened unto you, as at this day.

Conclusion:

If you have never repented and turned to Jesus Christ for forgiveness of sin you need to today. What we are seeing today is nothing compared to the wrath of God that will be poured upon this world in the tribulation. Jesus Christ died for you because you are a sinner. You MUST repent and accept Him as your Savior in order to escape the wrath to come.

Romans 2:5-10

⁵ But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God;

⁶ Who will render to every man according to his deeds:

⁷ To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life:

⁸ But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath,

⁹ Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile;

¹⁰ But glory, honour, and peace, to every man that worketh good, to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile: