

"The 10 Plagues upon Egypt"

Part 14

Exodus 7-12

Introduction: Today in our study we are returning to the 7th plague. This plague consists of great hail, lightning and thunder such as NEVER was seen in the land of Egypt. This plague upon Egypt begins an increase in severity.

The Seventh Plague

"Great Hail on the Land"

Exodus 9:13-35

Part 3

So far, we have seen several points. I want to review over them then we shall continue in our text.

I. The Demand before the Plague

Notice Exodus 9:13

II. The Declaration before the Plague

Notice Exodus 9:14-16

There are 4 points to see here in the declaration.

- 1. The place of the FUTURE plagues.**

Notice Exodus 9:14

- 2. The power of the FUTURE plagues.**

Notice Exodus 9:15

- 3. The provoker of the plagues.**

Notice Exodus 9:16

III. The Denunciation before the Plague

Notice Exodus 9:17

IV. The Deliverance from the Plague

Notice Exodus 9:18-19

This is where we stopped last week so I want to begin right here in our study. Within this warning we see a great picture of the salvation which God has for all sinners.

1. **Here in this plague there was a way of escape made so as to avoid the judgment of God.**

Man, too was headed for the judgment and the wrath of God because of sin. But God, through His grace and mercy has made a way of escape by sending His Son Jesus Christ to be our Savior. When we rest our faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ, we are then rescued from the wrath to come.

1 Thessalonians 1:10

¹⁰ *And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.*

1 Thessalonians 5:9-10

⁹ *For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ.*

¹⁰ *Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him.*

Romans 5:9-10

⁹ *Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.*

¹⁰ *For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.*

God has made a way for all to escape the wrath that is to come. This WAY is through Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 2:9-10

⁹ *But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.*

¹⁰ *For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.*

Jesus is called the Captain of our salvation. This means that He has made a way for us to escape death, judgment and wrath.

2. Here we also see that the way of escape was made for all.

Notice Exodus 9:18-19

Notice that we are told EVERY man. This warning and escape was for all. So is God's salvation in Jesus Christ.

Revelation 22:17

¹⁷ And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

John 3:16-17

¹⁶ For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

¹⁷ For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

3. Here we see that the way of escape was according to the Word of God.

Notice Exodus 9:20-21

Two times we are told that this was all according to the Word of God. There are two points I want us to see here:

a. **The wrath to come is according to the Word of God.**

This means that there is no stopping the wrath to come. It is not possible for God to lie so when He says that His wrath will be experienced by all unbelievers then we can be sure this will happen.

Romans 2:5-11

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:

¹¹ For there is no respect of persons with God.

Let me show you what the writer of Hebrews wrote:

Hebrews 6:17-18

¹⁷ Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath:

¹⁸ That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:

The TWO IMMUTABLE things are God's Word and God's character. The point is this: God tells us there will be a judgment and wrath upon the unsaved and you can be sure it will happen.

b. The way of escape was by the Word of God.

It is the same way with salvation. It is God who has made the Way. Man has many ideas but if it is not based upon the Word of God it is NO WAY OF ESCAPE.

Proverbs 14:12

¹² There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.

God is the One who has been offended by man and sin and so it is God who determines the way of forgiveness. In Genesis 22 we read about Abraham and Isaac on Mount Moriah and how Abraham was called to sacrifice his son. Let me show you a conversation between Abraham and Isaac.

Genesis 22:6-8

⁶ And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering, and laid it upon Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife; and they went both of them together.

⁷ And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here am I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?

⁸ And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together.

Abraham told Isaac that God would provide HIMSELF A LAMB. God was offended and therefore He determines that penalty and the means of salvation. It is therefore according TO HIS WORD.

Let me get us back to Egypt again. Many died in the plague and the main reason was they rejected the Word of the Lord. When it comes to sinners and the wrath of God today it all comes down to a person's attitude toward the Word of God. The man who rejects it will die in his sins. The man who heeds the warnings, repents, and accepts Jesus Christ will be given eternal life.

V. The Destruction from the Plague

1. The Extent

Notice Exodus 9:22-25

Egypt had recovered from the previous plagues, but this plague would destroy all the recovery. This was a hailstorm like never before seen. We can only imagine the lighting and the thunder which was associated with this plague. Whoever remained in the field (those who rejected the warning) they all died from the hail. The hail destroyed the crops that were growing in the fields also. This plague was devastating to Egypt.

2. The Exemption

Notice Exodus 9:26

The people of Israel were protected from the judgment of God in the land of Goshen. This is a picture of the protection which we have from the judgment and the wrath of Almighty God. Just as Noah and his family were safe from the judgment in the ark so we are safe from the judgment and wrath IN CHRIST.

Ephesians 1:6-7

⁶ To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

⁷ In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

Colossians 2:10

¹⁰ And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:

VI. The Duplicity in the Plague

When we look at Pharaoh's response to this plague there is but one word to describe him and that is duplicity.

1. His Repentance

Notice Exodus 9:27

These words of Pharaoh look really good and they sound very sincere, but it is all empty. His words are not from the heart. He is in a bind and he is seeking relief and not salvation. He will say anything to get free from the devastation of the plague. His duplicity stands out as we see his recanting of his promise to let Israel go.

2. His Request.

Notice Exodus 9:28

Here we see that his repentance is not sincere. He requests that the plague be stopped and THEN he will let Israel go. This is not faith, but it is disobedience. Pharaoh should have let Israel go regardless of the plague because God commanded him to do so. If he had been honest and truthful, he would have left Israel go and then trusted God to cause the storm to cease.

Application:

Many pray as Pharaoh did even today and it is sinful praying. They say, "Lord if you get me out of this situation or over this sickness then I will serve you with my life." That is sinful praying! God wants us to serve Him with our lives and what ever we face should in no way change that. Adding conditions to our service and obedience is nothing short of disobedience which is sin.

3. The Response.

Notice Exodus 9:29

Here we see that grace was the response. God is ready to forgive the moment someone even makes the slightest move toward Him in repentance.

Psalm 86:5

⁵ For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee.

If only every sin burdened person would just meditate upon this thought and come to realize that God wants to forgive and to remove their sin debt from their account.

Ezekiel 33:11a

¹¹ Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live:

This is what God longs for. It makes no difference what you have done God's grace is greater than all your sin.

4. The Rebuke

Notice Exodus 9:30

Moses was not fooled by the words of Pharaoh in verse 27. Listen to the words of Henry:

"Little credit is to be given to confessions upon the rack."

Let me word this in a way that you may grasp it a little better, "Little credit should be given to confessions made in foxholes." That is exactly what we see here in our text. Pharaoh is just wanting to escape the plague of fire, rain, hail and thunder. So, he speaks the words that sound like true repentance, but Moses knows better. He has witnessed Pharaoh's heart before.

Application:

I have seen this too many times. People find themselves in a situation that is difficult, and they claim to turn to the Lord. Then as time goes on the difficulty goes away or the marriage is healed or the cancer goes away, and you soon find out that their profession was all for nothing. Too many Christians are quick to count these experiences as true conversions. True conversions will prove to be true over time. It is easy for a man or woman to make a profession of faith when they think it will get them out of a difficult situation. But it is only TRUE faith that will persist.

Colossians 1:21-23

²¹ And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled

²² In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight:

²³ If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;

5. The Removal

Notice Exodus 9:29, 33

The plague would cease, and the main purpose was that Pharaoh and his servants would know that the earth is the Lord's.

Application:

We considered this a while back, but it is certainly worth revisiting. All that is done in the church should be to instruct others about God. But there are many churches that meet every Sunday, but the people learn very little about the Lord. So, the church ends up being zealous without knowledge.

Romans 10:2

² For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge.

This verse is talking about unsaved Jews but there is an application for believers today. There are many who are zealous, but they are not being taught the Truth concerning God, so they don't have the proper knowledge.

6. The Recanting

Notice Exodus 9:34-35

Conclusion:

Here in these closing verses we see that Pharaoh led his servants into destruction also.

Application:

If you're a dad or a mom and you are not saved let me remind you that your children will most likely follow you right into the fires of hell.