

EXODUS

A DIVINE EXIT

God is Greater Than False gods

Exodus 7-12

As we explore this passage from Exodus that displays the glory and power of God through His sending of 10 plagues that decimate a country and its ruler we are experiencing our own global pandemic via the coronavirus. Now like few times in history we can identify in a small way the helplessness that the Egyptians felt and like the Egyptians we are reminded of just how futile and powerless we truly are.

God is greater than the idol of religion

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Exodus 12:12 (ESV)

God is greater than the idol of wealth

Pharaoh had become accustomed to using the 600,000 able-bodied men as his personal workforce, and letting them leave would come at a great personal and national expense to him and Egypt. Pharaoh's unwillingness to release his grip on his workforce and submit to Yahweh led to economic ruin for his country and eventually the death of hundreds of thousands including his firstborn and Pharaoh himself.

God is greater than the idol of self

Pharaoh repeatedly was shown the power of Yahweh and even his own magicians and servants asked Pharaoh to listen to Yahweh (Ex. 9:11-12, 10:7) but Pharaoh would not listen. Pharaoh continued to harden his heart against Yahweh.

God created us to worship Him and this hardwire to worship will lead us to either worship Him or worship lesser idols of the heart. An idol of the heart is anyone, any thing or any idea that we run to, depend on or worship in place of God. Over the past few weeks, we have seen God expose the futility of self-reliance, wealth & power through the COVID-19 pandemic. My question for you and me this morning is this, what idols of our heart is God exposing and will we dethrone these idols and restore Christ to His proper seat on the throne of our heart?

**BIG
IDEA**

GOD WILL NOT SHARE HIS WORSHIP

WITH THE IDOLS OF YOUR HEART

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1) Share one thing you learned or that stuck out to you from the study this morning.**
- 2) The past few weeks have brought our nation to a grinding halt and caused most everyone to slow down and take stock of life. What idols of the heart is God exposing in our lives right now?**
- 3) God has said in His Word that He is a jealous God and He will not share His glory with another. What are three practical steps you can make individual or as a family to demonstrate your worship of God alone.**
- 4) In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, what can you do as an individual or family unit to make the most of this time?**

10 PLAGUES

Jehovah God vs. gods of Egypt

The plagues of Egypt are well known, but a deep study reveals that each was a direct challenge to the various Egyptian gods and goddesses. The plagues affected the Egyptians' physical senses as well as their hearts with reminders that Jehovah God was far superior to any of their gods. He exercised power at will while the Egyptian gods remained helpless against Him.



PLAGUE 1: WATER TO BLOOD Exodus 7:14–25

The Egyptians were also able to turn water to blood, including the death of the fish and a smell that prohibited even trying to drink the water. Pharaoh's heart remained hard.

The Nile was the source of Egypt's power. There are several gods in their pantheon that draw life from the river.
Khnun was the guardian of the river's source.
Hapi was the god of annual flooding of the Nile and the lord of the fish.
Osiris had the Nile as his bloodstream.



PLAGUE 6: BOILS Exodus 9:8–12

This was the first plague to affect the body directly. God made a distinction between the Israelites and the Egyptians. The Egyptian priests were unable to appear in court.

Isis was the goddess of health and Imhotep was the god of healing.



PLAGUE 7: HAIL Exodus 9:13–35

This plague affected the agriculture and livestock that was left in the field. Such a storm of hail was unique to Egypt.

Nut was the goddess of the sky. Her father Shu, god of the wind and air, was a calming god.



PLAGUE 2: FROGS Exodus 8:1–8:15

The Egyptians also produced frogs. Piles of dead frogs filled the land with a foul odor.

Heqt was an Egyptian goddess with the head of a frog.



PLAGUE 8: LOCUSTS Exodus 10:1–20

This plague would be told to Pharaoh's sons and grandsons, serving the purpose of showing God's power for generations.

Neper and Nepri were the god and goddess of grain. Set was the god of disorder.



PLAGUE 3: GNATS OR LICE Exodus 8:16–19

The gnats or lice came up from the dust of the earth. The Egyptian priests could not duplicate this miracle. They declared, "This is the finger of God."

Geb was the god over the dust of the earth.



PLAGUE 9: DARKNESS Exodus 10:21–29

It was so dark for three days that the darkness could be felt.

Ra, the god of the sun, was the most worshipped and revered god in Egypt after the Pharaoh. Jehovah God showed He had power even over the mightiest of the Egyptian gods.



PLAGUE 4: FLIES Exodus 8:20–32

This was the first plague that affected only the Egyptians.

Khepri had the head of a beetle and also moved the sun.



PLAGUE 10: DEATH OF FIRSTBORN Exodus 12:29–36

Establishes the Jewish Passover festival.

This plague was a judgment on all Egyptian gods, including Pharaoh himself. In Exodus 1, Pharaoh had ordered the killing of Israelite babies, and now the firstborn of all Egypt was killed.



PLAGUE 5: SICK CATTLE Exodus 9:1–7

God continued to distinguish between the Israelites and the Egyptians. This plague affected only the Egyptian herds.

Hathor was a fertility goddess who was often depicted with the head or horns of a bull and sometimes as a bull wearing the symbols of Hathor.

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 7:14–11:10; 12:29-32 (ESV)

Hardened – 13 times

The LORD said – 17 times

Let my people go – 10 times

In the morning – 3 times (presents the plagues in triads)

The Lord hardened Pharaoh's heart -

<p>Chapter 7</p> <p>Plague 1: WATER TO BLOOD</p> <p>¹⁴ Then the LORD said to Moses, “Pharaoh’s heart is hardened; he refuses to let the people go. ¹⁵ Go to Pharaoh in the morning, as he is going out to the water. Stand on the bank of the Nile to meet him, and take in your hand the staff that turned into a serpent. ¹⁶ And you shall say to him, ‘The LORD, the God of the Hebrews, sent me to you, saying, “Let my people go that they may serve me in the wilderness.” But so far, you have not obeyed. ¹⁷ Thus says the LORD, “By this you shall know that I am the LORD: behold, with the staff that is in my hand I will strike the water that is in the Nile, and it shall turn into blood. ¹⁸ The fish in the Nile shall die, and the Nile will stink, and the Egyptians will grow weary of drinking water from the Nile.” ’ ” ¹⁹ And the LORD said to Moses, <u>“Say to Aaron, ‘Take your staff and stretch out your hand over the waters of Egypt, over their rivers, their canals, and their ponds, and all their pools of water, so that they may become blood, and there shall be blood throughout all the land of Egypt, even in vessels of wood and in vessels of stone.’ ”</u> ²⁰ Moses and Aaron did as the LORD commanded. In the sight of Pharaoh and in the sight of his servants he lifted up the staff and struck the water in the Nile, and all the water in the Nile turned into blood. ²¹ And the fish in the Nile died, and the Nile stank, so that the Egyptians could not drink water from the Nile. There was blood throughout all the land of Egypt. ²² <u>But the magicians of Egypt did the same by</u></p>	<p>Observations:</p> <p>Pharaoh’s heart is hardened</p> <p>Yahweh calls for His people to be let go</p> <p>Aaron and his staff initiate the plague</p> <p>All Nile water turns to blood whether in the Nile, fed by the Nile or taken from the Nile.</p> <p>Magicians performed the same miracle by their secret arts</p> <p>Lasted 7 days</p>
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their secret arts. So Pharaoh's heart remained **hardened**, and he would not listen to them, as the LORD had said. ²³ Pharaoh turned and went into his house, and he did not take even this to heart. ²⁴ And all the Egyptians dug along the Nile for water to drink, for they could not drink the water of the Nile. ²⁵ Seven full days passed after the LORD had struck the Nile.

Plague 2: FROGS

Chapter 8

¹ Then **the LORD said** to Moses, "Go in to Pharaoh and say to him, 'Thus says the LORD, "**Let my people go** that they may serve me. ² But if you refuse to let them go, behold, I will plague all your country with frogs. ³ The Nile shall swarm with frogs that shall come up into your house and into your bedroom and on your bed and into the houses of your servants and your people, and into your ovens and your kneading bowls. ⁴ The frogs shall come up on you and on your people and on all your servants.' " ⁵ And **the LORD said** to Moses, "Say to Aaron, 'Stretch out your hand with your staff over the rivers, over the canals and over the pools, and make frogs come up on the land of Egypt!' " ⁶ So Aaron stretched out his hand over the waters of Egypt, and the frogs came up and covered the land of Egypt. ⁷ But the magicians did the same by their secret arts and made frogs come up on the land of Egypt. ⁸ Then Pharaoh called Moses and Aaron and said, "Plead with the LORD to take away the frogs from me and from my people, and I will let the people go to sacrifice to the LORD." ⁹ Moses said to Pharaoh, "Be pleased to command me when I am to plead for you and for your servants and for your people, that the frogs be cut off from you and your houses and be left only in the Nile." ¹⁰ And he said, "Tomorrow." Moses said, "Be it as you say, so that you may know that there is no one like the LORD our God. ¹¹ The frogs shall go away from you and your houses and your servants and your people. They shall be left only in the Nile." ¹² So Moses and Aaron went out from Pharaoh, and Moses cried to the LORD about the frogs, as he had agreed with Pharaoh. ¹³ And the LORD did according to the word of Moses. The frogs died out in the houses, the courtyards, and the fields. ¹⁴ And they gathered them together in heaps, and the land stank. ¹⁵ But when Pharaoh saw that there was a respite, he

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Pharaoh relents, Moses Prays, God removes the Plague

Pharaoh hardens his heart

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<p>Plague 3: GNATS</p> <p>¹⁶ Then the LORD said to Moses, “Say to Aaron, ‘Stretch out your staff and strike the dust of the earth, so that it may become gnats in all the land of Egypt.’ ” ¹⁷ And they did so. Aaron stretched out his hand with his staff and struck the dust of the earth, and there were gnats on man and beast. All the dust of the earth became gnats in all the land of Egypt. ¹⁸ The magicians tried by their secret arts to produce gnats, but they could not. So there were gnats on man and beast. ¹⁹ Then <u>the magicians said to Pharaoh, “This is the finger of God.”</u> But Pharaoh’s heart was hardened, and he would not listen to them, as the LORD had said.</p>	<p>Aaron and his staff initiate the plague</p> <p>The magicians cannot reproduce the plague and attribute this plague to the finger of God</p> <p>Pharaoh Hardens His Heart and won’t listen to the magicians</p>
<p>Plague 4: FLIES</p> <p>²⁰ Then the LORD said to Moses, “Rise up early in the morning and present yourself to Pharaoh, as he goes out to the water, and say to him, ‘Thus says the LORD, “Let my people go that they may serve me. ²¹ Or else, if you will not Let my people go behold, I will send swarms of flies on you and your servants and your people, and into your houses. And the houses of the Egyptians shall be filled with swarms of flies, and also the ground on which they stand. ²² But on that day <u>I will set apart the land of Goshen, where my people dwell, so that no swarms of flies shall be there, that you may know that I am the LORD in the midst of the earth.</u> ²³ Thus I will put a division between my people and your people. Tomorrow this sign shall happen.” ’ ” ²⁴ And the LORD did so. There came great swarms of flies into the house of Pharaoh and into his servants’ houses. Throughout all the land of Egypt the land was ruined by the swarms of flies. ²⁵ Then Pharaoh called Moses and Aaron and said, “Go, sacrifice to your God within the land.” ²⁶ But Moses said, “It would not be right to do so, for the offerings we shall sacrifice to the LORD our God are an abomination to the Egyptians. If we sacrifice offerings abominable to the Egyptians before their eyes, will they not stone us? ²⁷ We must go three days’ journey into the wilderness and sacrifice to the LORD our God as he tells us.” ²⁸ So Pharaoh said, “<u>I will let you go to sacrifice to the LORD your God in the wilderness; only you must not go very far away. Plead for me.</u>” ²⁹ Then Moses said, “Behold, I am going out from you and I will plead with</p>	<p>2nd Triad of plagues started with “in the morning”</p> <p>Yahweh calls for His people to be let go</p> <p>Yahweh does not allow the plague to affect the Israelites</p> <p>Plague is not initiated by Aaron’s staff, Yahweh just sends the flies.</p> <p>Pharaoh agrees to let the people go but they must stay within the Land, Moses objects, Pharaoh agrees to let the people go but they can’t go far</p> <p>Moses pleads with Yahweh to remove the</p>

<p>the LORD that the swarms of flies may depart from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people, tomorrow. Only let not Pharaoh cheat again by not letting the people go to sacrifice to the LORD.”³⁰ So Moses went out from Pharaoh and prayed to the LORD.³¹ And the LORD did as Moses asked, and removed the swarms of flies from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people; not one remained.³² But Pharaoh hardened his heart this time also, and did not let the people go.</p>	<p>flies, Yahweh removes the flies</p> <p>Pharaoh hardens his heart</p>
<p>Chapter 9</p> <p>Plague 5: DEATH OF LIVESTOCK</p> <p>¹ Then the LORD said to Moses, “Go in to Pharaoh and say to him, ‘Thus says the LORD, the God of the Hebrews, “Let my people go that they may serve me.”² For if you refuse to let them go and still hold them,³ behold, the hand of the LORD will fall with a very severe plague upon your livestock that are in the field, the horses, the donkeys, the camels, the herds, and the flocks.”⁴ But the LORD will make a distinction between the livestock of Israel and the livestock of Egypt, so that nothing of all that belongs to the people of Israel shall die.”’⁵ And the LORD set a time, saying, “Tomorrow the LORD will do this thing in the land.”⁶ And the next day the LORD did this thing. All the livestock of the Egyptians died, but not one of the livestock of the people of Israel died.”⁷ And Pharaoh sent, and behold, not one of the livestock of Israel was dead. But the heart of Pharaoh was hardened, and he did not let the people go.</p>	<p>Yahweh calls for His people to be let go</p> <p>The Lord makes distinction between Israel and Egypt</p> <p>Pharaoh’s heart is hardened</p>
<p>Plague 6: BOILS</p> <p>⁸ And the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, “Take handfuls of soot from the kiln, and let Moses throw them in the air in the sight of Pharaoh.”⁹ It shall become fine dust over all the land of Egypt, and become boils breaking out in sores on man and beast throughout all the land of Egypt.”¹⁰ So they took soot from the kiln and stood before Pharaoh. And Moses threw it in the air, and it became boils breaking out in sores on man and beast.”¹¹ <u>And the magicians could not stand before Moses because of the boils, for the boils came upon the magicians and upon all the Egyptians.</u>¹² But the LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh, and <u>he did not listen to them, as the LORD had spoken to Moses.</u></p>	<p>There appears to be no break between death of livestock and the boils.</p> <p>Moses initiates plague by throwing dust into the air</p> <p>Yahweh hardens Pharaoh’s heart</p>

Plague 7: HAIL

¹³ Then **the LORD said** to Moses, “Rise up early **in the morning** and present yourself before Pharaoh and say to him, ‘Thus says the LORD, the God of the Hebrews, “**Let my people go** that they may serve me. ¹⁴ For this time I will send all my plagues on you yourself, and on your servants and your people, so that you may know that there is none like me in all the earth. ¹⁵ For by now I could have put out my hand and struck you and your people with pestilence, and you would have been cut off from the earth. ¹⁶ But for this purpose I have raised you up, to show you my power, so that my name may be proclaimed in all the earth. ¹⁷ You are still exalting yourself against my people and will not let them go. ¹⁸ Behold, about this time tomorrow I will cause very heavy hail to fall, such as never has been in Egypt from the day it was founded until now. ¹⁹ Now therefore send, get your livestock and all that you have in the field into safe shelter, for every man and beast that is in the field and is not brought home will die when the hail falls on them.” ’ ’ ²⁰ Then whoever feared the word of the LORD among the servants of Pharaoh hurried his slaves and his livestock into the houses. ²¹ but whoever did not pay attention to the word of the LORD left his slaves and his livestock in the field. ²² Then **the LORD said** to Moses, “Stretch out your hand toward heaven, so that there may be hail in all the land of Egypt, on man and beast and every plant of the field, in the land of Egypt.” ²³ Then Moses stretched out his staff toward heaven, and the LORD sent thunder and hail, and fire ran down to the earth. And the LORD rained hail upon the land of Egypt. ²⁴ There was hail and fire flashing continually in the midst of the hail, very heavy hail, such as had never been in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation. ²⁵ The hail struck down everything that was in the field in all the land of Egypt, both man and beast. And the hail struck down every plant of the field and broke every tree of the field. ²⁶ Only in the land of Goshen, where the people of Israel were, was there no hail. ²⁷ Then Pharaoh sent and called Moses and Aaron and said to them, “This time I have sinned; the LORD is in the right, and I and my people are in the wrong. ²⁸ Plead with the LORD, for there has been enough of God’s thunder and hail. I will let you go, and you shall stay no longer.” ²⁹ Moses said to him, “As soon as I have gone out of the city, I will stretch out my hands to the LORD. The thunder will cease, and there will be no more hail, so that you may

3rd Triad of plagues started with “in the morning”

Yahweh calls for His people to be let go

Yahweh again reveals purpose of the plagues is to demonstrate His power and spread His fame

Egyptians who feared Yahweh were able to spare their lives and the lives of the livestock by bringing them indoors, those that didn’t heed Yahweh’s warnings were struck by the hail.

Moses told to initiate the miracle by stretching his hands towards heaven, he in turn stretches his staff towards heaven.

Pharaoh says he has sinned, agrees to let Israelites go and asks Moses to plead on his behalf.

Moses pleads with God and hail stops

Pharaoh hardens his heart

know that the earth is the LORD's. ³⁰ But as for you and your servants, I know that you do not yet fear the LORD God." ³¹ (The flax and the barley were struck down, for the flax was in the ear and the flax was in bud. ³² But the wheat and the emmer were not struck down, for they are late in coming up.) ³³ So Moses went out of the city from Pharaoh and stretched out his hands to the LORD, and the thunder and the hail ceased, and the rain no longer poured upon the earth. ³⁴ But when Pharaoh saw that the rain and the hail and the thunder had ceased, he sinned yet again and **hardened** his heart, he and his servants. ³⁵ So the heart of Pharaoh was **hardened**, and he did not let the people of Israel go, just as the LORD had spoken through Moses.

Chapter 10

Plague 8: LOCUSTS

¹ Then **the LORD said** to Moses, "Go in to Pharaoh, **for I have hardened** his heart and the heart of his servants, that I may show these signs of mine among them, ² and that you may tell in the hearing of your son and of your grandson how I have dealt harshly with the Egyptians and what signs I have done among them, that you may know that I am the LORD." ³ So Moses and Aaron went in to Pharaoh and said to him, "Thus says the LORD, the God of the Hebrews, 'How long will you refuse to humble yourself before me? **Let my people go** that they may serve me. ⁴ For if you refuse to **Let my people go** behold, tomorrow I will bring locusts into your country, ⁵ and they shall cover the face of the land, so that no one can see the land. And they shall eat what is left to you after the hail, and they shall eat every tree of yours that grows in the field, ⁶ and they shall fill your houses and the houses of all your servants and of all the Egyptians, as neither your fathers nor your grandfathers have seen, from the day they came on earth to this day.' " Then he turned and went out from Pharaoh. ⁷ Then Pharaoh's servants said to him, "How long shall this man be a snare to us? Let the men go, that they may serve the LORD their God. Do you not yet understand that Egypt is ruined?" ⁸ So Moses and Aaron were brought back to Pharaoh. And he said to them, "Go, serve the LORD your God. But which ones are to go?" ⁹ Moses said, "We will go with our young and our old. We will go with our sons and daughters and with our flocks and herds, for we must hold a feast to the LORD." ¹⁰ But he said to them, "The LORD be with you, if ever I let you and your little

Yahweh hardens Pharaoh's heart so that Moses and His people would know that He is the Lord.

Yahweh calls for His people to be let go

Moses initiates the plague by stretching out his hands/staff over the land of Egypt.

Pharaoh admits he has sinned and pleads to have Moses plead with Yahweh

Moses pleads with Yahweh and Yahweh drives the locusts into the red sea with a strong wind.

Yahweh hardens Pharaoh's heart

ones go! Look, you have some evil purpose in mind. ¹¹ No! Go, the men among you, and serve the LORD, for that is what you are asking.” And they were driven out from Pharaoh’s presence. ¹² Then **the LORD said** to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the land of Egypt for the locusts, so that they may come upon the land of Egypt and eat every plant in the land, all that the hail has left.” ¹³ So Moses stretched out his staff over the land of Egypt, and the LORD brought an east wind upon the land all that day and all that night. When it was morning, the east wind had brought the locusts. ¹⁴ The locusts came up over all the land of Egypt and settled on the whole country of Egypt, such a dense swarm of locusts as had never been before, nor ever will be again. ¹⁵ They covered the face of the whole land, so that the land was darkened, and they ate all the plants in the land and all the fruit of the trees that the hail had left. Not a green thing remained, neither tree nor plant of the field, through all the land of Egypt. ¹⁶ Then Pharaoh hastily called Moses and Aaron and said, “I have sinned against the LORD your God, and against you. ¹⁷ Now therefore, forgive my sin, please, only this once, and plead with the LORD your God only to remove this death from me.” ¹⁸ So he went out from Pharaoh and pleaded with the LORD. ¹⁹ And the LORD turned the wind into a very strong west wind, which lifted the locusts and drove them into the Red Sea. Not a single locust was left in all the country of Egypt. ²⁰ But **the LORD hardened** Pharaoh’s heart, and he did not let the people of Israel go.

Plague 9: DARKNESS

²¹ Then **the LORD said** to Moses, “Stretch out your hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, a darkness to be felt.” ²² So Moses stretched out his hand toward heaven, and there was pitch darkness in all the land of Egypt three days. ²³ They did not see one another, nor did anyone rise from his place for three days, but all the people of Israel had light where they lived. ²⁴ Then Pharaoh called Moses and said, “Go, serve the LORD; your little ones also may go with you; only let your flocks and your herds remain behind.” ²⁵ But Moses said, “You must also let us have sacrifices and burnt offerings, that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God. ²⁶ Our livestock also must go with us; not a hoof shall be left behind, for we must take of them to serve the LORD our God, and we do not know with what we must serve the LORD until we arrive there.” ²⁷ But

After three days of darkness Pharaoh agrees to let the people go, but they must keep their herds and flocks behind.

Yahweh hardens Pharaoh’s heart and he won’t let the people go

the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he would not let them go. ²⁸ Then Pharaoh said to him, "Get away from me; take care never to see my face again, for on the day you see my face you shall die." ²⁹ Moses said, "As you say! I will not see your face again."

Pharaoh says he will never see Moses' face again.

Chapter 11

Plague 10: DEATH OF FIRSTBORN

¹ **The LORD said** to Moses, "Yet one plague more I will bring upon Pharaoh and upon Egypt. Afterward he will let you go from here. When he lets you go, he will drive you away completely." ² Speak now in the hearing of the people, that they ask, every man of his neighbor and every woman of her neighbor, for silver and gold jewelry." ³ And the LORD gave the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians. Moreover, the man Moses was very great in the land of Egypt, in the sight of Pharaoh's servants and in the sight of the people. ⁴ So Moses said, "Thus says the LORD: 'About midnight I will go out in the midst of Egypt, ⁵ and every firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sits on his throne, even to the firstborn of the slave girl who is behind the handmill, and all the firstborn of the cattle. ⁶ There shall be a great cry throughout all the land of Egypt, such as there has never been, nor ever will be again. ⁷ But not a dog shall growl against any of the people of Israel, either man or beast, that you may know that the LORD makes a distinction between Egypt and Israel.'" ⁸ And all these your servants shall come down to me and bow down to me, saying, 'Get out, you and all the people who follow you.' And after that I will go out." And he went out from Pharaoh in hot anger. ⁹ Then **the LORD said** to Moses, "Pharaoh will not listen to you, that my wonders may be multiplied in the land of Egypt." ¹⁰ Moses and Aaron did all these wonders before Pharaoh, and the **LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart**, and he did not let the people of Israel go out of his land.

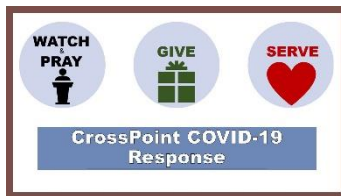
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²⁹ At midnight the LORD struck down all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sat on his throne to the firstborn of the captive who was in the dungeon, and all the firstborn of the livestock. ³⁰ And Pharaoh rose up in 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 someone was not dead. ³¹ Then he summoned Moses and Aaron by night and said, “Up, go out from among my people, both you and the people of Israel; and go, serve the LORD, as you have said. ³² Take your flocks and your herds, as you have said, and be gone, and bless me also!”

POWERPOINT SLIDES



Weekly Schedule

- **SUNDAYS**
 - **GATHER** as a family
 - **PRAY** before the sermon
 - **WATCH** sermon together
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WAYS TO SERVE

- **START WITH YOUR FAMILY**
 - **Have daily time of Bible study and prayer**
 - **Redeem the time with creative family bonding times**
- **EXTEND TO COMMUNITY**
 - **Reach out to the at-risk through phone calls, text and offers to run errands**
 - **Provide faith-filled posts on your social media platforms**
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Isis was the goddess of health and Imhotep was the god of healing.



PLAGUE 7: HAIL Exodus 9:13–35

This plague affected the agriculture and livestock that was left in the field. Such a storm of hail was unique to Egypt.

Nut was the goddess of the sky. Her father Shu, god of the wind and air, was a calming god.



PLAGUE 2: FROGS Exodus 8:1–8:15

The Egyptians also produced frogs. Piles of dead frogs filled the land with a foul odor.

Heqt was an Egyptian goddess with the head of a frog.



PLAGUE 8: LOCUSTS Exodus 10:1–20

This plague would be told to Pharaoh's sons and grandsons, serving the purpose of showing God's power for generations.

Neper and Nepri were the god and goddess of grain. Set was the god of disorder.



PLAGUE 3: GNATS OR LICE Exodus 8:16–19

The gnats or lice came up from the dust of the earth. The Egyptian priests could not duplicate this miracle. They declared, "This is the finger of God."

Geb was the god over the dust of the earth.



PLAGUE 9: DARKNESS Exodus 10:21–29

It was so dark for three days that the darkness could be felt.

Ra, the god of the sun, was the most worshipped and revered god in Egypt after the Pharaoh. Jehovah God showed He had power even over the mightiest of the Egyptian gods.



PLAGUE 4: FLIES Exodus 8:20–32

This was the first plague that affected only the Egyptians.

Khepri had the head of a beetle and also moved the sun.



PLAGUE 10: DEATH OF FIRSTBORN Exodus 12:29–36

Establishes the Jewish Passover festival.

This plague was a judgment on all Egyptian gods, including Pharaoh himself. In Exodus 1, Pharaoh had ordered the killing of Israelite babies, and now the firstborn of all Egypt was killed.



PLAGUE 5: SICK CATTLE Exodus 9:1–7

God continued to distinguish between the Israelites and the Egyptians. This plague affected only the Egyptian herds.

Hathor was a fertility goddess who was often depicted with the head or horns of a bull and sometimes as a bull wearing the symbols of Hathor.

EXODUS

A DIVINE EXIT

GOD IS GREATER THAN
FALSE GODS

EXODUS 8-12

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A DIVINE EXIT

AS WE EXPLORE THIS PASSAGE FROM EXODUS THAT DISPLAYS THE GLORY AND POWER OF GOD THROUGH HIS SENDING OF 10 PLAGUES THAT DECIMATE A COUNTRY AND ITS RULER WE ARE EXPERIENCING OUR OWN GLOBAL PANDEMIC VIA THE CORONAVIRUS. NOW LIKE FEW TIMES IN HISTORY WE CAN IDENTIFY IN A SMALL WAY THE HELPLESSNESS THAT THE EGYPTIANS FELT AND LIKE THE EGYPTIANS WE ARE REMINDED OF JUST HOW FUTILE AND POWERLESS WE TRULY ARE.

EXODUS

A DIVINE EXIT

KEY WORDS OR PHRASES

- HARDENED – 13 TIMES
- THE LORD SAID – 17 TIMES
- LET MY PEOPLE GO – 10 TIMES
- IN THE MORNING – 3 TIMES (PRESENTS THE PLAGUES IN TRIADS)

EXODUS

A DIVINE EXIT

GOD IS GREATER THAN THE IDOL OF RELIGION

FOR I WILL PASS THROUGH THE LAND OF EGYPT THAT NIGHT, AND I WILL STRIKE ALL THE FIRSTBORN IN THE LAND OF EGYPT, BOTH MAN AND BEAST; AND ON ALL THE GODS OF EGYPT I WILL EXECUTE JUDGMENTS: I AM THE LORD.

EXODUS 12:12 (ESV)

EXODUS

A DIVINE EXIT

GOD IS GREATER THAN THE IDOL OF WEALTH

PHARAOH HAD BECOME ACCUSTOMED TO USING THE 600,000 ABLE-BODIED MEN AS HIS PERSONAL WORKFORCE, AND LETTING THEM LEAVE WOULD COME AT A GREAT PERSONAL AND NATIONAL EXPENSE TO HIM AND EGYPT. PHARAOH'S UNWILLINGNESS TO RELEASE HIS GRIP ON HIS WORKFORCE AND SUBMIT TO YAHWEH LED TO ECONOMIC RUIN FOR HIS COUNTRY AND EVENTUALLY THE DEATH OF HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS INCLUDING HIS FIRSTBORN AND PHARAOH HIMSELF.

EXODUS

A DIVINE EXIT

GOD IS GREATER THAN THE IDOL OF SELF

PHARAOH REPEATEDLY WAS SHOWN THE POWER OF YAHWEH AND EVEN HIS OWN MAGICIANS & SERVANTS ASKED PHARAOH TO LISTEN TO YAHWEH (Ex. 9:11-12, 10:7) BUT PHARAOH WOULD NOT LISTEN. PHARAOH CONTINUED TO HARDEN HIS HEART AGAINST YAHWEH.

EXODUS

A DIVINE EXIT

GOD CREATED US TO WORSHIP HIM AND THIS HARDWIRE TO WORSHIP WILL LEAD US TO EITHER WORSHIP HIM OR WORSHIP LESSER IDOLS OF THE HEART. AN IDOL OF THE HEART IS ANYONE, ANY THING OR ANY IDEA THAT WE RUN TO, DEPEND ON OR WORSHIP IN PLACE OF GOD. OVER THE PAST FEW WEEKS, WE HAVE SEEN GOD EXPOSE THE FUTILITY OF SELF-RELIANCE, WEALTH & POWER THROUGH THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC. MY QUESTION FOR YOU AND ME THIS MORNING IS THIS, WHAT IDOLS OF OUR HEART IS GOD EXPOSING AND WILL WE DETHRONE THESE IDOLS AND RESTORE CHRIST TO HIS PROPER SEAT ON THE THRONE OF OUR HEART?

EXODUS

A DIVINE EXIT

BIG IDEA

GOD WILL NOT SHARE HIS WORSHIP WITH THE IDOLS OF YOUR HEART

EXODUS

A DIVINE EXIT

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- SHARE ONE THING YOU LEARNED OR THAT STUCK OUT TO YOU FROM THE STUDY THIS MORNING.
- THE PAST FEW WEEKS HAVE BROUGHT OUR NATION TO A GRINDING HALT AND CAUSED MOST EVERYONE TO SLOW DOWN AND TAKE STOCK OF LIFE. WHAT IDOLS OF THE HEART IS GOD EXPOSING IN OUR LIVES RIGHT NOW?
- GOD HAS SAID IN HIS WORD THAT HE IS A JEALOUS GOD AND HE WILL NOT SHARE HIS GLORY WITH ANOTHER. WHAT ARE THREE PRACTICAL STEPS YOU CAN MAKE INDIVIDUAL OR AS A FAMILY TO DEMONSTRATE YOUR WORSHIP OF GOD ALONE.
- IN LIGHT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, WHAT CAN YOU DO AS AN INDIVIDUAL OR FAMILY UNIT TO MAKE THE MOST OF THIS TIME?