












The 10 Plagues

		M&A spoke	Action	Magicians	Know I am	Distinguish	Sin	Negotiation
	Rod to serpent 7:8-13	went in - that they may hold a feast to me in the wilderness	rod to snake	did the same, but their snakes were eaten by Aaron's	Ph: I do not know the Lord			
	Water to blood 7:14-25	as Ph. comes out to the water, say "Let my people go that they may serve me in the wilderness."	Aaron strikes water with staff	did the same	that I am the LORD			
	Frogs 8:1-15	go to Ph. and say "Let My people go that they may serve me."	Aaron stretched out rod over streams	did the same	that there is no one like the LORD our God			Ph: I will let the people go that they may sacrifice to the LORD
	Gnats (lice) 8:16-19	no warning given	Aaron stretched out rod and struck the dust of the land	worked w/ their secret art to bring forth lice, but they could not..."This is the finger of God."				
	Flies 8:20-32	as Ph. comes out to the water, say "Let My people go that they may serve me."	the LORD did so		that I, the LORD, am in the midst of the land	I will set apart the land of Goshen		Ph: Go sacrifice to your God in the land. I will let you go out to sacrifice; only you shall not go very far away
	Disease on livestock 9:1-7	Go in to Ph. and say, "Let My people go that they may serve me."				the LORD will make a difference between the livestock of Israel and the livestock of Egypt.		
	Boils 9:8-12	no warning given	take for yourselves handfuls of ashes from a furnace, and let Moses scatter it toward the heavens in the sight of Ph.	they could not stand before Moses				
	Hail & fire 9:13-35	Rise early in the morning and stand before Ph. and say, "Let My people go, that they may serve me."	stretch your hand toward heaven	He who feared the word of the LORD among the servants of Ph...he who did not regard the word of the LORD left his servants and livestock in the field	to show you My power and in order to proclaim My name through all the earth	only in the land of Goshen, where the sons of Israel were, there was no hail	Ph: I have sinned this time; the LORD is the righteous one, and I and my people are the wicked ones.	Ph.: I will let you go, and you shall stay no longer.
	Locusts 10:1-20	Go to Ph. and say "Let My people go that they may serve me."	stretch out your hand over the land of Egypt	How long will this man be a snare to us? Let the men go, that they may serve the Lord their God. Do you not realize that Egypt is destroyed?	that you (Israel) may know that I am the LORD		Ph.: I have sinned against the LORD your God and against you. Now therefore, please forgive my sin only this once...	Ph.: Go now, the men among you (not women or children), and serve the LORD, for that is what you desire.
	Darkness 10:21-29	no warning given	stretch out your hand toward the sky			but all the sons of Israel had light in their dwellings	Ph: Get away from me! Beware, do not see my face again, for in the day you see my face you shall die!	Ph: Go, serve the LORD; only let your flocks and your herds be detained. Even your little ones may go with you.
	Death of firstborn (Passover) 11-13		about midnight I (God) am going out into the midst of Egypt		that you may understand how the LORD makes a distinction between Egypt and Israel			

Exodus: God Establishing His Own Fame

The story of the exodus is not primarily about Israel's freedom from bondage. It may have a few implications that tend in that direction, but that is not the point of this book.

In fact, Exodus directly challenges the idea that God does everything for humanity's sake. Humans are not the ultimate purpose of creation. God's own glory is!

Let's take one more quick tour through the book to make sure that you get its main point. The whole book, you could say, is about God establishing His own fame! You see it everywhere.

QUESTION	SCRIPTURE	ANSWER
Why does God call Moses to bring the Israelites out of Egypt in the first place?	<i>"I will take you for My people, and I will be your God; and <u>you shall know that I am the LORD your God, who brought you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.</u>" (6:7)</i>	God's purpose is for the <u>Israelites</u> to recognize Yahweh as their God.
Why does God harden Pharaoh's heart, causing him to oppose God's own plans?	<i>"But I will harden Pharaoh's heart that I may multiply My signs and My wonders in the land of Egypt. When Pharaoh does not listen to you, then I will lay My hand on Egypt and bring out My hosts, My people the sons of Israel, from the land of Egypt by great judgments. <u>The Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I stretch out My hand on Egypt and bring out the sons of Israel from their midst.</u>" (7:3-5)</i>	God's purpose is for the <u>Egyptians</u> to recognize Yahweh as God.
Why does Moses, amid the plague of frogs, ask Pharaoh to set the time for when God should remove the frogs from Egypt?	Pharaoh answers Moses' request, "Tomorrow." Moses then replies, " <u>May it be according to your word, that you may know that there is no one like the LORD our God.</u> " (8:10)	God's purpose is for <u>Pharaoh</u> to recognize that Yahweh alone is God.
Why does God, amid the plague of boils, tell Pharaoh that He's going to continue to press hard on him and the Egyptians?	<i>For this time I will send all My plagues on you and your servants and your people, <u>so that you may know that there is no one like Me in all the earth.</u> (9:14)</i> (keep in mind, God is saying this to a man whose nation had hundreds gods)	God's purpose of the book of Exodus shows the way of freedom from the falsehood of idolatry to the truth of worshipping the one true God.

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QUESTION: What were God's sovereign purposes?	
CIRCUMSTANCE	ANSWER
In raising Pharaoh up	<i>"For if by now I had put forth My hand and struck you and your people with pestilence, you would then have been cut off from the earth. But, indeed, for this reason I have allowed you to remain, in order to show you My power and <u>in order to proclaim My name through all the earth.</u>" (9:15-16)</i>
In Moses telling Pharaoh the precise time the plague of hail will stop	<i>"As soon as I go out of the city, I will spread out my hands to the LORD; the thunder will cease and there will be ail no longer, <u>that you may know that the earth is the LORD'S.</u>" (9:29)</i>
In using Pharaoh	<i>Then the LORD said to Moses, "Go to Pharaoh, for I have hardened his heart and the heart of his servants, that I may perform these signs of Mine among them, and that you may tell in the hearing of your son, and of your grandson, how I made a mockery of the Egyptians and how I performed My signs among them, <u>that you may know that I am the LORD.</u>" (10:1-2)</i>
When Pharaoh keeps refusing to listen to the Lord, even though it is bringing disaster on himself and his nation	<i>Then the LORD said to Moses, "Pharaoh will not listen to you, <u>so that My wonders will be multiplied in the land of Egypt.</u>" (11:9)</i>
After Pharaoh has released the Israelites and the Lord causes him to change his mind	<i>Thus I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and he will chase after them; and I will be honored through Pharaoh and all his army, and <u>the Egyptians will know that I am the LORD.</u>" (14:4)</i>
When the Israelites see the Egyptians approaching, but Moses reassures them	<i>"Do not fear! Stand by and <u>see the salvation of the LORD</u> which He will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you have seen today, you will never see them again forever." (14:13)</i>
When the Lord sends the Egyptians after the Israelites through the Red Sea	<i>"As for Me, behold, I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and I will <u>be honored</u> through Pharaoh and all his army, through his chariots and his horsemen. Then <u>the Egyptians will know that I am the LORD</u>, when I am honored through Pharaoh, through his chariots and his horsemen." (14:17-18)</i>
When Israel watches Pharaoh's army drown	<i>When Israel saw the great power which the LORD had used against the Egyptians, <u>the people feared the LORD</u>, and they believed in the LORD and in His servant Moses. (14:31)</i>
In Moses' celebratory song	<i>"Who is like You among the gods, O Lord? Who is like You, majestic in holiness, Awesome in praises, working wonders? <u>The peoples have heard, they tremble</u>; Anguish has gripped the inhabitants of Philistia. Then the chiefs of Edom were dismayed; The leaders of Moab, trembling grips them; All the inhabitants of Canaan have melted away. Terror and dread fall upon them; By the greatness of Your arm they are motionless as stone; Until Your people pass over, O Lord, Until the people pass over whom You have purchased." (15:11, 14-16)</i>

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QUESTION: Why did the Lord sovereignly place his people in Egypt?	
ANSWER	EXAMPLE
<p>Because Egypt was a great power. Because Egypt provided the perfect stage on which God could display His glory. If God wants to make His might known and His renown great, what good would it do to triumph over a tribe of nomads or some lesser nation? God led Joseph down into Egypt and placed Israel's children there, because He was preparing Egypt to be the special stage on which He would display His glory for all the world to witness.</p> <p>And God meant for the deeds recorded in this book to be recounted, so that His fame would continue to be magnified and increased.</p>	<p>One of the first times those deeds are recounted occurs in chapter 18, where Moses meets his father-in-law Jethro in the desert. Notice how Jethro responds to hearing what the Lord has done:</p> <p><i>Moses told his father-in-law all that the Lord had done to Pharaoh and to the Egyptians for Israel's sake, all the hardship that had befallen them on the journey, and how the Lord had delivered them. Jethro rejoiced over all the goodness which the Lord had done to Israel, in delivering them from the hand of the Egyptians. So Jethro said, "Blessed be the Lord who delivered you from the hand of the Egyptians and from the hand of Pharaoh, and who delivered the people from under the hand of the Egyptians. <u>Now I know that the Lord is greater than all the gods.</u>"</i> (18:8-11a)</p>

That is the message of Exodus: the LORD—Yahweh—is greater than all other gods. God worked sovereignly to save His chosen people so that we would behold His greatness.