

Freedom: The Unexpected Logic of Blood-Bought Liberty

Five Traits of a True Miracle

Exodus 7:14–9:7

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Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so these men also oppose the truth, men corrupted in mind and disqualified regarding the faith.

–2 Timothy 3:8

Nine Mighty Acts

	•Egypt and Israel Suffer •Aaron’s Staff •Magicians Try	•Only Egypt Suffers •No Staff •No Magicians	•Only Egypt Suffers •Moses’ Staff (or Hand) •No Magicians
Morning Confrontation	1. Blood (7:14–28)	4. Flies (8:20-32)	7. Hail (9:13–35)
“Go to Pharaoh”	2. Frogs (8:1-15)	5. Animal diseases (9:1–7)	8. Locusts (10:1–20)
No warning	3. Gnats (8:16–32)	6. Boils (9:8–12)	9. Darkness (10:21–29)

–Adapted from J.A. Motyer, *The Message of Exodus*, p. 111

Five Traits of a True Miracle

1. The _____ displayed by God in the miracle is so unusual, uncommon, and strange, that people stop to stare in wonder.
2. The _____ performing the miracles never contradict previous revelation from God (Scripture) or use miracles to get rich.
3. The _____ of the miracle is to certify that the messenger truly speaks for God.
4. The _____ of miracle-working reported in the Bible introduce a new era of God revealing his Word. Moses introduces the Law, Elijah introduces the Prophets, Jesus and the Apostles introduce the New Testament.
5. The _____ of the miracles, signs, and wonders is that they are visible, verifiable, objective, and immediate.