

Moses

Pt. 5 – Freedom!

When God Judges Evil:

1. I will not wonder, “Was that God?”
2. The judgment will be for the wicked.
3. All evil is destroyed.
4. He doesn’t fire warning shots to demonstrate His power.

God doesn’t kill innocent people as a warning to wicked people.

God gives people an opportunity to repent.

5. God delivers His people.

Ex. 7:1 Then the Lord said to Moses, “See, I have made you like God to Pharaoh, and your brother Aaron will be your prophet. ²You are to say everything I command you, and your brother Aaron is to tell Pharaoh to let the Israelites go out of his country. ³But I will harden Pharaoh’s heart, and though I multiply my miraculous signs and wonders in Egypt, ⁴he will not listen to you. Then I will lay my hand on Egypt and with mighty acts of judgment I will bring out my divisions, my people the Israelites. ⁵And the Egyptians will know that I am the Lord when I stretch out my hand against Egypt and bring the Israelites out of it.”

Plague 1: A river of blood.

Ex. 7:20 He raised his staff in the presence of Pharaoh and his officials and struck the water of the Nile, and all the water was changed into blood. ²¹The fish in the Nile died, and the river smelled so bad that the Egyptians could not drink its water. Blood was everywhere in Egypt.

Plague 2: Frogs.

Ex. 8:6 So Aaron stretched out his hand over the waters of Egypt, and the frogs came up and covered the land... ⁸Pharaoh summoned Moses and Aaron and said, “Pray to the Lord to take the frogs away from me and my people, and I will let your people go to offer sacrifices to the Lord.”

Plague 3: Gnats.

Ex. 8:17 ... All the dust throughout the land of Egypt became gnats.

Plague 4: Flies.

Ex. 8:24 Dense swarms of flies poured into Pharaoh's palace and into the houses of his officials, and throughout Egypt the land was ruined by the flies.

Plague 5: Dead Livestock.

Ex. 9:6 And the next day the Lord did it: All the livestock of the Egyptians died, but not one animal belonging to the Israelites died. ⁷Pharaoh sent men to investigate and found that not even one of the animals of the Israelites had died.

Plague 6: Boils.

Ex. 9:10 ...festering boils broke out on men and animals.

Plague 7: Hail.

Ex. 9:23 So the Lord rained hail on the land of Egypt; ²⁴hail fell and lightning flashed back and forth. It was the worst storm in all the land of Egypt since it had become a nation. ²⁵Throughout Egypt hail struck everything in the fields—both men and animals; it beat down everything growing in the fields and stripped every tree. ²⁶The only place it did not hail was the land of Goshen, where the Israelites were. ²⁷Then Pharaoh summoned Moses and Aaron. "This time I have sinned," he said to them. "The Lord is in the right, and I and my people are in the wrong. ²⁸Pray to the Lord, for we have had enough thunder and hail. I will let you go; you don't have to stay any longer."

Plague 8: Locusts.

Ex. ^{10:13}...the Lord made an east wind blow across the land all that day and all that night. By morning the wind had brought the locusts; ¹⁴they invaded all Egypt and settled down in every area of the country in great numbers. Never before had there been such a plague of locusts, nor will there ever be again. ¹⁵They covered all the ground until it was black. They devoured all that was left after the hail - everything growing in the fields and the fruit on the trees. Nothing green remained on tree or plant in all the land of Egypt. ¹⁶Pharaoh quickly summoned Moses and Aaron and said, "I have sinned against the Lord your God and against you. ¹⁷Now forgive my sin once more and pray to the Lord your God to take this deadly plague away from me."

Plague 9: Darkness.

Ex. 10:22 So Moses stretched out his hand toward the sky, and total darkness covered all Egypt for three days. ²³No one could see anyone else or leave his place for three days. Yet all the Israelites had light in the places where they lived.

Plague 10: The death of every first born.

Ex. 11:4 "About midnight I will go throughout Egypt. ⁵Every firstborn son in Egypt will die, from the firstborn son of Pharaoh, who sits on the throne, to the firstborn son of the slave girl, who is at her hand mill, and all the firstborn of the cattle as well. ⁶There will be loud wailing throughout Egypt—worse than there has ever been or ever will be again. ⁷But among the Israelites not a dog will bark at any

man or animal.' Then you will know that the Lord makes a distinction between Egypt and Israel."

Lessons from the Egyptians:

1. Obey God's command.
2. Don't ignore God's discipline.
3. When I disobey God, things get worse.

Lessons from the Israelites:

1. God's people will be protected.
2. God's people will be blessed.
3. God's people will be known.

When God judges evil people, God elevates His people.

4. God's people will be set free.

Truth: God's plan for my life is freedom.