

# Week 3: The first nine plagues

## The first nine plagues - Exodus 7-10

### Objective:

- Moses Confronts Pharaoh Through Plagues
- The first nine plagues

### Resources:

- Fr Tadros Y Malaty Commentary
- Catena Bible Commentary
- Fr Dawoud Lamie Bible study (Arabic)

## THE PLAGUES ON EGYPT EXODUS 7-12

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| 1 |  | <b>BLOOD</b> (7:14-24)<br>The Nile, along with all of the water in Egypt, turns into blood. But Pharaoh does not let the Israelites go.     | 6  |  | <b>BOILS</b> (9:8-12)<br>Festering boils break out on the Egyptians and their animals. But Pharaoh does not let the Israelites go.  |
| 2 |  | <b>FROGS</b> (7:25 - 8:15)<br>Frogs cover the land of Egypt. Pharaoh promises to let the Israelites go, but changes his mind.               | 7  |  | <b>HAIL</b> (9:13-35)<br>Hail strikes down everything in the fields - humans, animals and trees. Pharaoh asks for forgiveness and promises to let the Israelites go, but changes his mind.                      |
| 3 |  | <b>GNATS</b> (8:16-19)<br>The dust turns to gnats, which cover the people and animals of Egypt. But Pharaoh does not let the Israelites go. | 8  |  | <b>LOCUSTS</b> (10:1-20)<br>Locusts devour every tree and plant in the land of Egypt. Pharaoh asks for forgiveness, but does not let the Israelites go.   |
| 4 |  | <b>FLIES</b> (8:20-32)<br>Flies fill the houses and land of Egypt. Pharaoh promises to let the Israelites go, but changes his mind.         | 9  |  | <b>DARKNESS</b> (10:21-29)<br>Darkness covers the land of Egypt for three days. Pharaoh promises to let the Israelites go, but changes his mind.  |
| 5 |  | <b>LIVESTOCK</b> (9:1-7)<br>All of the livestock of the Egyptians die. But Pharaoh does not let the Israelites go.                          | 10 |  | <b>FIRSTBORN</b> (11:1-10; 12:29-32)<br>Every firstborn son and firstborn of the cattle in Egypt dies. Pharaoh finally lets the Israelites leave Egypt, only to change his mind and pursue them to the Red Sea. |

### Reading:

- Exodus 7: 8-25
- Exodus 8: 1-11, 16-29

- Exodus 9: 1-29
- Exodus 10: 1-15,21-29

### **Key verse(s):**

- "But when Pharaoh saw that there was relief, he hardened his heart and did not heed them, as the Lord had said." Repeated after every plague

### **Comments:**

- General comments:
  - It's good to repeat the ten plagues. The above infographic is a good visual aid.
  - The verses for the first nine plagues are repeated in almost all of them. It is good to prepare before the delivery to decide which verses explain the plague. The intro and ending for each plague are repeated.
- Moses never lost faith in God and did not get bored of facing Pharaoh.
- Exodus 7:12: Shows that God is stronger than Satan. Shows that the miracles from God are stronger.
- The magicians were able to perform some of these miracles by the power of Satan. They were not able to reverse them or end the plagues as God did not allow this. It shows that God is stronger than Satan. And what is from God will stay and will not change without His permission.
- After the third plague, the magicians finally confessed that this was God.
- Pharaoh asking Moses to take the people and go is not a real repentance. Pharaoh thought he can deceive God and outsmart Him.
- Notice that all the plagues attacked the Egyptians, but the Israelites were safe.
- Exodus 10:22: Darkness for three days then light = Death of our Lord for three days before His Resurrection.
- Exodus 10:23: Darkness is a symbol of Hades. Not seeing one another means no one will be able to help or save at the end.
- Moses told Pharaoh that they will not meet again (10:29) as he knew the tenth plague will be the last one (the finale)

### **Review/recap questions:**

*\*\*Servant may add more questions*

1. What are the ten plagues?
2. When did the magicians realize the signs Moses did were from God?
3. Was Pharaoh's repentance real? Why not?

### **Homework:**

*\*\*Servant may add more questions*

1. Mention the ten plagues in order.
2. What was the miracle that took place between Moses and Pharaoh's sorcerers?
3. The plagues affected the Egyptians as well as the Israelites. (T/F)
4. The river was turned into blood for \_\_\_\_ days.

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