



# Theme of the Exodus (Ex. 3.7-9, 12)

## *The Exodus in three parts (v.7-9)*

- God sees the affliction of His people & hears their cry
- God delivers them from the power of their enemies
- God brings His people into the Promised Land

## *The confirmation from Yahweh (v.12)*

- Word: *"I will be with you"*
- Sign: *"You shall worship God at this mountain"*

# *Plagues on Egypt*

- (1) Nile River to blood polluting the source of life calling the Avenger of Blood (7.14-24)
- (2) Frogs defile the land (8.1-15)
- (3) Dust (cursed) becomes gnats or lice afflicting men and beasts (8.16-19)
- (4) Swarms of insects arising from water (8.20-32)
- (5) Livestock destroyed with pestilence (9.1-7)
- (6) Soot from kilns cause sores and boils (9.8-12)
- (7) Hail from above destroys land (9.13-35)
- (8) Locusts from east/sunrise consume plants (10.1-20)
- (9) Palpable darkness (10.21-29)
- (10) Passover and the death of the first-born sons (11-12)

# Plagues on Egypt: 3 Cycles

	Plague	Area of the Egyptian World	Forewarning to Pharaoh	Distinction made b/w Israel & Egypt	Aaron or Moses
First Cycle	1. Blood (7.14-24) 2. Frogs (8.1-15) 3. Gnats (8.16-19)	<b>Water</b> From waters to <b>land</b> From land to <b>sky</b>	Yes – “in the morning” (7.15) Yes no	No No No	Aaron Aaron Aaron
Second Cycle	4. Insects/Swarms (8.20-32) 5. Livestock/Pestilence (9.1-7) 6. Boils (9.8-12)	Arose from the <b>water</b> (8.20) In the <b>land</b> From land to <b>sky</b>	Yes – “in the morning” (8.20) Yes no	Yes Yes Yes	Moses Moses Moses
Third Cycle	7. Hail (9.13-35) 8. Locusts (10.1-20) 9. Sun darkened (10.21-29)	<b>Water</b> above <b>Land</b> <b>Sky</b>	Yes – “in the morning” (9.13) Yes no	Yes Yes Yes	Moses Moses Moses

# ***Plagues on Egypt: Against the gods of Egypt***

## **(1) Nile River (Nile god)**

(2) Frogs (Fertility goddess)

(3) Gnats (Earth god?)

(4) Insects (Creation/rebirth god? Fly god?)

## **(5) Livestock destroyed by pestilence (Love/Protection goddess?, bulls/cows god?)**

*(A call to listen to YHWY; destruction of sacrifices for Egypt & preparation for Passover)*

(6) Boils (Medicine/Peace goddess?)

(7) Hail (Sky goddess?)

(8) Locusts (Storms and Disorder god?)

## **(9) Sun (Ra the Sun god)**



## **(10) Passover (Pharaoh god)**

# ***Plagues on Egypt: Corruption from the 'waters below' extending to the 'heavens above'***

(9) **Sun** above darkened (*the sun itself affected*)

(8) **Locusts** from sunrise consume plants (*emerging from the sun*)

(7) **Hail** from above destroys land (*emerging from the clouds*)

(6) Soot from kiln into the air causes **boils** (*slightly above the land*)

(5) **Livestock** destroyed with pestilence (*on the land*)

(4) **Insects** destroy land (*on the land, lower than the animals*)

(3) **Gnats** from dust into air (*emerging from the land*)

(2) **Frogs** from pools into land and houses (*emerging from the waters below*)

(1) **Nile** to blood (*the waters below*)

# *Plagues on Egypt: Other key themes*

- (1) Nile to blood
- (2) Frogs from pools into land and houses
- (3) Gnats from dust into air
- (4) Insects destroy land
- (5) Livestock destroyed with pestilence
- (6) Soot from kiln into the air causes boils
- (7) Hail from above destroys land
- (8) Locusts from sunrise consume plants
- (9) Sun above darkened

## **Other Key Themes:**

- Who will Israel serve?
- Hardness of Pharaoh's heart
- Complete corruption of Pharaoh's house / house of Israel becomes a sanctuary

