

## Major Event: EXODUS

### Lesson 5: The Ten Plagues on Egypt

#### Scriptures: Exodus Chapters 7-11

#### Central Text: Exodus 12:12

12 “For I will go through the land of Egypt on that night, and will strike down all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments - I am the Lord.”

#### Suggested Subjects for Teacher to Cover:

Note that the 10 plagues not only demonstrate God’s power, but more specifically, they demonstrate God’s power over all the false Egyptian gods (cf. Exodus 12:12).

There is only one God (cf. Gen. 1:1; Exod. 20:23; Deut. 32:39; Isaiah 42:8; 45:21)

#### All of the plagues were designed to bring judgment on all of the gods of Egypt:

- 1) Nile turned to blood (Exod 7:14-25)- Hapi (also called Apis), was the bull god and the god of the Nile River; Isis, the god of the Nile; Khnum, the guardian of the Nile. The Egyptians believed that the Nile was a divine source of life. Therefore, God would humiliate the Egyptians and their false gods by turning the Nile into blood, Israel’s symbol of life (Lev 17:11).
- 2) Frogs (Exod 8:1-15)- Heqet, was a goddess with the head of a frog, was the goddess of birth.
- 3) Gnats (Exod. 8:16-19)- Set, the god of the desert.
- 4) Flies (Exod 8:20-32)- Re, a sun god; or Uatchit, possibly represented by the fly.
- 5) Death of livestock (Exod 9:1-7)- Hathor, goddess with a cow head; Apis, the bull god, a symbol of fertility.
- 6) Boils (Exod 9:8-12)- Sekhmet, goddess with power over disease; Sunu, the pestilence god; Isis, the goddess of healing.
- 7) Hail (Exod 9:13-35)- Nut, the sky goddess; Osiris, the god of crops and fertility; Set, the god of storms.
- 8) Locusts (Exod 10:1-20)- Nut, the sky goddess; Osiris, the god of crops and fertility.
- 9) Darkness (Exod 10:21-29)- Re, the sun god; Horus, a sun god; Nut, a sky goddess; Hathor, a sky goddess.
- 10) Death of the firstborn (Exod 11:1-12:30)- Min, the god of reproduction; Heqet, the goddess who attended women at childbirth; Isis, the goddess who protected children; Pharaoh’s firstborn was also considered a god.

It is also interesting to note that the plagues on Egypt are similar to the judgments God inflicts during the 7 year Tribulation (water into blood, locusts, hail, etc. cf. Rev. 6-19).

God judges satanically controlled Egypt with plagues in order to deliver Israel into the Promised Land; God judges the satanically controlled nations with plagues in the Tribulation in order to deliver Israel into the kingdom/Promised Land.

#### Suggested Attributes of God for Teacher to Cover:

Omnipotence

Justice - God demonstrates grace before judgment through a series of plagues giving people time to turn to the Lord.

Holiness - God is the only true God.

Sovereignty - God rules creation and the nations.

Veracity - (faithfulness and truth)- God is keeping His word to curse anyone who curses Israel (Gen. 12:3).

#### Suggested Reading for Parents and Child at Home:

Isaiah 42:1-8; Daniel 4:34-37; Romans 9:14-17

**Notes:** The plagues on Egypt (Exodus 7:8-11:10)

Opponents: Yahweh and Pharaoh (and Egypt’s false gods)

Purpose: Who is the true sovereign God?

Problem: God promised to bless those who blessed the nation and curse those who cursed them (Gen 12:1-3). God will curse Egypt in keeping with His word, but will also extend mercy to the Gentile Egyptians whom God loves and created in His image (Abrahamic Covenant also extended blessing to the nations; cf. Genesis 12:3).