

The Plagues

Exodus 7-12

- Last week, we talked about Moses, his background and how God called him to deliver the people of Israel from slavery in Egypt.
- And we saw, at first, Moses just gives a bunch of excuses as to why he shouldn't be the one to do it, but eventually he follows in obedience.
- However, not by himself. Because what we didn't get to last week was when Moses asks God to send someone else, God got frustrated with Moses at this point and verse 14 says, ***"Then the anger of the Lord was kindled against Moses and he said, 'Is there not Aaron, your brother, the Levite? I know that he can speak well. Behold, he is coming out to meet you, and when he sees you, he will be glad in his heart. You shall speak to him and put the words in his mouth, and I will be with your mouth and with his mouth and will***

***teach you both what to do."* -Exodus 4:14-15 (ESV)**

- Now, God didn't relent — He wasn't sending Aaron in place of Moses because of his excuses and insecurities.
- God was just reassuring Moses even further that he wasn't going to be carrying out this calling alone
- In fact, this is the way that meetings would normally go between Pharaoh and another leader— they wouldn't actually speak directly to each other, but would both have mediators.
- So God sending Aaron with Moses to be the mediator would actually give Moses more credibility in Pharaoh's court...so God was going to be sending Aaron with Moses either way
- Then Moses makes his way back to Egypt when the Lord tells him that all of those who wanted to kill him were dead.

- As he is on the way, the Lord spoke to Aaron and told him to meet Moses out in the wilderness and he did.
- And verse 28 says: ***“And Moses told Aaron all the words of the Lord with which He had sent him to speak, and all the signs that He had commanded him to do. Then Moses and Aaron went and gathered together all the elders of the people of Israel. Aaron spoke all the words that the Lord had spoken to Moses and did the signs in the sight of the people. And the people believed; and when they heard that the Lord had visited the people of Israel and that He had seen their affliction, they bowed their heads and worshiped.”***
-Exodus 4:28-31 (ESV)
- So when we get to chapter 5, we see that Moses and Aaron go before Pharaoh
- Now, remember—the Pharaoh that killed all the babies had died by this point and the current

Pharaoh, which is possibly Ramesses II...likely would have known Moses from childhood

- They may not have grown up on the same side of the palace—but they would have been educated and trained together in Egyptian practices, ways, and culture.
- But Moses had fled after killing an Egyptian guard — 40 years goes by—and now he has returned
 - Everything is happening here in dramatic fashion.
- Moses steps into Pharaoh’s court where he had spent half of his life—And Moses, presenting himself as a leader, and peer of Pharaoh speaks to him, through Aaron, requesting that the people of Israel be allowed to go out into the wilderness for a time to worship the Lord
 - However, Pharaoh refuses, just accuses them of being lazy and wanting to get out of

work—and makes their labor even more difficult

- And in chapter 6—Moses goes to tell the people of Israel that God has come to deliver them from slavery and to give them the land that He promised to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob
 - However Exodus 6:9 says: “**...but they did not listen to Moses, because of their broken spirit and harsh slavery.**” -Exodus 6:9 (ESV)
- So God is going to start this process of repairing their broken their spirits, by showing His power
 - God is about to go to war— not just against the land of Egypt and the man of Pharaoh... no, God is about to fight a spiritual war to show His supreme greatness over any other proclaimed deity.
- It's interesting in chapter 12 that we'll get to—the Lord clarifies: “**I will pass through the**

land of Egypt....and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgement: I am the Lord” -Exodus 12:12 (condensed)

- God wants His people to remember that He is their Lord....
 - God says that once He's done, the Egyptians will recognize that He is the Lord...
 - And later on in chapter 9, He says that because of this war with Egypt and their gods, all of the earth will recognize that He is the Lord.
- So Moses, along with his brother Aaron, go before Pharaoh to tell him what the Lord had commanded...to let the people of Israel—not just go worship for a time, but to let them completely go.
 - And as the Lord predicted—Pharaoh demands a sign, or a miracle to prove their legitimacy of being men of God

- ***“So Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and did just as the Lord commanded. Aaron cast down his staff before Pharaoh and his servants, and it became a serpent. Then Pharaoh summoned the wise men and the sorcerers, and they, the magicians of Egypt, also did the same by their secret arts. For each man cast down his staff, and they became serpents. But Aaron's staff swallowed up their staffs.” -Exodus 7:10-12 (ESV)***
- So, as the first show of God's power, God has Aaron—not Moses—(to make sure we know that this power is not coming from a man)—throw his staff down and it becomes a snake.
 - Then Pharaoh turns to his sorcerers to do the same, and by dark demonic magic they too turn their staffs into snakes
 - However, we are given the detail that Aaron's snake swallowed up theirs
- In doing so, God is showing His Power and Dominance over:
 - **Nehebkau: The snake god**
 - Nehebkau was known to be the god that provided the union between the body and the soul
 - But the soul was originated and breathed out by God (Genesis 2:7)
 - And keep in mind that God is working everything out here—to restore the breath of life that sin had corrupted
 - This fight with Egypt is a really a fight for the soul of mankind so that the Savior can be brought into the world and eventually breathe onto His disciples to restore that breath of life and say receive the Holy Spirit
 - So God in this first sign, even before the plagues is proving that He is the God of the soul

- This fake god, Nehebkau, was known to the Egyptian people to have received its power by swallowing 7 cobras—and in turn taking the form of snake
 - However, Aaron's snake swallowing theirs was showing God's supreme power over their dark magic
- There are dark practices and demonic activity that can mimic the power of God...but whenever they are put up against His power they get swallowed up every single time—
However, Pharaoh wasn't phased
- ***"Then the Lord said to Moses, "Pharaoh's heart is hardened; he refuses to let the people go. Go to Pharaoh in the morning, as he is going out to the water, and stand on the bank of the Nile to meet him. Take in your hand the staff that turned into a serpent. And you shall say to him, 'The Lord, the God of the Hebrews, sent me to you, saying, 'Let My people go, that they***

may serve Me in the wilderness." But so far, you have not obeyed. Thus says the Lord, "By this you shall know that I am the Lord: behold, with the staff that is in my hand I will strike the water that is in the Nile, and it shall turn into blood. The fish in the Nile shall die, and the Nile will stink, and the Egyptians will grow weary of drinking water from the Nile."...20 ***In the sight of Pharaoh and in the sight of his servants [Aaron] lifted up the staff and struck the water in the Nile, and all the water in the Nile turned into blood. And the fish in the Nile died, and the Nile stank, so that the Egyptians could not drink water from the Nile. There was blood throughout all the land of Egypt."*** -Exodus 7:14-21
(Condensed)

- Now, This was a direct shot at:
- Osiris: The god of the Underworld

- His role was two-fold for the Egyptians—He was the god of the afterlife, and the god of the Nile
- The Nile river was known to be the source of all life for the Egyptians
- And Osiris—who was thought to usher the dead into the afterlife— was also the one who was in charge of allowing the Nile river to flood that would allow all of their crops to grow and life to flourish in Egypt
- So God takes what they think to be their source of life and reveals to be a source of death
- And God is showing that there is only one true God that is in charge of eternity
- God is the true source of life, He's the true God of the afterlife—However, Pharaoh still refused to relent and verse 22 says: ***“But the magicians of Egypt did the same by their secret arts. So Pharaoh's heart remained***

hardened, and he would not listen to them, as the Lord had said. Pharaoh turned and went into his house, and he did not take even this to heart.” -Exodus 7:22-23 (ESV)

- *This continued for 7 days, and then, when we get to chapter 8—God tells Moses to go back to Pharaoh and tell him to let the people go so they can serve God—and if he refuses He will infest the land with frogs to the point that people couldn't go to bed or cook in the kitchen without dealing with these frogs!*
- *And apparently Pharaoh does refuse because verse 5 says: **“Say to Aaron, ‘Stretch out your hand with your staff over the rivers, over the canals and over the pools, and make frogs come up on the land of Egypt!’” So Aaron stretched out his hand over the waters of Egypt, and the frogs came up and covered the land of Egypt.” -Exodus 8:5-6 (ESV)***
- Now, here God is showing his power over:

- **Heqet: Egyptian goddess of fertility**

- Heqet was embodied as a frog, and many women would wear frog charms in her honor while pregnant to ensure a safe child birth
 - She was thought to be the giver of human life and the frogs were manifestations of her—but God shows that He’s actually the one in control
- In these first 3 signs we see God proving his dominance over:
- Nehebkau—as the true God of the soul
 - Osiris—as the True God of the afterlife
 - Heqet—as the True Giver of life
- At this point Pharaoh pleads with Moses and Aaron to ask God to get rid of the frogs and promises that if they do so, he will let the people of Israel go and worship God
- But once the frogs left, he became stubborn again and didn’t let them go

- ***“But when Pharaoh saw that there was a respite, he hardened his heart and would not listen to them, as the Lord had said. Then the Lord said to Moses, “Say to Aaron, ‘Stretch out your staff and strike the dust of the earth, so that it may become gnats in all the land of Egypt.’” And they did so. Aaron stretched out his hand with his staff and struck the dust of the earth, and there were gnats on man and beast. All the dust of the earth became gnats in all the land of Egypt.” -Exodus 8:15-17 ESV)***

- Now this is more about the dust of the earth than it is the gnats, or the lice because—This was God showing his power over:
- **Geb: Egyptian god of the earth**
- This was the god that they relied on for vegetation and allowing their crops to grow
 - The Great I Am here is showing and proving that “the Earth is the LORD’S and the fullness thereof”

- This was also a shot at the Egyptian priests that would always be completely hairless so they would never be defiled by lice or any type of parasite
 - But now, even they cannot keep themselves from the plague—and they are technically all now defiled
- And verse 18 says ***"The magicians tried by their secret arts to produce gnats, but they could not. So there were gnats on man and beast. Then the magicians said to Pharaoh, 'This is the finger of God.' But Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he would not listen to them, as the Lord had said."*** -Exodus 8: 18-19 (ESV)
- So next, God tells Moses to stand in Pharaoh's way as he makes his way down to the river the next day, and tells him to let the people go so they can worship God.
 - But if he doesn't, God will send swarms Flies that will fill all of the land and all of the houses everywhere except where the Israelites live.
- He says that this will do this so that Pharaoh and all of Egypt will know that He is the Lord in the midst of the earth.
- Verse 24 says: ***"And the Lord did so. There came great swarms of flies into the house of Pharaoh and into his servants' houses. Throughout all the land of Egypt the land was ruined by the swarms of flies."*** -Exodus 8:24 (ESV)
- Now these types of **Flies**, were like large horse flies, and they served as pagan Egyptian charms that represented Egyptian bravery and determination
 - However Paul would go on to tell Timothy that it's God who doesn't give us a spirit of fear but of power and love and sound mind.
 - And it's ironic because this is when Pharaoh's bravery and determination begins to break—

he finally tells Moses, “Ok, Ok! Go make sacrifices to your God!”

- Moses explains that the sacrifices that they need to make will require a 3 day journey
 - And Pharaoh agrees to let them go, and he does what would be an abomination—the complete opposite of determination and bravery to the Egyptian faith—he begs Moses to pray for him—to plead for him before God and lift the plagues
 - And Moses does—verse 30 says:
- ***“So Moses went out from Pharaoh and prayed to the Lord. And the Lord did as Moses asked, and removed the swarms of flies from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people; not one remained. But Pharaoh hardened his heart this time also, and did not let the people go.” -Exodus 8:30-31 (ESV)***

- ***“Then the Lord said to Moses, “Go in to Pharaoh and say to him, ‘Thus says the Lord, the God of the Hebrews, “Let My people go, that they may serve Me. For if you refuse to let them go and still hold them, behold, the hand of the Lord will fall with a very severe plague upon your livestock that are in the field, the horses, the donkeys, the camels, the herds, and the flocks. But the Lord will make a distinction between the livestock of Israel and the livestock of Egypt, so that nothing of all that belongs to the people of Israel shall die.” And the Lord set a time, saying, “Tomorrow the Lord will do this thing in the land.” And the next day the Lord did this thing. All the livestock of the Egyptians died, but not one of the livestock of the people of Israel died.” -Exodus 9:1-6 (ESV)***
- This was a shot at **Apis: The bull god**

- This was an actual live bull that would hold the position of this god and be worshipped by the Egyptians— and no doubt this bull-god was among the livestock that was killed in the plague as well.
- Apis was known to be the living embodiment of the Egyptian god Ptah—who was a creator god, known to be the creator of intellect, wisdom, and philosophy
 - So the Lord crushes their idea of wisdom— showing what Solomon would go on to write that only the fear of the One True Lord is the beginning of wisdom
 - All intelligence and knowledge is created by and comes from Him
- But Pharaoh still refuses to let the Israelites go.
- ***And the Lord said to Moses and Aaron, “Take handfuls of soot from the kiln, and let Moses throw them in the air in the sight of***

Pharaoh. It shall become fine dust over all the land of Egypt, and become boils breaking out in sores on man and beast throughout all the land of Egypt.” So they took soot from the kiln and stood before Pharaoh. And Moses threw it in the air, and it became boils breaking out in sores on man and beast.” -Exodus 9:8-10 (ESV)

- Here God is taking a direct shot at the **Egyptian Priests**
 - Now, soot from the kiln—essentially means, “ash from the furnace”
 - You see, Egypt was an industrial powerhouse and there would be these large furnaces all over the country that would be used in creating pottery, metal work, glass crafting, and other industrial processes
- So you could say that these furnaces were a symbol of the Egyptian economy

- However, it is interesting that God has Moses take these ashes, in the sight of Pharaoh, and throw them in the air.
 - Because the Egyptian priests had a practice —after a great sacrifice, they would take the ashes from the sacrifice and throw them up into the air and allow them to fall on the great crowd of Egyptians.
 - And this was supposed to serve as a sign of protection, blessing, and healing from the gods over the people
- So now, Moses, almost mocking their priests and practices—throws these ashes into the air but instead of it being a blessing to the people now these ashes were bringing a curse on them
- What you think will heal you apart from God will actually harm you
- What you think will protect you apart from God will destroy you
- And this took such a toll on the priests that verse 11 says: “**And the magicians could not stand before Moses because of the boils, for the boils came upon the magicians and upon all the Egyptians. But the Lord hardened the heart of Pharaoh, and he did not listen to them, as the Lord had spoken to Moses.**” -Exodus 9:11-12 (ESV)
- Now, this is the first instance we see of God making good on His promise to harden Pharaoh’s heart
- If you think about it, every other time—it was Pharaoh who had hardened his own heart
 - After the staff became a serpent it says: “Still, Pharaoh’s heart was hardened”
 - After the Nile was turned to blood “Pharaoh’s heart remained hardened”
 - After the frogs, chapter 8 says of Pharaoh that: “HE hardened his heart”

- After the gnats: “Pharaoh’s heart remained hardened and he wouldn’t listen”
 - After the flies, verse 32 says: “But PHARAOH hardened his heart this time also”
 - After the livestock: “the heart of Pharaoh was hardened”
- We see six times that Pharaoh hardens his own heart first—and then only after the 6th plague does it say that *the Lord* now hardens his heart
 - The word for “harden” here can be translated to “shew stubbornness”—and it’s interesting that the number 6 is the number of man
 - So what this tells me is that we can be so caught up in the stubbornness of our humanity and rejection of God that eventually He will just give us over to it.
 - You see, God can and does many times amplify the state of our heart—if we have a heart of faith, He can and does amplify that faith, if we have a heart of stubbornness He

can give us over to it and amplify that in us as well

- How, many people do you see—argue against the existence of God, resist Him, and then when they get to the point where they can no longer logically deny Him, they double down anyway—because it’s the state of heart that they want and desire
- Pharaoh has no logical reason to stand against God here now—his own priests can’t even stand before Him because of the power of God that has been put on display
 - But God has a reasoning for allowing his heart to be hardened even further:
- ***“Then the Lord said to Moses, “Rise up early in the morning and present yourself before Pharaoh and say to him, ‘Thus says the Lord, the God of the Hebrews, “Let My people go, that they may serve Me. For this time I will send all my plagues on you yourself, and on your servants and your***

people, so that you may know that there is none like Me in all the earth. For by now I could have put out My hand and struck you and your people with pestilence, and you would have been cut off from the earth. But for this purpose I have raised you up, to show you My power, so that My name may be proclaimed in all the earth.” -Exodus 9:13-16 (ESV)

- God is telling Pharaoh that the only reason that he is alive and breathing and sitting on that throne at all is because God allowed him to be there
- And no matter how much Pharaoh resists him, God is going to announce Himself and His glory to the entire world through him.
- God has always been about bringing all people to Himself
 - God is preserving these Hebrew people because He promised Abraham that through

them ALL the nations of the world would be blessed

- So God explains that He is going to send Hail and Fire from the sky, but even gives the Egyptians an opportunity to be saved from this plague
- Verse 20 says: “**Then whoever feared the word of the Lord among the servants of Pharaoh hurried his slaves and his livestock into the houses, but whoever did not pay attention to the word of the Lord left his slaves and his livestock in the field.**”
-Exodus 9:20-21 (ESV)
 - He said, “Whoever!” feared the Lord—God is giving everyone ample opportunity here—he has even given Pharaoh that
 - He is giving the people of Egypt an out to not be punished for the stubbornness of Pharaoh
- But He is going to show His power in such a way that the whole world will not be able to

deny who the One True God is and who His people are

- Verse 24 says: ***“There was hail and fire flashing continually in the midst of the hail, very heavy hail, such as had never been in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation. The hail struck down everything that was in the field in all the land of Egypt, both man and beast. And the hail struck down every plant of the field and broke every tree of the field. Only in the land of Goshen, where the people of Israel were, was there no hail.” -Exodus 9:24-26 (ESV)***

- Here God is Showing His power over
- **Nut: The goddess of the sky/cosmos**
 - Every rain, storm, natural disaster, sunny days, whatever the weather was thought to be under her control

- *But God is showing there is only One who can control the skies—there is One who sends rain on both the just and the unjust*
- *Like the Psalmist says: The heavens declare the glory of GOD, and the skies proclaims HIS handiwork!*
- *Like the Prophet Jeremiah would go on to say: “When He thunders, the waters in the heavens are in turmoil, and He causes the clouds to rise from the ends of the earth. He makes lightning for the rain and brings the wind from His storehouses.”*
- And now after all of this— Pharaoh seems to change his tune: ***“Then Pharaoh sent and called Moses and Aaron and said to them, “This time I have sinned; the Lord is in the right, and I and my people are in the wrong. Plead with the Lord, for there has been enough of God's thunder and hail. I will let you go, and you shall stay no longer.” Moses said to him, “As soon as I have gone***

out of the city, I will stretch out my hands to the Lord. The thunder will cease, and there will be no more hail, so that you may know that the earth is the Lord's. But as for you and your servants, I know that you do not yet fear the Lord God.” -Exodus 9:27-30 (ESV)

- Moses knows that Pharaoh might be saying the right thing—but he doesn’t really believe it—he’s just saying what he thinks that Moses wants to hear to get this plague over with
- And this is evident in verse 34 when it says:
“But when Pharaoh saw that the rain and the hail and the thunder had ceased, he sinned yet again and hardened his heart, he and his servants.” -Exodus 9:34 (ESV)
- Again, we have to be very clear—this is Pharaoh’s sin. God is allowing him to double down in his sin but God is not creating His sin

- This is very important for us to know because James is very clear in letting us know that God does not tempt anyone
- But God allows sin, He allows people to be given into their already hardened hearts—and works something through them
- At this point even Pharaoh’s servants are trying to talk some sense into him—in chapter 10 it says that they appeal to him to recognize that Egypt is being ruined and he should just let the Hebrews Go!
- So Pharaoh calls Moses and Aaron and essentially asks—“Ok, if I let you go worship your God, who will go with you?”
- Moses said, “All of us....our young, our old, our sons, our daughters, our little ones, all our livestock—all of us!”
- Pharaoh says, “There’s no way you’re taking your little ones! You’re planning something evil! Just the men can go! No one else”—And

then he drove Moses and Aaron away from his presence

- *Here we go again—“**Then the Lord said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the land of Egypt for the locusts, so that they may come upon the land of Egypt and eat every plant in the land, all that the hail has left.”** So Moses stretched out his staff over the land of Egypt, and the Lord brought an east wind upon the land all that day and all that night. ...15 They covered the face of the whole land, so that the land was darkened, and they ate all the plants in the land and all the fruit of the trees that the hail had left. Not a green thing remained, neither tree nor plant of the field, through all the land of Egypt.” -Exodus 10:12-16 (Condensed)*
- Here we see God Taking down
- Neper: The Egyptian god of harvest
 - Neper was the god of grain and sustenance

- However, Yahweh is showing that He is the only One that can give us the sustenance that we need—man shall not live on bread alone, but every word that comes from the mouth of God
- They gave Neper credit for growing their crops and bringing a Harvest but the Lord says in Leviticus “No...”I will send you rain in its season, and the ground will yield its crops and the trees their fruit.”
- So God has been showing through all of these plagues that He is the God that fills the earth, God is the one who creates intelligence, God is the one who empowers and strengthens people, God is the one who brings blessing and healing, God is the God of Heaven and of Earth
- But God still hasn’t challenged the 2 most renown Egyptian gods—but He’s about to:
- *“**Then the Lord said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, a darkness***

to be felt.” So Moses stretched out his hand toward heaven, and there was pitch darkness in all the land of Egypt three days. They did not see one another, nor did anyone rise from his place for three days, but all the people of Israel had light where they lived.” -Exodus 10:21-23 (ESV)

- This was God proving His dominance over the most renowned god of all of the Egyptian gods:
Ra, the sun god
- To the Egyptians Ra, was the father creator of all things.
 - He was the creator and god of the sun and of all light, power, and kingship
 - But no, there's only One King, there is only One creator—Ra was not the one that said, “Let there be light”
 - There is only One True Supreme God— and showing His control over the sun has

overwhelmingly proved it to the Egyptian people

- This was a darkness that they felt deeply because of how renowned Ra was
- Moses tries to negotiate with Pharaoh again, but this time Pharaoh tells Moses that if he ever sees his face again he'll kill him on sight.
- *Then for the final blow, God is going to send the destroyer into the land of Egypt to bring about the Death of the Firstborn sons and livestock of all the Egyptians*
 - Not all, the sons, like Egypt had done to the Hebrew boys—just the first born
- But God had said this was going to happen from the beginning—way back in chapter 4 God tells Moses: ***“Then you shall say to Pharaoh, ‘Thus says the Lord, Israel is My firstborn son, and I say to you, “Let My son go that he may serve Me.” If you refuse to let him***

go, behold, I will kill your firstborn son.”

-Exodus 4:22-23 (ESV)

- And in doing so, God shows his dominance over the ultimate god of the Egyptians,
Pharaoh himself: the god man
 - Pharaoh and his first born son were seen as living gods on the earth
 - Whoever ruled as Pharaoh was known to be the living son of Ra and when he dies he would become Osiris
 - When Pharaoh and the Egyptians thought that he and his family were untouchable, God proves that they are not.
 - He's the only True God—He's the King of kings and Lord of lords
- So God told Moses to give the people certain instructions that would protect them when the angel of death would come.
 - He told them to get a lamb on the 10th day of the first month, make sure it is without

blemish, and at twilight on the 15th day of the month, they would offer it as a sacrifice to the Lord and put the blood on both door posts and the lintel above the door.

- And He says in verse 12, ***“For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.” -Exodus 12:12-13 (ESV)***
- Now it's interesting that He says the blood shall be a sign FOR YOU. Because you would think that the blood would be a sign for the destroyer...not them.
 - But what we fail to realize is that this had always been so much more about faith.

- It was an act of faith that the people would follow these instructions and that they would trust that everything would happen according to what God said would happen.
- *It wasn't the blood on the doors that would save them it was the faith in their hearts.*
- Faith in the God that was greater than any Egyptian God!
 - Faith in the God that is the source of all life
 - Faith in the God of Heaven and of Earth
 - Faith in the God of wisdom and blessing
 - Faith in the God above all gods
 - Faith in God of the Firstborn that all of this is ultimately foreshadowing
- ***“For the Lord will pass through to strike the Egyptians, and when He sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the Lord will pass over the door and will not allow the destroyer to enter your houses to strike you. ” -Exodus 12:23 (ESV)***
- That's the Gospel isn't it? Because we accept in faith, the shed blood of the Jesus, (Who Colossians says is the firstborn of all creation) — the destroyer will never be able to come and strike us.
 - Because of Jesus we can confidently say, “Oh death—where is your sting! Oh death where is your victory!”
- That's what this was all about this entire time
- **VIDEO**
- Jesus is our sacrificial Lamb. Whenever we accept by faith, His shed blood for us, death has no choice but to pass over us when that time comes because we are marked for eternity as children of God, by the blood of the Lamb.
- That's what this first passover was illustrating all of those years before our Savior ultimately came into the world
- And at midnight that night—the destroyer came through the land, and every house that

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had the blood was passed over, and every house that did not was struck

- And all of Egypt wept aloud over the loss of their firstborns—and now Pharaoh has finally had his breaking point, calls Moses and Aaron in the middle of the night and tells them to get their people and leave
- And that's where we will pick up next week.
- But as we close, I encourage you—make sure that He is the one true God of your life
 - Make sure that He is King of kings and Lord of lords to you, and in your heart
 - Because if you look for rest for your soul anywhere else—you'll be swallowed up...like the snakes
 - If you look for hope in the afterlife anywhere else—it will result in eternal death...like the blood in the Nile
 - If you look for purpose and meaning and direction in life, in anywhere else other than

the Source of Life— your life will just be overwhelming and chaotic...like the frogs

- And I won't walk through all of them again but if you need the notes they're always online on our website
- But God has been proving who He is and His power since the beginning of time—and the only question is, will you allow Him to amplify your heart of faith, or allow you to be given over to a stubborn heart?