

## Moses Week 12

### Plagues That Preach Ex 7:14-21

Ex 7:14 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Pharaoh's heart is unyielding; he refuses to let the people go. 15 Go to Pharaoh in the morning as he goes out to the water. Wait on the bank of the Nile to meet him, and take in your hand the staff that was changed into a snake. 16 Then say to him, 'The LORD, the God of the Hebrews, has sent me to say to you: Let my people go, so that they may worship me in the desert. But until now you have not listened. 17 This is what the LORD says: By this you will know that I am the LORD: With the staff that is in my hand I will strike the water of the Nile, and it will be changed into blood. 18 The fish in the Nile will die, and the river will stink; the Egyptians will not be able to drink its water.'" 19 The LORD said to Moses, "Tell Aaron, 'Take your staff and stretch out your hand over the waters of Egypt--over the streams and canals, over the ponds and all the reservoirs'--and they will turn to blood. Blood will be everywhere in Egypt, even in the wooden buckets and stone jars." 20 Moses and Aaron did just as the LORD had commanded. 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. 21 The fish in the Nile died, and the river smelled so bad that the Egyptians could not drink its water. Blood was everywhere in Egypt.

*Charles Spurgeon once wrote "How many hardened sailors when their ship is about to be consumed by mighty waves have bowed their knees with tears in their eyes and cried 'I have sinned'? But to what avail was the confession that when the calm came the repentance was soon forgotten."*

I would add real \_\_\_\_\_ never returns to bad habits.

Chuck Swindoll tells us there are four great eras of miracles in the Bible. Three have already happened, the fourth is yet to come.

1. In the days of \_\_\_\_\_
2. In the days of \_\_\_\_\_
3. In the days when \_\_\_\_\_ walked on earth
4. In the \_\_\_\_\_
  - God will again visit the earth with a series of devastating \_\_\_\_\_ meeting out His righteous wrath on a world that has refused His Son, His Word, and His ways.
  - In the final days, I believe the greatest judgment will be God just leaving us to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - We must change our \_\_\_\_\_ in order to change.

The \_\_\_\_\_

- The assault on Egypt is to show the power of God and the judgment on \_\_\_\_\_.

Principles that will help us understand the plagues:

1. God deals \_\_\_\_\_ with His people than He does with idolaters.
2. God will always deal with the \_\_\_\_\_ of the problem, not just the \_\_\_\_\_ of the problem.
3. God hears and uses the \_\_\_\_\_ of His faithful servants.
4. We will see that God's power is so \_\_\_\_\_ that one area can be destroyed while another area just a short distance away remains untouched.
5. God in His \_\_\_\_\_ will use people, places, and circumstances to reveal His power and glory.
6. God's love for us will always reveal, by His spirit, our own \_\_\_\_\_. When the darkness of \_\_\_\_\_ enters our lives we can be assured God can be trusted.

### The Plagues

The First Plague: The Nile Turns to \_\_\_\_\_

- Hapi - the god of the Nile; the water bearer
- Though the magicians were able to \_\_\_\_\_ the miracle, they could not stop and change it back, showing again the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

The Second Plague: Frogs

- Heket - an Egyptian goddess of fertility, water and renewal. This goddess had the head of a \_\_\_\_\_.
- God was punishing their \_\_\_\_\_ sin.

The Third Plague: Gnats

- Geb - the Egyptian god of the Earth
- The dust that God used to make man and form creation was now being used to \_\_\_\_\_ man.

The Fourth Plague: Flies

- Khepri - the god of creation, movement of sun, rebirth
- This god had the head of a \_\_\_\_\_.

Final thoughts:

1. When God is working in the lives of \_\_\_\_\_, they cannot bargain their way out of trouble
2. When the power of God comes the power of man must \_\_\_\_\_ to God's will.
3. God discerns between the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Remember, God will always fight for the \_\_\_\_\_ against the ungodly kingdoms of this earth, and God will prevail.