



God Punishes Egypt with Ten Curses

Exodus 7:1~11:10

The Israelites cried out to the Lord to save them from the slavery. God heard it and called Moses from the wilderness to save the Israelites. Therefore, Moses went to Egypt along with his brother Aaron.

Moses said to Pharaoh, the king of Egypt,

“This is the command from God. Let the people of God go out of Egypt.”

The king laughed and said,

“I don't know God. I won't let them go.”

The king didn't listen to Moses' word and forced Israelites to work hard. According to the word of God, Moses lifted up his rod and struck the river Nile.

The river was turned to blood red. Then all fishes in the river were dead so there was no water to drink. However, the king didn't obey the word of God. God made numerous frogs come up on all the land of Egypt but the king didn't pay attention to the word of God.

Even though God changed the dust of all the land to lice and thick swarms of flies came into all the land of Egypt, the king hardened his heart and didn't allow the Israelites to go.



... in Your hand is there not power
and might, so that no one is able
to withstand You?

2 Chronicles 20:6



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After that, severe pestilence was upon all livestock of Egyptians, God caused boils that break out in sores on man and beast, and He rained hail on the land of Egypt. At continuous disasters, the king Pharaoh called Moses and Aaron and said,

"I have sinned this time. If the hail cease, I will let you go."

However, when the hail ceased, the king hardened his heart and didn't let the Israelites go. Then locusts went up over all the land of Egypt so there remained nothing throughout all the land of Egypt. Again, the king called Moses and Aaron and said,

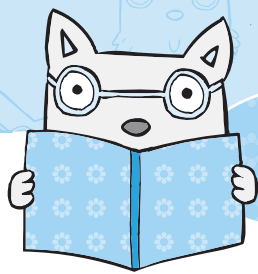
"I have sinned against the Lord your God. Please entreat the Lord to take away this disaster."

However, the king hardened his heart again and didn't let the Israelites go when he saw the disaster disappeared. Afterwards, there were darkness for three days and finally God killed all the firstborn in Egypt, men and animals.

At this time, the king Pharaoh fell on his knees to God and let the Israelites go.

While 10 disasters were upon Egypt, God didn't allow the disasters in Goshen to protect the Israelites.





Today's Study

Lord, true God

1. God brought various disasters to Egypt. List 10 disasters in order below.

2. After studying 10 disasters on Egypt, what did you learn from that?

3. Why did God bring disasters on Egypt? After reading Exd 7:4-5, write down the answers.



4. When God brought disasters on Egypt, there were no disasters on Goshen where the Israelites lived. Search the words that contain God's separation of the Israelites.

(Exd 8:22)

disaster, (Exd 9:7)

disaster

(Exd 9:25-26)

disaster, (Exd 10:23)

disaster

(Exd 11:7)

disaster

5. Why did God separate the Israelites from Egyptians when the disasters were upon Egypt? After reading Exd 8:22, write down the answers.

"But the LORD is the true God; He is the living God and the everlasting King."

(Jer 10:10)



Today's Lesson

As shown in the following figure, when disasters were upon Egypt, the king Pharaoh suggested various compromises not to let the Israelites go. Write down the corresponding disaster under each figure.



Write down the compromises and their root causes.

Disaster	Pharaoh's Compromise	Root Cause
Flies (Exd 8:22-23)		
Locusts (Exd 10:11)		
Darkness (Exd 10:24)		

The devil hates our obedience to the word of God.

So while obeying the word of God in some cases, we are tempted to disobey Him in other cases for compromising with the world.

We have to decide to follow the word of God completely. When temptation of the devil comes to us, we have to remember the promise of God and please Him.

Let's Find out



The Meanings of the Ten Plagues that Were Cast on Egypt

There were many gods in Egypt, and people worshipped them. God cast ten plagues on Egypt to show the Egyptians that the gods they were worshipping were fakes. Following are the ten plagues that God bestowed in Egypt and the Egyptian gods that those plagues judged.

Disaster of the Frogs - the god that helped the Egyptians have many babies

Disaster of Lice - the god of dust

Disaster of Flies - the god of flies

Disaster of Disease of Livestock - the god that protects livestock

Disaster of Boils - the god that cures sicknesses

Disaster of Hail - god of the sky

Disaster of Locusts - the god that protects Egypt from locusts

Disaster of Darkness - the god of sun

The disaster of the Death of Firstborns - the god of life

God let the Egyptians know that the gods they worshipped were nothing through the casting of the ten plagues.

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