

THE STORY OF MOSES

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CHAPTER TWELVE

WHY GOD SENT THE PLAGUES

Let us think again of Pharaoh's answer to Moses when he made his first request to let the people go,

“Who is the Lord that I should obey his voice to let Israel go?” (Ch. 5:2).

Through all of these plagues we have been seeing how God set about to answer Pharaoh's question. It was in such a manner as would show to all Egypt that the God of the Hebrews was the only true and living God.

The Egyptians worshiped many strange gods and in these terrible judgments God struck with great and mighty power upon their gods.

For example, the River Nile, frogs, flies, cattle, fire and water (lightning and hail) were all objects of Egyptian worship.

Then the people were very proud, especially the priests and magicians, so that the coming of lice and locusts must have been very humiliating. Their gods were not able to destroy such small pests, much less create them out of nothing.

Think of how those three days of darkness, marked by light in the homes of the Hebrews, must have showed the difference between the true God and the false gods, for the Egyptians worshiped the sun and moon.

Now the God who made these great heavenly lights and swung them out into space, shut off the light for a time and it was night. I wonder if Pharaoh, as he sat in the thick darkness, thought of the God whom he was fighting.

I like to think that all of these judgments fulfilled a two-fold mission:

One, to Israel, showing them what a God of might and power the God of Israel is;
Second, to the Egyptians, showing them what a God of grace, mercy and patience He is.

Every time God sent Moses into Pharaoh's presence to ask that His people Israel might go to worship Him, He gave Pharaoh an opportunity to repent. God could have taken Israel out of the land at once, but that was not His way. He chose rather to show them His great love and patience.

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