



This week we will study about how God showed the then known world, who was the true and living God.

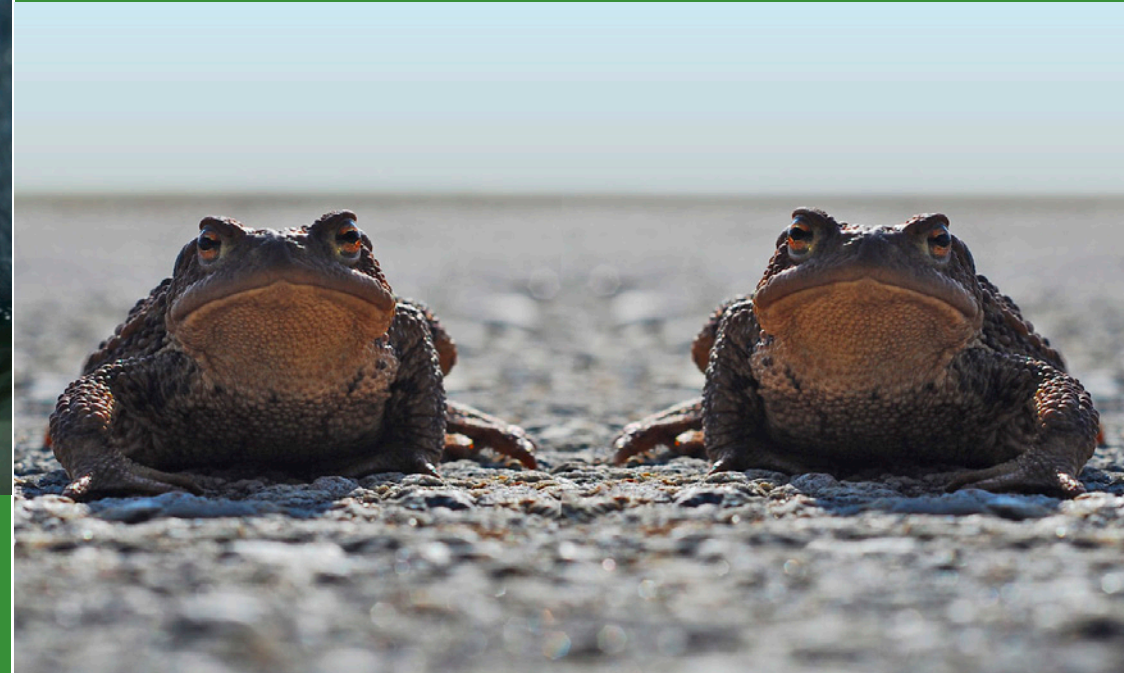


Torchlight

"Before the infliction of each plague, Moses was to describe its nature and effects, that the King might save himself from it if he chose. Every punishment rejected would be followed by one more severe until his proud heart would be humbled, and he would acknowledge the Maker of heaven and earth as the true and living God."
– Patriarchs & Prophets p. 263



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THE PLAGUES AND THE PASSOVER

Daily Devotional 16



SUNDAY

LET'S PRAY Dear God, thank You for my good night's sleep. Thank You for taking such good care of me. Help me to understand what I am reading. In Jesus' name, Amen.

MEMORY VERSE – 1 JOHN 5:21

“Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.”

THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:
Exodus 7:14–25



LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

Our reading today tells us that the first plague was the water turning into blood. The Nile River was the life of Egypt and they worshipped it like a God. Pharaoh paid his respects to the river every day and this is where Moses and Aaron met him. God turned the River Nile and all the streams and ponds of water into blood. The fish died and the river stank. So the river was now a smelly idol god! Notice in verse 22 that the magicians also turned some water into blood. Verse 25 tells us the plague lasted 7 days. Pharaoh's heart was hardened and he would not let the children of Israel go.

Think about what the Egyptians were doing? They were worshipping a river! A river cannot hear and answer your prayers. A river cannot take care of you and keep you from danger. God is the one true living God and we should worship Him alone. God can do above and beyond what any idol or false god claims to do. Check it out in Ephesians 3:9, 3:20 and Deuteronomy 10:17.



UNSCRAMBLE THIS VERSE - EXODUS 7:17

“Thus the LORD: ‘By this you shall know that I am the LORD. Behold, I will make the waters of the river into blood, and they shall know that I am the LORD.’”

WHAT DID YOU LEARN TODAY WITH THE KING?





MONDAY

LET'S PRAY Dear Father, thank You for another day. Please let Your light shine through me today so I can share You with others. Thank You for my Bible. In Jesus' name, Amen.

MEMORY VERSE – 1 JOHN 5:21

“Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.”

THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

Exodus 8:1–19



LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

So the second plague was frogs. Frogs were also an idol which the Egyptians worshipped which they considered to be sacred. Verse 3 tells us they were everywhere, even in the beds! Yuck! The magicians appeared to produce frogs but they did not have the power to remove them. The frogs became so intolerable that Pharaoh asked Moses to remove the plague. God allowed the frogs to die and Egypt stank of smelly idol frogs! The third plague was lice, which covered the animals and the Egyptians. The magicians told Pharaoh that this was the finger of God as they could not produce the lice. With both plagues Pharaoh's heart was hardened and when the plagues were removed he refused to let the Israelites go.

God was proving to the Egyptians that He was stronger and more powerful than the Egyptian gods. It got to the point that even the magicians acknowledged that their power couldn't match that of the one and only true and living God. Remember that God is the 'I AM'. Check out these verses to see how great God is! Job 26:7-14.



UNSCRAMBLE THIS VERSE - EXODUS 8:18

“Now the worked magicians so with man their lice to bring forth lice, but they could enchantments not. So there were on and beast.”

WHAT DID YOU LEARN TODAY WITH THE KING?





TUESDAY

LET'S PRAY Dear Lord, I praise and thank You. Help me to draw closer to You. Please keep me from idols and help me to trust and follow You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

MEMORY VERSE – 1 JOHN 5:21

“Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.”

THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

Exodus 8:20–32
& 9:1–7



LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

Our reading today tells us the fourth plague was flies. These were not ordinary flies but large, venomous flies. Their bite was very painful and they bit both the Egyptians and their animals. Notice in verse 22 that the Israelites did not have the plagues fall on them in Goshen. God protected them and kept them safe. Again we are told that Pharaoh said they could go but when God took the plague away he hardened his heart against God. The fifth plague was a livestock disease. The Egyptians also worshipped their livestock and had gods

that resembled them. They had a bull god, a cow god and two different ram gods. Again God protected the Israelites' animals from the plague and Pharaoh hardened his heart and would not let the Israelites go.



Just as God protected His people during the plagues, God also will take care of those who love and obey Him. That includes you! Check out these verses in Psalm 121:7-8 and Psalm 91:9-11.

UNSCRAMBLE THIS VERSE - EXODUS 8:24

“And Pharaoh did so. Thick swarms of flies came into the house of the Lord, into land his servants' houses, and into all the swarms of Egypt. The land was corrupted because of the of flies.”

WHAT DID YOU LEARN TODAY WITH THE KING?





WEDNESDAY

LET'S PRAY Dear God, help me to be obedient and faithful to You. I love You so much Lord and want to follow You. Thank You for my Bible and help me to understand what I read today.
In Jesus' name, Amen.

MEMORY VERSE – 1 JOHN 5:21

“Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.”

THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

Exodus 9:8–35



LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

The Bible now tells us the sixth plague was boils. They were extremely painful sores all over the body. We read in verse 11 that even the magicians had boils. This was done to show that God was more powerful than the magicians and that it was silly to trust in them. From our reading today we also find out that the seventh plague was hail. God told Moses to warn Pharaoh to bring in from the fields all the servants and the animals that are left so they won't die. Some of the Egyptians heeded these instructions but others didn't want to. A storm like this had never been witnessed before and even rain was unusual in Egypt



at this time. The hail came as predicted and everything, not under cover, was destroyed, including crops, trees, animals and man. Fire was mixed with the hail and left utter destruction. The Israelites were again protected. The Egyptians were very scared and Pharaoh repented, but it was not sincere.

God in His mercy gave Pharaoh warning before each plague fell. Noah was also warned by God about the coming flood and he chose to heed God's instructions. You can find that in Hebrews 11:7. God is faithful in His warnings. Choose to follow God's warnings today!

UNSCRAMBLE THIS VERSE - EXODUS 9:26

“Only in the land of Israel, where the hail of children were, there was no Goshen.”

WHAT DID YOU LEARN TODAY WITH THE KING?





THURSDAY

LET'S PRAY Dearest Heavenly Father, help me to choose You today in all that I do. Thank You for all You do for me. Help me to understand Your Word. In Jesus' name, Amen.

MEMORY VERSE – 1 JOHN 5:21

“Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.”

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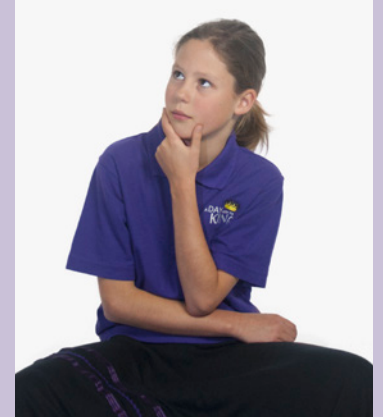
LET'S READ:

Exodus 10:1–29



LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

We have read today that the eighth plague was locusts. The Egyptians, by this time, were over it! They'd had enough. The leaders pled with the Pharaoh to let the Israelites go. They saw that the Hebrews' God was more powerful than them. But Pharaoh would only let the Israelite men go, not the women and children. But God wanted all of them to go, so the plague came! The locusts ate up everything that was left by the other plagues. Pharaoh repented again. But again it was not sincere and after the plague was gone his heart was hardened. The ninth plague was darkness, which lasted for 3 days. In God's compassion these 3 days of darkness was time that He gave them to reflect and repent on their idol worship and turn to Him. One of the Egyptians' greatest gods was the sun god 'Ra'. The Pharaoh considered himself the 'son of Ra', so 3 days of darkness was a huge blow to the so-called power of their sun god. Think about what the Egyptians were doing. They were worshipping the creation that God made but not God who created it. We are to worship the Creator not the creation. Also check out these verses in Psalms 135:15-17.



UNSCRAMBLE THIS VERSE - EXODUS 10:22

“So stretched out his toward hand heaven, and there was thick Egypt darkness in all the land Moses of three days.”

WHAT DID YOU LEARN TODAY WITH THE KING?





FRIDAY

LET'S PRAY Dear Lord, thank You for my family. Thank You for the air I breathe and the sunshine and the rain. Thank you for the food I eat and the clothes I wear. You are mighty Lord!
In Jesus' name, Amen.

MEMORY VERSE – 1 JOHN 5:21

“Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.”

THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

Exodus 11:1–10
& 12:1–11



LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

Up until this time the Egyptian people desired that the Israelites be let go. Moses had become a great man, as verse 11:3 tells us. It was Pharaoh that didn't want the Israelites to leave. Even with the loss of their great food crops and animals he still didn't want to truly repent and acknowledge God. In verse 11:2, Moses told the Israelites to ask the Egyptians for silver and gold for their unpaid wages and the people gladly gave it to them. Exodus 10:28 tells us Moses had been forbidden to go back into Pharaoh's presence. But at the peril of his life



Moses then went and warned Pharaoh of the last plague. In the tenth plague all the firstborn of Egypt would die. To protect themselves from the plague Moses told the Israelites that they must take a lamb that had no blemishes, kill it, eat it and sprinkle the blood on their doorposts, so the plague will pass over them.

God wanted to deliver the Israelites from the bondage of slavery, but the Passover also pointed to Christ delivering us from the bondage of sin, by dying on the cross for us. What an amazing sacrifice was put in place for us!

UNSCRAMBLE THIS VERSE - EXODUS 12:5

“Your shall lamb be without, a male of the first year. You blemish may take it sheep from the or from the goats.”

WHAT DID YOU LEARN TODAY WITH THE KING?





SABBATH

LET'S PRAY Dear Father, thank You so much for the Sabbath where I can spend the day with You. Help me to be faithful, Lord, and a blessing to others. In Jesus' name, Amen.

MEMORY VERSE – 1 JOHN 5:21

“Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.”

THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

Exodus 12:12–32



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

So our reading today tells us that the Passover was an important event for the Israelites to remember. God did not want them to forget how He delivered them. Exodus 12:29 tells us that at midnight, as predicted, all the first born in Egypt died. There was a terrible cry of grief that went through Egypt. Pharaoh summoned Moses and Aaron in the middle of the night and told them they could all go—men, women, children and all the Israelites' livestock. Pharaoh had finally been humbled by God.

It's a shame it took 10 plagues and much heart-ache, pain and terrible damage to Egypt for the Pharaoh to be humbled by the great 'I AM'. Pride is one of the biggest stumbling blocks in the way of Christ reaching our hearts. Proverbs 16:18 tells us that pride goes before a fall. But James 4:10 tells us that God will lift up the humble heart that is presented to Him.



SABBATH QUIZ

1. What was the third plague? _____
2. What was the seventh plague? _____
3. What was the plague that lasted 3 days? _____
4. What type of bread did the Israelites eat during the Passover?

5. What time of day did the tenth plague strike? _____