

Plagues

Chapter 7:1-5

God told Moses and Aaron to go to the king and ask for permission to leave. God said, "But I will make the king's heart stubborn so I can multiply my miraculous signs and wonders in the land of Egypt...Then the Egyptians will know that I am who I am."

7:10-13

So Moses and Aaron went to *the king* and did what *God* had commanded them...¹³ *The king's heart, however, remained stubborn.* He still refused to listen, just as *God* had predicted.

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¹⁴Then *God* said to Moses, "*The king's heart is stubborn,* and he still refuses to let the people go...So God sent ten plagues to the people of Egypt. He turned all the water into blood, he sent a storm of locusts that destroyed all the crops, he sent boils to plague everyone, and he sent many more things. When each plague came, the king would agree to let the people go if God would stop the plague. God stopped each plague, but time after time, the king still refused to let the people go. Finally God sent the last and worst plague.*

Chapter 12:1-5

...*God* gave the following instructions to Moses and Aaron:...“Announce to the whole community of *my people* that...each family must choose a lamb or a young goat for a sacrifice, one animal for each household...

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Then the whole...community of *God's people* must slaughter their lamb or young goat at twilight *on the day I tell you.* ⁷ They are to take some of the blood and smear it on the sides and top of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the animal. ⁸ That same night they must *prepare a meal with it.* ¹¹ “These are your instructions for eating this meal: Be fully dressed, wear your sandals, and carry your walking stick in your hand. Eat the meal with urgency, *because this is a special celebration.*

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¹⁷“*From this day forward, you will celebrate this Festival wherever you are...it will remind you that I brought your forces out of...Egypt on this very day...When you enter the land God has promised to give you, you will continue to observe this ceremony.*

²⁶ Then your children will ask, ‘What does this ceremony mean?’ ²⁷ And you will reply, ‘It is the Passover sacrifice to *God*, *because this is the day he rescued us out of Egypt.*’ ”...

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¹² On that night I will pass through...Egypt and *kill* every firstborn son and firstborn male animal in...Egypt. I will execute judgment against all the gods of Egypt, *because I am who I am!* ¹³ But the blood on your doorposts will serve as a sign, marking the houses where you are staying. When I see the blood, I will pass over you. This plague of death will not touch you when I strike the land of Egypt...

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²⁸ So *God's people* did just as *he* had commanded through Moses and Aaron. ²⁹ And that night at midnight, *God* struck down all the firstborn sons in...Egypt, from the

firstborn son of *the king* to the firstborn son of the prisoner in the dungeon. Even the firstborn of their livestock were killed. ³⁰ *The king* and all his officials and all the people of Egypt woke up during the night, and loud wailing was heard throughout the land of Egypt. There was not a single house where someone had not died.

³⁵ *The king* sent for Moses and Aaron during the night. “Get out!” he ordered. “Leave my people—and take the rest of *your people* with you!...

³⁶ *God* caused the Egyptians to look favorably on *his people*, and they gave *them* whatever they asked for. So *God’s people* stripped the Egyptians of their wealth!

³⁹ ...*But*, the people were driven out of Egypt in such a hurry that they had no time to prepare the bread or other food.

This is the story of how God rescued his people out of the slavery they had been in for 430 years!

Story Notes

It’s like God is saying, even to the Israelites, that he is greater than the Egyptian gods. Maybe the Israelites needed to know that too, before they went out into the desert. Is that why he made his heart hard? So that he’d have to send the plagues and show up the Egyptian gods?

Remembering and making note of his faithfulness before and knowing he will be so again.

Being intentional in everything—eat in haste—and we are still waiting for Jesus to come back—we shouldn’t stop along the way to greet

Later on, God identifies himself as the “God who brought them out of Egypt” over and over again. Why? Because that’s when he showed himself stronger than any other God. That’s when he rescued them.

How did God rescue you out of your slavery?

How did he show you that he was greater than others? How do *you* know that he’s greater?

How do you remember what he did? What do you say to others about what he did for you and how he rescued you?

