



## THE PLAGUES IN EGYPT

**EXODUS 7:14-18:  
10:21-29**

Pharaoh said, "Who is the LORD, that I should obey him and let Israel go? I do not know the Lord and I will not let Israel go." Exodus 5:2

<sup>14</sup> Then the LORD said to Moses, "Pharaoh's heart is unyielding; he refuses to let the people go. <sup>15</sup> 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. <sup>16</sup> 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.

<sup>17</sup> 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. <sup>18</sup> The fish in the Nile will die, and the river will stink; the Egyptians will not be able to drink its water.' " Exodus 7:14-18

<sup>21</sup> Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand toward the sky so that darkness will spread over Egypt—darkness that can be felt." <sup>22</sup> So Moses stretched out his hand toward the sky, and total darkness covered all Egypt for three days. <sup>23</sup> No one could see anyone else or leave his place for three days. Yet all the Israelites had light in the places where they lived.

<sup>24</sup> Then Pharaoh summoned Moses and said, "Go, worship the LORD. Even your women and children may go with you; only leave your flocks and herds behind."

<sup>25</sup> But Moses said, "You must allow us to have sacrifices and burnt offerings to present to the LORD our God. <sup>26</sup> Our livestock too must go with us;

not a hoof is to be left behind. We have to use some of them in worshipping the LORD our God, and until we get there we will not know what we are to use to worship the LORD."

<sup>27</sup> But the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he was not willing to let them go. <sup>28</sup> Pharaoh said to Moses, "Get out of my sight! Make sure you do not appear before me again! The day you see my face you will die."

<sup>29</sup> "Just as you say," Moses replied, "I will never appear before you again." Exodus 10:21-29

## WHO IS THE LORD?

### HE IS LORD OF CREATION (ELOHIM)

The plagues are creation reversals. Animals harm rather than serve humanity; light ceases and darkness takes over; waters become a source of death rather than life. The climax of Genesis 1 is the creation of humans on the last day, whereas the climax of the plagues is the destruction of human beings in the last plague."

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### HE IS LORD OF SALVATION (ELOHIM YESHUA)

"Behold, about this time tomorrow I will cause very heavy hail to fall, such as never has been in Egypt from the day it was founded until now. Now therefore send, get your livestock and all that you have in the field into safe shelter, for every man and beast that is in the field and is not brought home will die when the hail falls on them." Then whoever feared the word of the LORD among the servants of Pharaoh hurried his slaves and his livestock into the houses, but whoever did not pay attention to the word of the Lord left his slaves and his livestock in the field.

Exodus 9:18-21

### SO THE WHOLE EARTH WILL KNOW HIS NAME

I know the LORD has given you the land, and that the fear of you has fallen upon us, and that all the inhabitants of the land melt away before you. For we have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red Sea before you, when you came out of Egypt.

Joshua 2:9-10

### Follow up Questions:

1. Will you set aside time to read through chapters 5 - 10 in one sitting this week?
2. When you understand the actual story isn't Moses vs Pharaoh, but YHWH vs the false gods of Egypt, how can that encourage you in your obedience to Jesus?
3. How would you re-tell this story in your own words?
4. What details in the story stand out the most to you? Why?