

The Last Plague Announced

Exodus 11

Faith Portal Church

ADULT

Unit 10 Lesson 10

Supplemental Texts

Exo 3:13-22: 10

Focus Verse

“Yet will I bring one plague more upon Pharaoh, and upon Egypt; afterwards he will let you go hence: when he shall let you go, he shall surely thrust you out hence altogether.” – Exodus 11:1

Introduction

The Egyptians had experienced the infestation of locusts upon their land and vegetation and a terribly thick darkness in their nation. This heart-wrenching episode could have been avoided if the king of Egypt, Pharaoh, had humbled himself before the Almighty God. As God had said, Pharaoh would disallow the children of Israel to go that God may perform all His signs in Egypt (Exo 3:19-20; 9:16). In all of these, the Israelites dwelt in safety in Goshen.

Deeper Look

I Will Bring One More Plague – Exo 11:1-5

God indicated to Moses that He still had one more plague to bring upon Pharaoh and Egypt. This plague would be the last one, but it would be the most terrible, leading to the expulsion of the Israelites from Egypt. God reiterated to Moses how the Israelites would go with the riches of Egypt by demanding of their Egyptian neighbors silver and gold jewelry (Exo 3:21-22). And the Israelites received favor from the Lord that caused the Egyptians to willingly give their treasures up to the Israelites. Thus, in a way, the Israelites would be compensated for their years of severe labor. Moses was accorded with much respect in Egypt because the Egyptians saw the power of God in him. God’s verdict was that every Egyptian firstborn would die, including the firstborn of their animals. The plague was due to Pharaoh’s refusal to let God’s firstborn, the Israelites, leave (Exo 4:22), and the Egyptians’ participation in killing Israelites’ male infants (Exo 1:22).

Your Servants Shall Beg Us To Go – Exo 11:6-10

Because of the plague, Moses assured Pharaoh that there would be an unprecedented cry in Egypt. He added that the Israelites, in contrast, would experience peace. Thus, God would show the Egyptians that the Israelites are His people. Moses told Pharaoh that his officials would come and bow down, begging him to depart Egypt with his people at the last plague. No more would Moses say, “Let my people go.” If you have not accepted Jesus, heed God’s directive right away (John 3:16; Matt 6:33; 2 Cor 6:2). Doing so will save your soul from eternal judgment. Will you?

Questions

1. What consolations would Moses get from what God told him in verse 1? Read Exo 3:19-20. What indicates the severity of the last pending plague?
2. Why did God tell Moses to inform the Israelites to ask their Egyptian neighbors for gold and silver jewelry? How would it be possible for the Egyptians to give to this large number of Israelites?
3. No doubt, the death of every firstborn in Egypt would be a great calamity causing a great cry. Why did God aim this last plague against every firstborn in Egypt? Read Exo 4:22-23.
4. Of all the ten plagues, which one would you consider the most severe and the least severe? For how long could our nation withstand the least severe plague? What lesson is here especially for those in leadership and those who aspire to lead?
5. Why were the Egyptians punished along with Pharaoh and his officials who stood against the freedom of the Israelites? Read Exo 1:22.
6. Why did God place a distinction between the Israelites and the Egyptians while He punished the Egyptians? What assurance do you have knowing this?
7. What would be the effect of the last plague on the pride and stubbornness of Pharaoh and his officials? How can you tell if you are proud and stubborn?

Personal Meditation

Every man is given a number of chances to repent and obey God's injunctions before it may be too late. This was the case with Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, who thought he could oppose the Almighty God. He dishonored God instead of trying to know Him (Exo 5:2). Pharaoh proved to be obstinate and wicked, standing in the way of the Israelites' freedom. It never occurred to him that was his last chance. Recall the days of Noah when the ark was being built, the Bible tells us that he preached to the sinful world of his day; but apparently, they refused him (2 Pet 2:5). He proclaimed the coming judgement of God for 120 years. Since they rejected his preaching, the flood came, as God had said, and destroyed them all.

Many people today are in danger of God's wrath coming upon this world. Their rejection of Jesus Christ will be the rationale for facing the righteous wrath of God. Listen to God and yield your being to Him (Psa 95:7-8; 2 Cor 6:2). If you have not accepted Jesus, this is the moment you should accept Him. Jesus is knocking the door of your heart; let Him in (Rev 3:20).

DAILY STUDY

Monday	Exo 3:13-15
Tuesday	Exo 3: 16-18
Wednesday	Exo 3:19-22
Thursday	Exo 11:1-3
Friday	Exo 11:4-7
Saturday	Exo 11:8-10



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