

THE GLORY OF GOD ON DISPLAY

Exodus 7:14-8:19

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INTRODUCTION: THE PURPOSE OF THE PLAGUES

Religion

a set of beliefs concerning the cause, nature, and purpose of the universe

Man-centered religion uses a god, a higher authority, or an idea to make sense of the world and to manipulate circumstances to a desired end.

God centered religion is God using all creation to reveal Himself to creation.

This is spiritual warfare.

Exodus 12:12

1. The plagues show God's sovereignty.

Exodus 7:17; 10:1, 2; **9:29**

2. The plagues show God's holiness.

Exodus 8:10; **9:14**

3. The plagues show God's intentionality.

Exodus 9:15

4. The plagues show God's power.

Exodus 9:15; 13:3

5. The plagues show God's grace.

Exodus 9:4; 11:7

6. The plagues show God's wrath against sin.

Exodus 7:3, 4

The general term for what God does is called judgment.

Exodus 6:6; 7:4

Proposition: God demonstrates His glory in divine judgments so that all will know Him and His people will worship Him.

The judgments can be divided into four groups. 1-3, 4-6, 7-9, and the final one stands on its own.

I. NILE, 7:14-25

A. THE STRIKE, 7:20

? Was it really blood?

The Ipuwer Papyrus, Section 2

Blood is everywhere...Indeed, the river is blood...

B. THE MESSAGE

1. Moses' Message, 7:17

"By this you will know that I am the Lord."

Exodus 6:6, 7

2. The Magician's response, 7:22

3. Pharaoh's Response, 7:23

C. THE MITIGATION, 7:25

II. FROGS, 8:1-15

One of the goddesses of fertility was Heqet who came in the form of a frog.

A. THE STRIKE. 8:5, 6

B. THE MESSAGE,

1. Moses' Message, 8:1-4

"Let My people go."

2. The Magician's response. 8:7

3. Pharaoh's Response, 8:8, 15

C. THE MITIGATION, 8:9-14

III. GNATS, 8:16-19

A. THE STRIKE

B. THE MESSAGE

F. THE MITIGATION

CONCLUSION: THE WAY GOD WORKS

The 10 judgments are not an isolated event in history, but a microcosm of the way God works.

2 Corinthians 10:3

For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh.

God works systematically, progressively to defeat man-centered religion and display His glory.

2 Corinthians 10:4-6

Romans 9:14-18; 1 Corinthians 15:20-28

APPLICATION

Begin to see the judgments of God as His means for demonstrating His glory in the Earth to the destruction of sinners and the salvation of the faithful.