

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS

EXODUS 9:1-7

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INTRODUCTION:

1. The fourth plague was different as it was the first plague that excluded the children of Israel.
 - a) **EXODUS 8.23:** *“I will make a difference between My people and your people. Tomorrow this sign shall be.”* Difference (pedut): Literally, redemption. (Ps. 111.9; 130.7; Isa. 50.2)
 - b) Through this distinction, Pharaoh would learn that God is the God of Israel. (cf. Ex. 5.1-3)
2. Pharaoh was not a man of integrity, but repeatedly went back on his word.
 - a) **EXODUS 8.29:** *“But let Pharaoh not deal deceitfully anymore in letting the people go.”*
 - b) The flies were removed by God. *“Not one remained”* (Ex. 8.31; cf. 13,14).
 - c) **EXODUS 8.32:** *“But Pharaoh hardened his heart this time also.”*
3. The fifth plague bring disease on the livestock of Egypt.

I. THE PLAGUE OF PESTILENCE

- A. God makes a claim.
 1. **EXODUS 9.1:** *“Then the LORD said to Moses, ‘Go in to Pharaoh and tell him, ‘Thus says the LORD God of the Hebrews:’”* (cf. Gen. 13.18; 14.13)
 2. This is the people that God Himself established. (Gen. 12.1;
 3. Our relationship with God is personal. (Ex. 4.22,23; 7.16; 1 Pet. 2.9,10; 1 John 3.1)
- B. God issues a command.
 1. **EXODUS 9.1:** *“Let My people go, that they may serve Me.”* (Ex. 4.23; 7.16; 8.1,20)
 2. God desires our worship. (John 4.23; 1 Pet. 2.9)
- C. God promises a consequence.
 1. **EXODUS 9.2:** *“For if you refuse to let them go...”*
 2. **EXODUS 9.3:** *“a very severe pestilence”*
 - a) Pestilence (deber): “Plague, disease, pandemic” [Mouce]. (Num. 16.46-50)
 - b) Pestilence is one of four ways God punished His people. (Jer. 14.12; Ezek. 14.21)
- D. God categorizes His people.
 1. **EXODUS 9.4:** *“And the Lord will make a difference between the livestock of Israel and the livestock of Egypt”* Difference (hiplah): “to treat special.” (cf. Ex. 8.22; 33.16)
 2. God claimed Israel as His own. And now God demonstrates His claim on His people.
- E. God controls the plague.
 1. **EXODUS 9.5:** *“Then the LORD appointed a set time, saying, “Tomorrow the LORD will do this thing in the land.”*
 2. Did God follow through on His promise. (Ex. 9.6,7; cf. 8.9,10)

II. THERE IS NO ONE LIKE OUR GOD

- A. Everything that happened came from the LORD.
 1. *“The Lord did this thing”* (Ex. 9.1,3,4,5,6).
 2. Everything that exists are *“of Him and through Him and to Him”* (Rom. 11.33-36).
- B. God wants people to know Him, believe in Him, and worship Him. (Isa. 43.1-21)
 1. God wants His people to know that they are loved. (Isa. 43.1-7)
 2. God wants His people to know that He is exclusive. (Isa. 43.8-13)
 3. God wants His people to know that they will be delivered. (Isa. 32.14-21)