

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS

JUNE 5, 2024

EXODUS 7:14-25

INTRODUCTION:

1. Miracles were designed to verify the words of those whom God has sent.
 - a) **ACTS 2.22:** *“Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst”*
 - b) To convince the children of Israel, Moses was given three miracles. (Ex. 4.1,30,31)
 - c) Through miracles, Moses proved to Pharaoh that God sent him. (Ex. 7.8,9)
2. In contrast, plagues were designed as a form of punishment which proved to come from God.
 - a) **EXODUS 32.33-35:** *“I will visit punishment upon them for their sin. So the Lord plagued the people because of what they did...”* Punishment is synonymous with plague.
 - b) Through the plagues, the magicians admitted, *“This is the finger of God”* (Ex. 8.19).

I. COMMANDMENT

A. Declaration:

1. **EXODUS 7.14:** *“Pharaoh’s heart is hard; he refuses to let the people go.”*
 - a) Heart: The center of the intellect, emotions, and volition of man.
 - b) Hard (kated): “heavy, difficult, severe, dull” (cf. Matt. 13.14,15)
2. Through the signs of Moses and Aaron, the LORD was made known to Pharaoh.
 - a) Previously, Pharaoh, did *“not know the LORD”* (Ex. 5.2).
 - b) It was the LORD vs the gods of Egypt. (Ex. 7.11)
3. In the world of Christendom, it has become a competition. (Mal. 2.10; 1 Cor. 8.6)

B. Confrontation:

1. **EXODUS 7.15:** *“You shall stand by the river’s bank to meet him”*
2. **EXODUS 7.16:** *“until now, you would not hear!”*
3. **EXODUS 7.17:** *“By this you shall know that I am the LORD”*
4. **EXODUS 7.18:** *“The Egyptians will loathe to drink the water of the river”*

II. CATASTROPHE

A. The judgment of God was comprehensive.

1. **EXODUS 7.19:** The water that was turned to blood extended to *“streams...rivers.... ponds...pools...buckets...pitchers”* (Ex. 7.21)
2. Where did the magicians get their water? (Ex. 7.22)

B. The judgement of God was visible.

1. **EXODUS 7.20:** *“in the sight of Pharaoh and in the sight of his servants”*
2. This was not happenstance or a natural phenomenon. (cf. Num. 16.29,30)

C. The judgment of God was personal. (Ex. 7.21,24; Num. 11.5)

III. CONCLUSION

A. Was Pharaoh’s heart moved by the first plague?

1. **EXODUS 7.22:** *“the magicians of Egypt did so with their enchantments”*
 - a) Hard (hazaq): “grow and make strong, seize, grasp, keep hold of” (cf. Deut. 3.28)
 - b) As a result of his heart growing hard, *“he did not heed them”* (v. 22)
2. **EXODUS 7.23:** *“Neither was his heart moved by this.”*

B. **EXODUS 7.25:** *“And seven days passed after the LORD had struck the river”*