

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS

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EXODUS 9:13-35

INTRODUCTION:

1. There are a variety of words translated as “plague” in the Old Testament.
 - a) Nega: “to strike with the intention to cause harm or death” [Mounce] (Ex. 9.14; 11.1)
 - b) The word is also used of an “onset of illness, plague, infestation” [Strong] (Lev. 13.47-49)
 - c) Deber: “plague, pestilence, disease, pandemic” [Mounce] (Ex. 9.3; Amos 4.10)
2. The plague of boils makes the sixth time God inflicted the people of Egypt.
 - a) Boils were a common form of judgment. (Deut. 28.28; Job 2.7; Rev. 16.1,2)
 - b) Historians describe these boils as “thickly-crowded blisters” that produce “a burning and pricking sensation upon the skin” (Dr. Bilharz; K&D).
 - c) **EXODUS 9.11:** “*The magicians could not stand before Moses because of the boils*”
 - d) **EXODUS 9.11:** “*The boils were ...on all the Egyptians*” The Israelites?
3. The seventh plague contains more details than any of the other ten plagues.

I. THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE SEVENTH PLAGUE

- A. The remaining three plagues were going to be more severe than the previous seven.
 1. **EXODUS 9.13,14:** “*for at this time I will send all My plagues to your very heart*”
 2. The stubbornness of Pharaoh is characterized by a hard heart.
 - a) **EXODUS 8.15:** “*But...he hardened his heart*” In contrast to the plagues. (vs. 19,32)
 - b) The following plagues were designed to soften his heart. (Ex. 9.27; 10.16,28)
 3. **EXODUS 9.17:** “*As yet you exalt yourself against My people*” No change of heart.
 3. The goodness and severity of God can soften the stubborn heart.
 - a) **MATTHEW 19.25,26:** “*...but with God all things are possible*”
 - b) **ROMANS 2.4,5:** “*the goodness of God leads you to repentance*”
- B. Egypt was inflicted by the ten plagues for two reasons.
 1. **EXODUS 9.14:** “*that you may know that there is none like Me in all the earth.*”
 - a) God wanted Pharaoh himself to understand His omnipotence. (Ex. 8.10)
 - b) **EXODUS 9.15:** If God destroyed Pharaoh, he would have never learned.
 2. **EXODUS 9.16:** “*that My name may be declared in all the earth*”
 - a) Why did God want Himself known by the world? Arrogance? Ego?
 - b) **DEUTERONOMY 30.19:** “*I have set before you life and death...*” (cf. 1 John 4.8)

II. THE SEVENTH PLAGUE: HAIL AND FIRE

- A. A plague was predicted.
 1. **EXODUS 9.18:** “*Behold, tomorrow about this time*” (cf. Ex. 8.10)
 2. The plague of hail would be unprecedented. (Ex. 9.18,24)
 3. The plague would be devastating. (Ex. 9.19,25)
 4. The plague would be focused. (Ex. 9.26)
 5. The plague would consist of hail, thunder and lightning. (Ex. 9.23,24)
- B. Preparations were made.
 1. **EXODUS 9.19:** “*Therefore send now and gather your livestock...*”
 2. There were some who “*feared the word of the Lord*” (Ex. 9.20).
 3. There were some who “*did not regard the word of the Lord.*” (Ex. 9.21).
- C. Pharaoh was moved. (Ex. 9.27-30, 34,35)