

## **God's Judgment** **Exodus 7:14-10:29**

### **I. Purpose of the Plagues**

1. Demonstrate God's power & justice
  - Pharaoh would not accept God's authority
  - Did not know Jehovah, no reason to submit - 5:2
  - Pharaoh's heart hardened against God – 7:4
  - Egypt ripe for judgment - mistreated Jews
  - Egypt needed to know Jehovah is God – 7:5
  - They worshipped a host of gods & goddesses
  - Israel must see God's power to deliver
  - Experience God's redemptive power
2. Set Israel apart as objects of grace
  - After first few, plagues only on Egyptians
  - God's grace spared Israel from judgment

### **II. First Nine Plagues - 7:14-10:29**

1. Water to Blood - 7:14-25
  - God warns Pharaoh – what He will do - 14-18
  - All water gathered becomes blood – 19-20
  - Fish died, river stank - 21
  - Pharaoh's men duplicate miracle – 22
  - Pharaoh's heart is hardened – 22-24
2. Frogs - 8:1-15
  - Pharaoh is warned again – 8:1-4
  - Frogs cover the land of Egypt – 5-6
  - Magicians again duplicate miracle – 7
  - Pharaoh begs for relief – 8-14
  - God takes away the frogs
  - Pharaoh hardens his heart after plague - 15
3. Lice - 8:16-19
  - This time no warning given – 16, 17
  - Magicians not able to duplicate miracle – 18
  - Magicians acknowledge hand of God – 19
  - But Pharaoh's heart is hardened
4. Flies - 8:20-32
  - God graciously warns Pharaoh again – 20-23
  - Land of Egypt is overrun with flies - 24
  - Israel exempt from this judgment – 22-23
  - Pharaoh offers a compromise - 25-29
  - You can worship your God nearby
  - With flies removed he hardens his heart – 30-32
5. Murrain (Disease on livestock) - 9:1-7
  - Pharaoh is warned about this plague – 1-4
  - The animals of Israel are not affected
  - The plague comes as promised – 5-6
  - Again Pharaoh hardens his heart - 7
6. Boils - 9:8-12
  - No warning before plague strikes – 8-10
  - Magicians powerless & impacted – 11-12
  - Pharaoh's heart is hardened
7. Hail, fire - 9:13-35
  - Pharaoh warned & given reason - 13-18
  - That he might know the Lord is God - 14
  - Opportunity to experience mercy – 19-21

- When plague strikes Israel is spared – 22-26
- Pharaoh acknowledges sin, still hard – 27-35
- 8. Locusts - 10:1-20
  - Pharaoh warned, more signs needed – 1-3
  - For both Pharaoh and for Israel
  - Locusts will cover the land – 4-6
  - Pharaoh's men want to give in – 7
  - Another compromise is offered - 8-11
  - Plague comes, Pharaoh seeks relief – 12-20
- 9. Darkness - 10:21-29
  - Total darkness with no warning – 21-22
  - Israelites enjoy light in their homes - 23
  - Pharaoh offers another compromise - 24-27
  - Moses driven from King's presence – 28-29