Part #4 THE PLAGUES

Scripture Song: Behold, bless the LORD – Psalm 134

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School—an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing a series of studies on the Book of Exodus: Stories of Deliverance. Today's topic: THE PLAGUES. (9 of 10)

1) The LORD God of heaven versus the Egyptian gods

a. Exodus 7:8-12 What are your thoughts about the initial encounter between Moses, Aaron, and the magicians of Egypt?
b. What can we learn from the reaction of Pharoah? Exodus 7:13

2) The confrontation continues

a. Exodus 7:14-21 (against the river god Hapi)
   i) What foolishness do you see in the response of the magicians of Egypt? Exodus 7:22
   ii) What can we learn from the response of the Pharaoh to this first plague? Exodus 7:23
b. Exodus 8:1-15 (against the frog Heqet)
   i) What catches your attention as you read the description of the second plague?
c. Exodus 8:16-18 (against Egyptian Geb)
   i) How did the Egyptian magicians respond to this third plague? Exodus 8:19a
   ii) What evidence do you see that Pharaoh's heart is continuing to harden? Exodus 8:19b
d. Exodus 8:20-29 (against the fly god Uatchit)
   i) What was different about this plague? (Exodus 8:22-23)
   ii) What are your thoughts about the resolution of this fourth plague? Exodus 8:30-32
e. Exodus 9:1-3 (against the Egyptian goddess Hathor)
   i) How was this plague similar to the plague of flies? Exodus 9:4-7
f. Exodus 9:8-10 – (against the Egyptian Imhotep)
   i) How did this plague expose not only the powerlessness of the Egyptian gods but also the powerlessness of the magicians? Exodus 9:11
g. Exodus 9:22-25 – (against Egyptian goddess Nut)
   i) What opportunity for repentance do you see in this seventh plague? Exodus 9:20-21
   ii) What are your thoughts about Pharoah's confession Exodus 9:27-28 (see also 9:34-35)
h. Exodus 10:1-15 (against the Egyptian god Isis)
   i) How did the LORD conclude this plague? Exodus 10:16-19
i. Exodus 10:21-23a (against the Egyptian god Ra)
   i) What remarkable evidence of God's presence was given to the children of Israel? v.23b

3) Who hardened Pharoah's heart?

a. The LORD? Exodus 4:21, 7:3,9:12
b. Pharoah? Exodus 8:15,32,9:34, Hebrews 3:7-8
c. Why does God honor our freedom of choice even if we are heading in the wrong direction?