



Arlington Church of Christ

*"The churches of Christ greet you."
Romans 16:16*

Examining the Egyptian Plagues-1

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Sunday Bible Classes.....9:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.*

Sunday Worship.....5:00 p.m.

Wednesday Zoom.....7:00 p.m.

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How old was Abram when Ishmael
was born to Hagar?

When God sent Moses to Pharaoh to call for the Israelites to be set free, He said "But I am sure that the king of Egypt will not let you go. So I will stretch out My hand and strike Egypt with wonders which I will do in its midst: and after that, he will let you go." (Ex 3:19-20) God sent ten plagues that targeted the gods of Egypt. The Egyptians worshipped over eighty gods, and the plagues chosen by God were chosen because they showed His superiority over all the gods of the Egyptians.

The Egyptians considered as sacred the lion, the ox, the ram, the wolf, the dog, the cat, the ibis, the vulture, the falcon, the hippopotamus, the crocodile, the cobra, the dolphin, some varieties of fish and trees, the frog, the scarab, and the locust, just to name a few. And even Pharaoh himself was considered a god, the son of Amon-Ra, temporarily tolerating the earth as his home. He wore a falcon, symbol of Horus, on his head and had a serpent rising from his forehead, the symbol of wisdom, life, and power. He was chief-priest of the faith and led all the processions and ceremonies to celebrate the gods. Every one of the plagues was a direct insult to the gods the Egyptians worshipped. We will examine the plagues and which gods each one was directed against:

1) Water to Blood- The Nile was the heart of Egypt. The crops, the trade, everything depended on the waters of the Nile. When the water was turned to blood, the fish in the river died. And not only the river turned to blood, but all the other water in the land turned too. This was a direct challenge to the god Khnum, the guardian of the Nile, who was shown as a human with a ram's head. It also challenged the god, Hapi, who was the guardian of the fishes, birds, and marshes and was sometimes depicted as a crocodile. Hapi was considered a father of Ra, the sun god. And this also hit the god Osiris, the god of the underworld, who had the Nile as his bloodstream. And what about Tauret, the hippopotamus goddess of the Nile, and Nu, the god of life of the Nile? What would the Egyptians think when the formerly beautiful river stunk, dead fish lined its banks, and crocodiles had to leave the river? Where were their gods?

2) Frogs- Frogs were not uncommon in Egypt, but the plague brought frogs into the houses, beds, ovens, and bowls – frogs were everywhere. The frog was associated with the goddess Heqet, the wife of the creator of the world. She was shown with the head and body of a frog. Egyptian women would wear amulets showing Heqet for protection during childbirth. Frogs were so sacred in Egypt that killing one could carry the death penalty. Imagine the Egyptians having to gather up decaying bodies of frogs and pile them in heaps. No wonder Pharaoh asked Moses to have God take the frogs away.

3) Lice- 'Lice' is translated "fleas" in some versions. The word comes from a root word meaning 'to dig' indicating that these insects would dig under the skin. This would be a great embarrassment to Geb, the god of the earth, because it was from the 'dust of the earth' that these insects came. The priests in Egypt had to shave their body every day and wear a single tunic so that they would not have lice or any other unpleasant thing on their body. When they were 'infected' with these things, they were considered unclean and could not even enter the temples of their gods to ask them for help.

(to be continued)

PRAYER LIST

*See the caring cards list in the lobby

Jeff Nauman's surgery
Baby Ian

*"The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much."
James 5:16*

BUT THE
FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT
IS **LOVE**
joy PEACE
patience
KINDNESS
GOODNESS
faithfulness
GENTLENESS
SELF-CONTROL

GALATIANS 5:22-23

BIRTHDAYS

2/24 Ron Hartman
3/2 Charlie Colvin
3/7 Walker Slater
3/11 Echinacea Montesclaros
3/15 Lauren Williams
3/17 Johan Hartman
3/29 Harold Chase Bauer

*"For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst."
Matt 18:20*

UPCOMING EVENTS

2/26 Fellowship Dinner after morning worship
3/5 Sack Sunday (bring donations for pantry)

ANNIVERSARIES

4/3 Jeff & Wrajean Nauman
4/8 Charlie & Barb Colvin

MEN TO SERVE

2/19

2/26

SCRIPTURE READING

Sermon AM/PM	Joe McCollum	Joe McCollum
Announcements	Ron Hartman	Ron Hartman
Song Leader AM	Jeff McCollum	Jeff McCollum
Song Leader PM	John Bauer	Mike Menard
Opening Prayer AM	Jeff McCollum	Jeff McCollum
Opening Prayer PM	John Bauer	Ron Hartman
Lord's Table	Ron Hartman	Ron Hartman
Assistant #1	Mike Menard	Jeff Nauman
Closing Prayer AM	Ron Hartman	Ron Hartman
Closing Prayer PM	Joe McCollum	Joe McCollum
Greeters	John & Terri Bauer	Joe & Doris McCollum
(Wed.) Devotional	(2/22) On Zoom	(3/1) On Zoom
(Wed.) Song Leader	(2/22) On Zoom	(3/1) On Zoom

	AM	PM
Feb. 19	Num. 1, 2	Mk. 3:1-21
Feb. 20	Num. 3, 4	Mk. 3:22-35
Feb. 21	Num. 5, 6	Mk. 4:1-20
Feb. 22	Num. 7	Mk. 4:21-41
Feb. 23	Num. 8-10	Mk. 5:1-20
Feb. 24	Num. 11-13	Mk. 5:21-43
Feb. 25	Num. 14, 15	Mk. 6:1-32

*"Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"
Luke 11:28*

PANTRY NEEDS

TRIVIA ANSWER

Over the counter medicines/aspirin	Canned meats– fish, chicken & SPAM
Laundry detergent	Canned Veggies– greens, potatoes, etc.
Face soap & Shampoo	(not corn, green beans, or peas)
Toilet Tissue & Paper Towels	Fruit Juice– apple, grape, pineapple, etc.
Boxed Potatoes	Peanut butter and Jelly
Small- Flour and Sugar	Breakfast Cereal

A: 86 years old