

# Arlington Church of Christ

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

## Examining the Egyptian Plagues-2

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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 Abraham when Isaac  
was born to Sarah ?

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.

In the first part of this discussion, the first three plagues were discussed. Now we continue:

4) Swarms- The original language simply says that the Lord would send 'swarms' on the Egyptians and into their houses. The word 'flies' was added by the translators and is likely incorrect as we understand 'flies'. What could the 'swarms' have been in light of the fact that the plagues were directed against the gods of Egypt? It may have been swarms of scarab beetles – they feed on dung in the fields, but had jaws that could saw through wood. Ra, the Egyptian creator of the universe, was depicted as the disc of the sun, a man with a falcon's head, or as a scarab beetle rolling the sun ahead of him across the sky. Others believe that the 'swarms' were gadflies, or dog-flies which would fasten themselves onto the human body and suck blood. They also carried diseases which were spread in this way. Note that this is the first plague that affected only the Egyptians, and not the Israelites. (Ex 8: 22-23)

5) Disease on livestock- Any disease would not only make the sacred livestock unclean and unusable for sacrifice, but would be an affront to the many animal gods that were worshipped. For example, the Egyptians could use bulls for sacrifice, but could not use heifers as they were scared to Isis. The god Apis was a bull and had been worshipped for a long time in Egypt. The priest would select a certain bull calf (the Apis bull) who supposedly had the power of prophecy to worship, and when it died, it was embalmed and given funeral rites. And there was Hathor, the cow headed goddess of the desert, who had the moon disc between her horns. She was the symbolic 'mother' of pharaoh. And this plague also was an insult to the ram god Khnum.

6) Boils- This plague was probably skin anthrax, a black abscess that develops into a pustule. It affected even the soles of the feet so that the 'magicians could not stand before Moses because of the boils.' This was a direct challenge to Imhotep, the god of medicine, and to Serapis, the healing god, and to Thoth, the god with an ibis head who controlled intelligence and medical learning. This must have caused great despair throughout Egypt.

7) Hail- Since this came from the sky it would have been directed against Nut, the sky goddess. She was supposed to be the mother of Osiris, Hathor, Set, Isis, and Nephthys. But it also was a challenge to Shu, the wind god, and to Horus, the sky god with a hawk's head. Isis and Seth were supposed to protect the crops (Ex 9:31). The destruction of the hail showed the 'gods' lack of power.

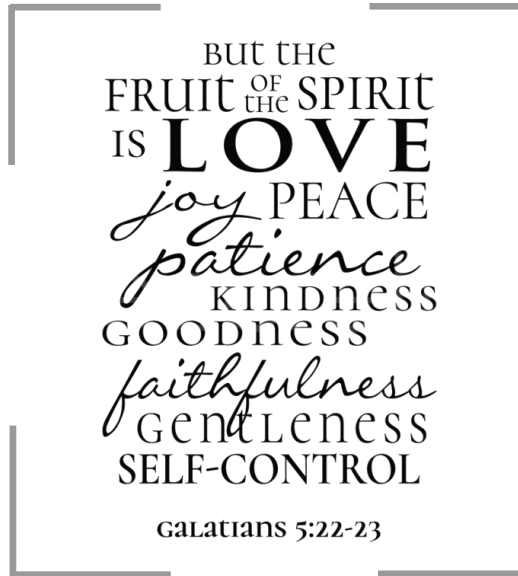
**PRAYER LIST**

**BIRTHDAYS**

\*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*



- 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
- 3/30 Jennifer Meece

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

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**ANNIVERSARIES**

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

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

**MEN TO SERVE**

**2/26**

**3/5**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

	2/26	3/5
Sermon AM/PM	Joe McCollum	Joe McCollum
Announcements	Ron Hartman	Ron Hartman
Song Leader AM	Jeff McCollum	Jeff McCollum
Song Leader PM	Mike Menard	Mike Menard
Opening Prayer AM	Jeff McCollum	Joe McCollum
Opening Prayer PM	Ron Hartman	Ron Hartman
Lord's Table	Ron Hartman	Ron Hartman
Assistant #1	Matt Williams	Del Pickett
Closing Prayer AM	Ron Hartman	Ron Hartman
Closing Prayer PM	Joe McCollum	Joe McCollum
Greeters	Joe & Doris McCollum	John & Terri Bauer
(Wed.) Devotional	(3/1) On Zoom	(3/8) On Zoom
(Wed.) Song Leader	(3/1) On Zoom	(3/8) On Zoom

	AM	PM
Feb. 26	Num. 16, 17	Mk. 6:33-56
Feb. 27	Num. 18-20	Mk. 7:1-13
Feb. 28	Num. 21, 22	Mk. 7:14-37
Feb. 29	Num. 23-25	Mk. 8:1-21
March 1	Num. 26, 27	Mk. 8:22-38
March 2	Num. 28, 29	Mk. 9:1-29
March 3	Num. 30, 31	Mk. 9:30-50

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

**PANTRY NEEDS**

**TRIVIA ANSWER**

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

A: 100 years old