

*Va'Era*  
**“And I Appeared”**  
**Exodus 6:2 – 9:35**

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**Challenge to God’s Existence**

***“Why Should I Obey Him?”***

**“Are there Consequences to Disobedience?”**

***“Why Should I Let Israel Go?”***

**“Can God Stop me?”**

# **Did God Need 10 Plagues to Deliver Israel?**

## **Plagues For Pharaoh's Education**

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## The Egyptian Plagues

	Plague	Scripture	Egyptian God	Warning	Hand	Involved	Attacks	In Goshen	Revelation Reference	Revelation Pattern
1	Water Into Blood	Exodus 7:14-24	<i>Hapi</i> - God of the Nile	Yes	Rod in Aaron's Hand	Death	Comfort	Yes	Rev 16:3-4	Tribulation (Seal Judgments - Chapter 6)
2	Frogs	Exodus 8:1-15	<i>Heket</i> - Goddess of Fertility, Water & Renewal	Yes	Rod in Aaron's Hand	Darkness	Comfort	Yes	Rev 16:12-14	
3	Dust Into Lice	Exodus 8:16-19	<i>Geb</i> - God of the Earth	No	Rod in Aaron's Hand	Admission by Enemies	Comfort	Yes		
4	Swarms	Exodus 8:20-32	<i>Khepri</i> - God of Creation, Movement of the Sun	Yes	None	Goshen Exempted	Possessions	No		Wrath of God (Trumpet & Bowl Judgments - Chapters 8 - 9 & 16)
5	Death of Cattle	Exodus 9:1-7	<i>Hathor</i> - Goddess of Love & Protection	Yes	Hand of the LORD	Cattle & Death	Possessions	No		
6	Boils & Blisters	Exodus 9:8-12	<i>Isis</i> - Goddess of Medicine & Peace	No	None	Cattle	Possessions	No	Rev 16:2	
7	Hail & Fire	Exodus 9:13-35	<i>Nut</i> - Goddess of the Sky	Yes	Rod in Moses' Hand	Goshen Exempted	Death	No	Rev 8:7	
8	Locusts	Exodus 10:1-20	<i>Seth</i> - God of Storms & Disorder	Yes	Rod in Moses' Hand	Admission by Enemies	Death	No	Rev 9:1-21	
9	Darkness	Exodus 10:21-29	<i>Ra</i> - The Sun God	No	Moses' Hand	Darkness	Death	No	Rev 16:10	
10	Death of Firstborn	Exodus 11:1-10	Pharaoh - The Ultimate Power of Egypt	No		Death	Death	Yes but...!	Rev 9:15 ??	

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**Can Do That!**

# **What Was the Purpose of the Plagues?**

**God Wanted to Prove Who He is:**

**To Pharaoh**

**To Egypt**

**To Israel (Most Importantly)**

# Wrath-of-God Events

**The Flood**

**Sodom & Gomorrah**

**Egyptian Plagues**

**Book of Revelation Plagues**

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### **The Flood**

**World-Wide** Event for **Destruction**

### **Sodom & Gomorrah**

**Regional** Event for **Destruction**

### **Egyptian Plagues**

**Regional** Event for **Repentance**

### **Book of Revelation Plagues**

**World-Wide (?)** Event for **Repentance**

**Chapter 6**  
**God's Promise of Deliverance**  
**The Descendants of Israel**

**The Patriarchs Knew Him as:**

**אֱלֹהֵי שֵׁדַי** *El Shaddai*

**God Who Is Enough (Promise Maker)**

**Moses & Israel Will Know Him as:**

**יְהוָה** *Yehovah*

**Self-Existent & Eternal One (Promise Keeper)**

## **God's "I Will" Promises:**

Exodus 6:6-8

**Bring You out from Under Egyptian Burdens (1<sup>st</sup> Cup)**

**Rescue You from Your Bondage (2<sup>nd</sup> Cup)**

**Redeem You with an Outstretched Arm & Judgments (3<sup>rd</sup>)**

**Take You as My People (4<sup>th</sup> Cup)**

**Be Your God**

**Bring You into the Land I Swore to Abraham, Isaac & Jacob**

**Give the Land to You as a Heritage**

# **Chapter 7**

## **The Showdown with Pharaoh**

In Chapter 4 Moses' Rod Turned into a  
**נָחָשׁ** *Nachash* “Serpent” (also Gen 3)

In Chapter 7 the Rod Turns into a  
**תַּנִּינִךְ** *Tanin* “Sea Monster” (Crocodile)

# God Hardened Pharaoh's Heart

Two Hebrew Words Used:

כָּבֵד *kavad* “Heaviness” (Stubborn)

חָזַק *chazaq* “Strengthen” (Withstand)

Two Persons Involved: **Pharaoh & God**

### The Hardening of Pharaoh's Heart

	Plague	Scripture	God		Pharaoh	
			חָזַק	קָבַד	חָזַק	קָבַד
			<i>Chazak</i>	<i>Kaved</i>	<i>Chazak</i>	<i>Kaved</i>
			"Withstand"	"Stubborn"	"Withstand"	"Stubborn"
	Signs & Wonders	Exodus 7:10-13			X Exodus 7:13	
1	Water Into Blood	Exodus 7:14-24			X Exodus 7:22	X Exodus 7:14
2	Frogs	Exodus 8:1-15				X Exodus 8:15
3	Dust Into Lice	Exodus 8:16-19			X Exodus 8:19	
4	Swarms	Exodus 8:20-32				X Exodus 8:32
5	Death of Cattle	Exodus 9:1-7				X Exodus 9:7
6	Boils & Blisters	Exodus 9:8-12	X Exodus 9:12			
7	Hail & Fire	Exodus 9:13-35			X Exodus 9:35	X Exodus 9:34
8	Locusts	Exodus 10:1-20	X Exodus 10:20	X Exodus 10:1		
9	Darkness	Exodus 10:21-29	X Exodus 10:27			
10	Death of Firstborn	Exodus 11:1-10	X Exodus 11:10			
	The Pursuit	Exodus 14:4-9	X Exodus 14:4 & 8			

# **Chapters 7, 8 & 9**

## **The Plagues**

## **Plague #1: Water Turned to Blood**

Exo 7:14-8:1

**Nile River Worshipped as a god  
Yehovah Stronger than god of the Nile  
Affected the Comfort of All the People  
Egyptian Priests Could Duplicate**

## **Plague #2: Frogs (Pharaoh Given Option)** Exo 8:2-15

**Showed Nile god is Servant to Yehovah  
Affected the Comfort of All the People  
Egyptian Priests Could Duplicate**

## Plague #3: Lice

Exo 8:16-19

Lice Affected Everyone – Including Priests  
Couldn't Worship their god  
Effected Comfort of All the People  
Egyptian Priests Could not Duplicate

## Plague #4: Swarms (Mixed) אַרֹב Arov Exo 8:20-24

Goshen Not Affected – Only Egypt  
Effected Comfort of Egyptians Only  
Pharaoh Begins to Compromise

## **Plague #5: Death of Cattle**

Exo 9:1-7

**And Horses, Donkeys, Camels & Oxen  
By Pestilence  
Effected Egyptians' Possessions**

## **Plague #6: Boils & Blisters**

Exo 9:8-12

**Effected Egyptians' Comfort & Possessions  
Pharaoh's Priests Ineffective  
First Time God Hardened Pharaoh's Heart**

## **Plague #7: Hail & Fire**

Exo 9:13-35

**Two Opposing gods Working Together:**

Hail }  
Fire } **Normally Do Not Co-Exist**

**Death of All Crops & Livestock**

**Turning Point of the Plagues:**

**Pharaoh is Ready to Give Up**

**God Strengthens Him to Continue**

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**Judgment Day  
(*Yom Kippur*)**

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Swarms of  
Flies

Death of  
Cattle

Boils &  
Blisters

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& Fire

Locust  
Swarms

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## Trumpet Judgments (Rev 8, 9 & 11)

Hail, Fire,  
Blood

Mountain  
into Sea

Star into  
Rivers

Sun, Moon  
Darkened

Fallen Star,  
Pit Open

Angels  
Released

Temple  
Opened

## Bowl Judgments (Rev 16)

Sores  
Upon Men

Seas to  
Blood

Rivers to  
Blood

Scorching  
Sun

Darkness  
on Earth

Euphrates  
Dried Up

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Earthquake

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Rivers Springs  
to Blood

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Locusts

At Euphrates:  
"Angels" Kill  
1/4 of Men

Temple Open  
Thunder,  
Lightnings, &  
Quakes

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Blood

Rivers Springs  
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Sun

Darkness  
on Earth

Frogs from  
Euphrates

"It is Done"  
Thunder, Light-  
nings, Quakes

Same Event

Yom Kippur

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## The Aaronic Benediction

יְבָרֶכֶךָ יְהוָה וְיִשְׁמְרֶכָּךְ  
יָאֵר יְהוָה פָּנָיו אֵלֶיךָ וַיַּחַנְדֶּךָ  
יִשָּׂא יְהוָה פָּנָיו אֵלֶיךָ וַיַּשֶּׁם לָךְ שְׁלוֹם

***Yeva-rech-cha Yehovah Ve-yish-mere-cha***

***Yaer Yehovah Panav ele-cha Vi-chu-ne-cha***

***Yisa Yehovah Panav ele-cha***

***V'yasem le-cha Shalom***

May the LORD bless you and keep (watch over, protect) you;

May the LORD Shine His face on you, and pour out His grace upon you;

May the LORD lift His countenance towards you – may He look upon you with favor, and may He place upon you His Shalom – His Peace that brings “nothing missing, nothing broken” into your life.