

WHO IS THE LORD, YAHWEH?

THE WAY | A Journey Through Exodus
PART ONE | The Way Out
Exodus 7-12

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THE PLAGUES ON EGYPT EXODUS 7-12

1		BLOOD (7:14-24) The Nile, along with all of the water in Egypt, turns into blood. But Pharaoh does not let the Israelites go.	6		BOILS (9:8-12) Festering boils break out on the Egyptians and their animals. But Pharaoh does not let the Israelites go.
2		FROGS (7:25 - 8:10) Frogs cover the land of Egypt. Pharaoh promises to let the Israelites go, but changes his mind.	7		HAIL (9:13-35) Hail strikes down everything in the fields - humans, animals and trees. Pharaoh asks for forgiveness and promises to let the Israelites go, but changes his mind.
3		GNATS (8:16-19) The dust turns to gnats, which cover the people and animals of Egypt. But Pharaoh does not let the Israelites go.	8		LOCUSTS (10:1-20) Locusts devour every tree and plant in the land of Egypt. Pharaoh asks for forgiveness, but does not let the Israelites go.
4		FLIES (8:20-32) Flies fill the houses and land of Egypt. Pharaoh promises to let the Israelites go, but changes his mind.	9		DARKNESS (10:21-29) Darkness covers the land of Egypt for three days. Pharaoh promises to let the Israelites go, but changes his mind.
5		LIVESTOCK (9:1-7) All of the livestock of the Egyptians die. But Pharaoh does not let the Israelites go.	10		FIRSTBORN (11:1-10; 12:29-32) Every firstborn son and firstborn of the cattle in Egypt dies. Pharaoh finally lets the Israelites leave Egypt, only to change his mind and pursue them to the Red Sea.

THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MAN

- If God hardened Pharaoh's heart, why does He hold him responsible for his actions?
 - Every human being will be held responsible for the choices they make.

"You will be accepted if you do what is right. But if you refuse to do what is right, then watch out! Sin is crouching at the door, eager to control you. But you must subdue it and be its master."

GENESIS 4:7

THE GOODNESS OF GOD

AND, GOD IS ALWAYS GOOD!

"For the Lord is good. His unfailing love continues forever, and his faithfulness continues to each generation."

PSALM 100:5

- In our attempt to understand the hardening of Pharaoh's heart let us remember that every man is responsible for his choices, and God is always good!

HUMAN REBELLION

- People can choose to rebel against God, His Word, His plan, and His goodness. To do so, they must harden their heart against Him.
- The Pharaoh's of Egypt claimed divinity and would not submit to Yahweh.
- Each time God made a demand, Pharaoh was determined to resist Him.
- ***It was both God's demands and Pharaoh's own pride/stubbornness that hardened his heart.***

THE HUMAN PROBLEM

And instead of worshiping the glorious, ever-living God, they worshiped idols made to look like mere people and birds and animals and reptiles. 24 So God abandoned them to do whatever shameful things their hearts desired. As a result, they did vile and degrading things with each other's bodies. 25 They traded the truth about God for a lie. So they worshiped and served the things God created instead of the Creator himself, who is worthy of eternal praise! Amen.

ROMANS 1:23-25

WHO IS THE LORD, YAHWEH?

1. He is the God of all creation. And, He will fight using creation as His weapon. Not every 'natural disaster' is God's judgment, but He is the God over it all.
2. He is the God who will accomplish His will. We can be certain that He will finish what He starts (Phil. 1:6).
3. He is the Awesome God! In that day, they saw what God had done, and they worshiped Him!

"Each plague is a reminder of the supreme power of God who holds chaos at bay, but who, if He chooses, will step aside and allow the chaos to plague his enemies."

PETER ENNS
The NIV Application Commentary

WHO IS JESUS?

Jesus is announced by creation with a star... his first miracle is to turn water into wine... he walks out upon the water... he calms the storm with a word of rebuke... he multiplies bread and fish to feed 5,000... he withers a fig tree with his word... he displays that the God of the Exodus is walking among us... and death will not hold him... and all who trust him will be set free from the bondage of sin!