

"Deliverance Now"

Wednesday Evening Adult Class by Ray Reynolds (September 25, 2013)

Introduction: Sometimes a good swift kick with a cowboy boot moves things along, but some problems can't be solved with a swift kick. The number one barrier between us and God is our sin! Cowboy boots won't help. The Story continues with how God removes the sin barrier. When we come to the end of Genesis we are left with a cliff hanger. What will become of the seed of Abraham? Will God be able to provide a way for man to have his sin remitted? Do the children of God REALLY have to 400 years for deliverance? This is where we open to the book of Exodus. Today the Story opens with God's new nation's need for deliverance. Let's study together....

Discussion:

I. God's New Nation is in Danger of Annihilation (Exodus 1-2)

- A. 400 Years of Silence
- B. 400 Years of Slavery
- C. 400 Years of Struggling

II. God's New Nation is Preparing for Salvation (Exodus 3-13)

- A. God Reveals His Presence (**Exodus 3-4**)
- B. God Reveals His Power (**Exodus 7:1-12:30**)
 - 1. **Plague of blood (דָּם): Exodus 7:14-25**
 - 2. **Plague of frogs (צִפְרֹדֵי): Exodus 7:25-8:11**
 - 3. **Plague of lice or gnats (כְּנִים): Exodus 8:16-19**
 - 4. **Plague of flies or wild animals (עֲרוּב): Exodus 8:20-32**
 - 5. **Plague of pestilence (בְּרִדָּה): Exodus 9:1-7**
 - 6. **Plague of boils (שֹׁחִין): Exodus 9:8-12**
 - 7. **Plague of hail (בְּרִדָּה): Exodus 9:13-35**
 - 8. **Plague of locusts (אַרְבֵּה): Exodus 10:1-20**
 - 9. **Plague of darkness (חוֹשֶׁךְ): Exodus 10:21-29**
 - 10. **Death of the firstborn (בְּכוֹרוֹת מִצְרַיִם): Exodus 11:1-12:36**
- C. God Reveals His Plan (**Exodus 12:31-18:27**)

Conclusion: This could be a cowboy boot moment for you. We all are in slavery to sin. The destroyer—death—is coming. We need the blood of a lamb just as the Israelites did. Where will we get it? **John 1:29** says, "Behold, the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." Paul writes in **I Corinthians 5:7**, "For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed." One of the biggest clues in the Story is in the deliverance: the blood of a Lamb. Have you been covered by the blood of Jesus? Will you surrender to Him?

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The Plagues and the Gods and Goddesses of Egypt

Plagues	References	Possible Egyptian Gods and Goddesses of Egypt Attacked by the Plagues*
1. Nile turned to blood	Exodus 7:14-25	Hapi (also called Apis), the bull god, god of the Nile; Isis, goddess of the Nile; Khnum, ram god guardian of the Nile; and others
2. Frogs	8:1-15	Heqet, goddess of birth, with a frog head
3. Gnats	8:16-19	Set, god of the desert
4. Flies	8:20-32	Re, a sun god; or the god Uatchit, possibly represented by the fly
5. Death of livestock	9:1-7	Hathor, goddess with the cow head; Apis, the bull god, symbol of fertility
6. Boils	9:8-12	Sekhmet, goddess with power over disease; Sunu, the pestilence god, Isis, goddess of healing
7. Hail	9:13-35	Nut, the sky goddess; Osiris, god of crops and fertility; Set, god of storms
8. Locusts	10:1-20	Nut, the sky goddess; Osiris, god of crops and fertility
9. Darkness	10:21-29	Re, the sun god; Horus, a sun god; Nut, a sky goddess; Hathor, a sky goddess
10. Death of the firstborn	11:1-12:30	Min, god of reproduction; Heqet, goddess who attended women at childbirth; Isis, goddess who protected children; Pharaoh's firstborn son, a god

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