

## I Said It; I Will Do It Again

Scripture: **Exodus 7 - 8**

FOCUS	<b>BONDAGE</b> 1 6		<b>DELIVERANCE</b> 7 18				<b>SANCTIFICATION</b> 19 40					
<b>DIVISIONS</b>	Bondage in Egypt (1-2)	Call of Moses (3-6)	Plagues (7-10)	Passover (11-12)	Red Sea Crossing (13-15)	Journey to Mt. Sinai (16-18)	Ten Commandments (19-20)	Book of the Covenant (21-24)	Plans for the Tabernacle (25-27)	Priests and Levites (28-31)	Golden Calf (32-34)	Completion of the Tabernacle (35-40)
<b>TOPICS</b>	PREPARATION		REDEMPTION				INSTRUCTION					
<b>LOC</b>	Egypt		Wilderness				Mt. Sinai					
<b>TIME</b>	430 years		2 Months				10 Months					

God tells Moses in Exodus 12:12 “ *For I will go through the land of Egypt on that, and will strike down all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast: and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments – I am the Lord.*”

God could have released the plagues all at one time but He did not because He wanted to show the Egyptians that He is the one true God.

God had also told Moses that Pharaoh would not just let the Israelites go, that all these things that were about to happen would harden Pharaoh’s heart until he recognizes that the God of Israel is more powerful than his gods. So all throughout these plagues, Pharaoh would go back and forth still not believing in the God of Israel and still refusing to let the Israelites go.

We likewise find ourselves in this attitude, often times not immediately learning our lesson when we go through trials. So in order for us to learn to submit to God’s will and to trust in Him, God will continue to teach us until we have learned this lesson. This is how much He loves us – He will continue to pursue us and will continue to persist in teaching us because He will not allow us to continue to live in sin, but rather He will transform us more and more into the likeness of Jesus.

### The First Four Plagues:

#### 1. Nile water turns to blood (Exodus 7:14-25)

- meant to discredit the Egyptian gods of the Nile: Khnum, Hapi and Osiris

- The Egyptians were dependent on the Nile not just for water but also for farming, for trade, and travel. This is why they worshipped the gods of the Nile.
- Pharaoh's magicians were able to duplicate this and so Pharaoh's heart was hardened and he turned and went into his house, and did not let the Israelites go.

## 2. Frogs invade the land of Egypt (Exodus 8:1-15)

- meant to discredit the Egyptian gods Hapi and Heqt who are also the gods of fertility
- Pharaoh's magicians were also able to duplicate this, but instead of solving the problem they had made it even worse.
- We likewise fall into this situation, we try to make it on our own not waiting for God's answer and often times, instead of resolving the problem we end up making it worse.
- With the worsening problem of frogs, Pharaoh then asks Moses to pray to God to remove the frogs and the people of Israel will be set free. But as soon as the frog problem is solved, Pharaoh again hardens his heart and refuses to let the Israelites free.

## 3. Plague of Gnats (Exodus 8:16-19)

- meant to discredit the Egyptian earth god Seb
- This time however, the magicians could not duplicate this. They proclaimed "This is the finger of God." But Pharaoh's heart was still hardened and he did not listen to them.
- Moses goes back to Pharaoh and tells him again to let the Israelites go otherwise, the next plague will come.

## 4. Plagues of Flies (Exodus 8:20-32)





- meant to discredit Egyptian god of flies and insects, Uatchit
- Here God separates the Israelites and the Egyptians, no other plague will affect them (Exodus 8:22) so that the Egyptians will know that God is with the Israelites.
- For the first 3 plagues, God used Aaron and Moses to bring on the plague but in this plague God is now in control. He had designated the day that the plague will come.
- Here God sets apart the Israelites. He does this to show the people that He is the one true God.
- Pharaoh continues to bargain and compromise with Moses for God to take away the flies but still refused to let the Israelites free.
- But Moses insists that the Israelites have to worship God in the correct way and no other way. We too, find ourselves falling into this trap. We find ourselves in situations where we are tempted to make compromises in how we obey and follow God.

Like the Israelites, we too have been set apart. God reassures us in Isaiah 43:1-2 ***But now says the Lord, Creator, O Jacob, and He who formed you, O Israel, "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you: I have called you by name: you are Mine! When you pass through the waters I will be with you; and through the rivers, they will not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be scorched, nor will the flame burn you."***

God is faithful and gracious. He pursues us in love and will not allow us to remain in our sinful state. He will not allow us to remain as we are, instead we will be subjected to testing in order for us to be molded into the perfect creation we are destined to be. Our participation is to trust and to obey God so that He can complete His work in us.

## APPLICATION:

Patiently listen as God reveals where you can apply the passage's lesson in your life. Write down specific action points to what He has revealed to you.

	<p>The First Four Plagues:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <b>The River Nile.</b> What are the things we have come to depend on? Do we find out security in our finances, in our jobs, in people? God is showing us that all these can be taken away and that we should only depend on Him.</li><li>2. <b>Frogs.</b> Have you ever been in a situation where you could not wait on the Lord and instead acted on your own? Have you ever found yourself bargaining with God in order to get what you want?</li><li>3. <b>Gnats.</b> Have you had any experience where you can testify that only God can do something like that? Have you experienced God's power in your life?</li><li>4. <b>Flies.</b> Are there still any compromises in our life? What compromises have we made?</li></ol>
	
	
	

## PRAYERS:

Lift all the things that you learned back to God. Share your thoughts to Him. If He is impressing a sin in your life, confess it to Him. He is always ready to forgive.