

Affliction in People's Hearts

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God sent 10 plagues to Egypt to set His people free. Through these plagues God showed His power over the nations.

((The 10 Plagues of Egypt:

EXODUS 7:14-24 (BLOOD)

EXODUS 8:1-15 (FROGS)

EXODUS 8:16-19(LICE)

EXODUS 8:20-32(FLIES)

EXODUS 9:1-7(DEATH OF CATTLE)

EXODUS 9:8-12(TUMORS)

EXODUS 9:22-35(HAIL AND FIRE)

EXODUS 10:3-20(LOCUSTS)

EXODUS 10:21-29(DARKNESS)

EXODUS 11:1-10(PLAGUE OF DEATH).))

THE MOST BEAUTIFUL THING IS THAT IN THE END, GOD PROTECTS THE HEBREW PEOPLE FROM ALL THESE PLAGUES SENT BY GOD TO EGYPT BY ORDERING THE HEBREWS TO MARK EACH DOOR WITH THE BLOOD OF A LAMB WITHOUT SPOT OR BLEMISH. TODAY THIS BLOOD SPIRITUALLY REPRESENTS THE BLOOD SHED ON THE CROSS BY CHRIST OUR SAVIOR, WHO HAS POWER TO SET US FREE FROM ANY PESTILENCE THAT MAY COME TO THIS WORLD.

SCRIPTURE 1: EXODUS 12:5-13 ; 21-22(THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB).

Now the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, ² "This month *shall be* your beginning of months; it *shall be* the first month of the year to you. ³ Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying: 'On the tenth of this month every man shall take for himself a lamb, according to the house of *his* father, a lamb for a household. ⁴ And if the household is too small for the lamb, let him and his neighbor next to his house take *it* according to the number of the persons; according to each

man's need you shall make your count for the lamb. ⁵ Your lamb shall be without^[a] blemish, a male ^[b]of the first year. You may take *it* from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶ Now you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month. Then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it at twilight. ⁷ And they shall take *some* of the blood and put *it* on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses where they eat it. ⁸ Then they shall eat the flesh on that night; roasted in fire, with unleavened bread *and* with bitter *herbs* they shall eat it. ⁹ Do not eat it raw, nor boiled at all with water, but roasted in fire—its head with its legs and its entrails. ¹⁰ You shall let none of it remain until morning, and what remains of it until morning you shall burn with fire. ¹¹ And thus you shall eat it: ^[c]*with* a belt on your waist, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. So you shall eat it in haste. *It is* the LORD's Passover.

¹² 'For I will pass through the land of Egypt on that night, and will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I *am* the LORD. ¹³ Now the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you *are*. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you; and the plague shall not be on you to destroy *you* when I strike the land of Egypt.

¹⁴ 'So this day shall be to you a memorial; and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD throughout your generations. You shall keep it as a feast by an everlasting ordinance. ¹⁵ Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread. On the first day you shall remove leaven from your houses. For whoever eats leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that ^[d]person shall be ^[e]cut off from Israel. ¹⁶ On the first day *there shall be* a holy convocation, and on the seventh day there shall be a holy convocation for you. No manner of work shall be done on them; but *that* which everyone must eat—that only may be prepared by you. ¹⁷ So you shall observe *the Feast of Unleavened Bread*, for on this same day I will have brought your ^[f]armies out of the land of Egypt. Therefore you shall observe this day throughout your generations as an everlasting ordinance. ¹⁸ In the first *month*, on the fourteenth day of the month at evening, you shall eat unleavened bread, until the twenty-first day of the month at evening. ¹⁹ For seven days no leaven shall be found in your houses, since whoever eats what is leavened, that same person shall be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether *he is* a stranger or a native of the land. ²⁰ You shall eat nothing leavened; in all your dwellings you shall eat unleavened bread.' ”

²¹ Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel and said to them, “Pick out and take lambs for yourselves according to your families, and kill the Passover *lamb*. ²² And you shall take a bunch of hyssop, dip *it* in the blood that *is* in the basin, and strike the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood that *is* in the basin. And none of you shall go out of the door of his house until morning. ²³ For the LORD will pass through to strike the Egyptians; and when He sees the blood on the ^[a]lintel and on the two doorposts, the LORD will pass over the door and not allow the destroyer to come into your houses to strike *you*.

SCRIPTURE 2: EXODUS 15:26.

²⁶ and said, “If you diligently heed the voice of the LORD your God and do what is right in His sight, give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have brought on the Egyptians. For I *am* the LORD who heals you.”

LIKE GOD DID IN THE BEGINNING, HE WILL DO THE SAME THING AGAIN IN OUR DAY. THERE ARE TRIALS THAT ARE COMING UPON THE WORLD, BUT WE HAVE PUT OUR TRUST IN THE HOLY TRINITY.

SCRIPTURE 3: PSALM 23:4-6

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil;

For You *are* with me;

Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

You anoint my head with oil;

My cup runs over.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

All the days of my life;

And I will ^[a]dwell in the house of the LORD

^[b]Forever.

SCRIPTURE 4: PSALM 27:1-5

The LORD *is* my light and my salvation;
Whom shall I fear?

The LORD *is* the strength of my life;
Of whom shall I be afraid?
² When the wicked came against me
To eat^[a] up my flesh,
My enemies and foes,
They stumbled and fell.
³ Though an army may encamp against me,
My heart shall not fear;
Though war may rise against me,
In this I *will be* confident.
⁴ One *thing* I have desired of the LORD,
That will I seek:
That I may dwell in the house of the LORD
All the days of my life,
To behold the ^[b]beauty of the LORD,
And to inquire in His temple.
⁵ For in the time of trouble
He shall hide me in His pavilion;
In the secret place of His tabernacle
He shall hide me;
He shall set me high upon a rock.

LET US REMEMBER THAT IN THE FUTURE, GOD WILL SEND MORE TRIALS UPON HUMANITY. THE LORD WARNED US ABOUT THIS IN MATTHEW 24

IN THIS PASSAGE CHRIST LETS US KNOW ABOUT EVENTS IN THE END TIMES. WE ARE LIVING IN THE END TIMES AS A SOCIETY.

IN REVELATION 6

MORE FUTURE EVENTS ARE REVEALED TO US, LIKE THE 7 SEALS.

BUT I WANT TO FOCUS ON THE 4 HORSEMEN AND MAKE A COMPARISON BETWEEN MATTHEW AND REVELATION.

IT IS IMPORTANT AS CHILDREN OF GOD THAT WE SHOULD BE READY FOR THE COMING OF OUR LORD IN PRAYER AND SUPPLICATION AT ALL TIMES.

WE WILL SEE A PARALLEL BETWEEN MATTHEW 24 AND REVELATION 6, WITH RESPECT TO FUTURE EVENTS.

a.] SCRIPTURE 5: MATTHEW 24:4-5 (FALSE TEACHER)

⁴ And Jesus answered and said to them: “Take heed that no one deceives you. ⁵ For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will deceive many.

a.] SCRIPTURE 6: REVELATION 6:1-2 (RELIGIOUS TRICKERY)

Now I saw when the Lamb opened one of the [a]seals; and I heard one of the four living creatures saying with a voice like thunder, “Come and see.” ² And I looked, and behold, a white horse. He who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer.

SCRIPTURE 7: REV.19:11-16 (DO NOT CONFUSE WITH CHRIST.)

¹¹ Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. ¹² His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He [a]had a name written that no one knew except Himself. ¹³ He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. ¹⁴ And the armies in heaven, clothed in [b]fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. ¹⁵ Now out of His mouth goes a [c]sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. ¹⁶ And He has on *His* robe and on His thigh a name written:

KING OF KINGS AND
LORD OF LORDS.

b.] SCRIPTURE 8: MATTHEW 24:6-7 (DAMAGING EFFECTS OF WORLD WARS)

⁶ And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for [a]all *these things* must come to pass, but the end is not

yet. ⁷ For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, ^[b]pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. ⁸ All these *are* the beginning of sorrows.

b.] SCRIPTURE 9: REV 6 :4 (DESTRUCTION, POWERFUL ARMED FORCES)

³ When He opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, “Come ^[a]and see.” ⁴ Another horse, fiery red, went out. And it was granted to the one who sat on it to take peace from the earth, and that *people* should kill one another; and there was given to him a great sword.

c.] SCRIPTURE 10: REV. 6:5-8(LACK OF RESOURCES AND DAILY NECESSITIES)

⁵ When He opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, “Come and see.” So I looked, and behold, a black horse, and he who sat on it had a pair of scales^[c] in his hand. ⁶ And I heard a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, “A ^[d]quart of wheat for a ^[e]denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not harm the oil and the wine.”

D.) SCRIPTURE 11: REVELATION 6:7-8

⁷ When He opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, “Come and see.” ⁸ So I looked, and behold, a pale horse. And the name of him who sat on it was Death, and Hades followed with him. And ^[f]power was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, with hunger, with death, and by the beasts of the earth.

****ALL OF THIS IS THE BEGINNING OF SORROWS****

TO SUMMARIZE, BROTHERS AND SISTERS, WE SHOULD BELIEVE IN THE HOLY TRINITY AND ENCOURAGE EACH OTHER, SEEKING THE WAY OF HOLINESS, FAITHFULNESS, AND REPENTANCE BEFORE THE LORD, WITH OUR EYES ALWAYS ON JESUS CHRIST, SINCE THE PROMISES OF GOD GO BEYOND WHAT WE SEE AND HEAR. THUS, I SUGGEST THAT YOU SEEK THE LORD JESUS WITH YOUR WHOLE HEART.

SCRIPTURE 12: ISAIAH 55:6-8

Seek the LORD while He may be found,
Call upon Him while He is near.

⁷ Let the ^[a]wicked forsake his way,
And the unrighteous man his thoughts;
Let him return to the LORD,
And He will have mercy on him;
And to our God,
For He will abundantly pardon.

⁸ “For My thoughts *are* not your thoughts,
Nor *are* your ways My ways,” says the LORD.

SCRIPTURE 12: PSALM 91:9-11

Because you have made the LORD, *who is* my refuge,
Even the Most High, your dwelling place,

¹⁰ No evil shall befall you,

Nor shall any plague come near your dwelling;

¹¹ For He shall give His angels charge over you,
To keep you in all your ways.

SCRIPTURE 13: ROMANS 5:8-9

⁸ But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.

SCRIPTURE 14: 2 PEDRO 3:8-14.....

⁸ But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day *is* as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. ⁹ The Lord is not slack concerning *His* promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward ^[a]us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

The Day of the Lord

¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be ^[b]burned up. ¹¹ Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner *of persons* ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, ¹² looking for and

hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? ¹³ Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

Be Steadfast

¹⁴ Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless;