

THE FATAL STROKE

- Prior to the 7th Plague there is a summary in the narrative. The 7th Plague will complete a category.
- **Exodus 9:13-14** Then YHWH said to Moshe, *“Rise up early in the morning and stand before Pharaoh and say to him, ‘Thus says YAHWEH, the G_d of the Hebrews, “Let My people go, that they may serve Me. “For this time I will send all My plagues upon your heart, upon your servants, and upon your people, so that you may know that there is no one like Me in all the earth.”*
- This word, "plagues," appears in verse 14 for the first time in the narrative. It is the Hebrew *maggephah*, which means death blows or fatal strokes. The Lord said that He would send His plagues upon Pharaoh's "heart," the right lobe of his soul. Striking to the heart is like inflicting a mortal wound.

WHY DID YAHWEH SEND THE PLAGUES UPON PHAROAH?

- *Exodus 9:15-16 For by now I could have stretched out my hand and struck you and your people with a plague that would have wiped you off the earth. But I have raised you up for this very purpose, that I might show you my power and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth.*

Yahweh Elohim

- The seventh plague is unique in several ways: hail and fire.
- **Exodus 9:14** *For I will at this time send all my plagues upon thy heart, and on thy servants, and on thy people; that thou mayest know that there is none like Me in all the earth.*
- Exodus 9:30 contains a unique form of Yahweh's name which is found nowhere else in the Torah: *But I know that you and your officials still do not fear Yahweh Elohim.*
- This combination of names is the equivalent of having 'justice' and 'mercy' at the same time. People are just not capable of these two things simultaneously. This is the only plague where HaShem mixes two substances that ordinarily cannot not be mixed: HAIL & FIRE.

THE MERCY OF YAH IS SEEN IN THIS PLAGUE

- **Exodus 9:23-24** *And Moshe stretched out his rod towards heaven: and HaShem sent thunder and hail; and the fire rained down upon the ground; and YHWH rained hail upon the land of Egypt. So there was hail and fire flaring up amidst the hail, very grievous, such as there was none like it in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation.*
- The fire is literally inside the hail! The fire would melt the ice, turning it into water. The water would quench the fire leaving only steam. Such a combination could never, ordinarily, exist in nature. Here we see such mercy from Yahweh sending them hail that was not deadly, with a warning to repent. No enemy would ever give us such a warning to enable us repent and save ourselves. Only a father who is trying to chastise and discipline his children would do this.

- **Exodus 9:18-22** *Therefore, at this time tomorrow I will send the worst hailstorm that has ever fallen on Egypt, from the day it was founded till now. Give an order now to bring your livestock and everything you have in the field to a place of shelter, because the hail will fall on every man and animal that has not been brought in and is still out in the field, and they will die."*
- Those officials of Pharaoh who feared the word of HaShem hurried to bring their slaves and their livestock inside. But those who ignored the word of HaShem left their slaves and livestock in the field. Then HaShem said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand toward the sky so that hail will fall all over Egypt-on men and animals and on everything growing in the fields of Egypt."

7: PLAGUE OF HAIL AND FIRE

- Exodus 9:23-24 states, “Moshe reached out with his staff toward the sky, and HaShem sent thunder and hail, and fire ran down to the earth. HaShem caused it to hail on the land of Egypt - it hailed, and fire flashed up with the hail; it was terrible, worse than any hailstorm in all of Egypt since it became a nation”.



Nut- Egyptian Goddess of the Sky

- Again warning is given before the enactment of the plague takes place. Pharaoh is warned of the impending doom that will be faced if he does not listen to the Lord, and forget his own Egyptian gods and goddesses. Yahweh is showing Pharaoh that *"there is none like Him in the Earth"*, allows those who are willing to hear His word, and do as He commands, to be saved.
- **ACTS 2:21 "AND IT SHALL BE THAT EVERYONE WHO CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED."**





The Ipuwer papyrus records Egypt being struck by a strange hail mixed with fire and ice together..



HAIL AND FIRE, MIXED WITH BLOOD IN REVELATIONS

- We also see some clear correlations between this plague and one of the plagues in the book of Revelation. The first would be in Revelation 8:5-7 where it says, *“Then the angel took the incense-bowl, filled it with fire from the altar and threw it down onto the earth; and there followed peals of thunder, voices, flashes of lightning and an earthquake. Now the seven angels with the seven shofar’s prepared to sound them. The first one sounded his shofar; and there came hail and fire mingled with blood, and it was thrown down upon the earth. A third of the earth was burned up, a third of the trees were burned up, and all green grass was burned up”*.

The second place we see this is in Revelation 16:21. It states,
*“And huge seventy-pound hailstones fell on people from the sky.
But the people cursed God for the plague of hail,
that it was such a terrible plague”*



THE LOCUST PLAGUE

- Yahweh sent Moses back to Pharaoh to announce the next plague. Then the Lord said to Moses, *“Go to Pharaoh, for I have hardened his heart and the heart of his servants, that I may perform these signs of Mine among them, (Exodus 10:1),* Here the word for hardened is *chabedh* again, which means hard in the sense of refusing to budge.
- Yahweh again says that He hardened the hearts of Pharaoh and his staff. He further stated the reason, which was in keeping with His Strategic Plan (Exodus 7:3-5). He hardened their hearts so He could perform His signs among them. The word sign is the Hebrew *'oth*, a sign or symbol. The signs, e.g. hail and locusts, have symbolic meaning. Later when they occur in history, Bible Doctrine can be applied using the same symbolic definitions to understand the divine viewpoint of history; These signs will provide keys for future generations to understand.



8: PLAGUE OF LOCUSTS

- Exodus 10:12-14 states, And Yahweh said to Moshe, “Stretch out your hand over Egypt so that locusts swarm over the land and devour everything growing in the fields, everything left by the hail.” So Moshe stretched out his staff over Egypt, and Yahweh made an east wind blow across the land all that day and all that night. By morning the wind had brought the locusts; they invaded all Egypt and settled down in every area of the country in great numbers. Never before had there been such a plague of locusts, nor will there ever be again.



Seth- Egyptian God of Storms and Disorder

- The eighth plague issued by Yahweh had an even greater purpose than all the others, it was to be felt so that Pharaoh would tell even "his sons and son's sons" the mighty things of YHWH, thus teaching even future generations of the power of the "strong hand of God" over all the other Egyptian gods and goddesses.



Exodus 10:2 I've also done it so you can tell your children and grandchildren about how I made a mockery of the Egyptians and about the signs I displayed among them--and so you will know that I am YAHWEH."



4 TYPES OF LOCUSTS

- The names for locusts in the Bible are based upon their behaviour. Joel covers four types of them: The leftovers of the gnawer the multiplier ate, and the leftovers of the multiplier the licker ate, and the leftovers of the licker the devourer ate. (**Joel 1:4**) The gnawer is *gazam*, the locust as the gnawer from *gaza`*, which means to cut off or saw in two in Arabic. Note: the Hebrew word *gaza`* is not the same as the name of the city of Gaza, which is the Greek equivalent of the Hebrew *tsazah*. The multiplier is *arebeh*, which means multiplier from the verb *rabah*, to multiply, become many. The licker is *jeleq*, which means licker; to lick, lick off. The devourer is *chasil*, which means devourer, from *chasal*, to finish off, consume.

THE DESTROYER COMES....

- **Revelation 9:3 states**, *“Then out of the smoke onto the earth came locusts, and they were given power like the power scorpions have on earth”*.
- **In Revelation 9:7-11 it goes on to describe these fearsome creatures.** It says, *“Now these locusts looked like horses outfitted for battle. On their heads were what looked like crowns of gold, and their faces were like human faces. They had hair like women's hair, and their teeth were like those of lions. Their chests were like iron breastplates, and the sound their wings made was like the roar of many horses and chariots rushing into battle. They had tails like those of scorpions, with stings; and in their tails was their power to hurt people for five months. They had as king over them the angel of the Abyss, whose name in Hebrew is “Abaddon” (Destroyer)”*.

'INFERNAL BEINGS' CAST INTO THE EVERLASTING FIRE

- This plague is definitely the manifested *wrath* of Yahweh. But there would seem to be an additional line of thought suggested by these "locusts". The second chapter of Joel and the ninth of Revelation should be carefully studied in this connection. In these two chapters we have a species of *infernal* "locusts" brought to our view. They issue from the Bottomless Pit, and the Anti-Christ, is said to be their "king". It would seem then that the plaguing of Pharaoh and the Egyptians with the "locusts" points to the yet future punishing of the lost in the company of *infernal beings*: as the Lord said, "They shall be cast into everlasting fire, prepared for the Devil and his angels" (Matthew 25:41).

9: PLAGUE OF DARKNESS

- *“And YAHWEH said unto Moshe, Stretch out your hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, even darkness which may be felt. And Moshe stretched forth his hand toward heaven; and there was a thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three days: They saw not one another, neither rose any from his place for three days: but all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings. And Pharaoh called unto Moshe, and said, Go ye, serve your G_D; only let your flocks and your herds be stayed: let your little ones also go with you.”*



Ra- The Sun God



EGYPTIAN WORSHIPPED THE SUN GOD RA

- "In Egypt the sun was worshipped under the title of Ra: the name came conspicuously forward in the title of the kings, Pharaoh, or rather Phra, meaning 'the sun'" (Wilkinson's "Ancient Egypt"). "Not only therefore was the source of light and heat eclipsed for the Egyptians, but the god they worshipped was obscured and his powerlessness demonstrated—a proof, had they but eyes to see, that a mightier than the sun, yea the Creator of the sun, was dealing with them in judgment" (Ed. Dennett).

EL-ARISH

- The "plague of darkness is further described in another ancient Egyptian document, a black granite monolith or shrine at the border of Egypt, inscribed with hieroglyphics all over its surface. The shrine's message declares: "EL-ARISH: The land was in great affliction. Evil fell on this earth. . . It was a great upheaval in the residence. . . . Nobody left the palace during nine days, and during these nine days of upheaval there was such a tempest that neither the men nor the gods could see the faces of their next.

YAHWEH IS LIGHT

- This ninth plague formed a fitting climax to the third series. It is easily interpreted. Yahweh is Light: darkness is the withdrawal of light. Therefore, this judgment of darkness, gave plain intimation that Egypt was now *abandoned by Yah*. Nothing remained but death itself. The darkness continued for three days—full *manifestation* of Yah's withdrawal. So fearful was this "thick darkness" that the Egyptians "saw not one another, neither rose any from his place". Striking is the contrast presented in the next sentence: "*But all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings.*" This light was as supernatural as the darkness. It emanated, most probably, from the Shekinah glory.

WE ARE THE "CHILDREN OF LIGHT"

- The Egyptians had a darkness which they could not light up: Israel a light which they could not put out. Thus it is upon earth to-day. The people of God are "children of light" (Eph. 5:8), because Yahweh *"who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, has shined in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of Yah in the face of Yahshua."* (2 Cor. 4:6).
- But "the way of the wicked *is as darkness*: they know not at what they stumble" (Prov. 4:19), and this because they are "without YHWH in the world." (Eph. 2:12). **A. W. Pink**

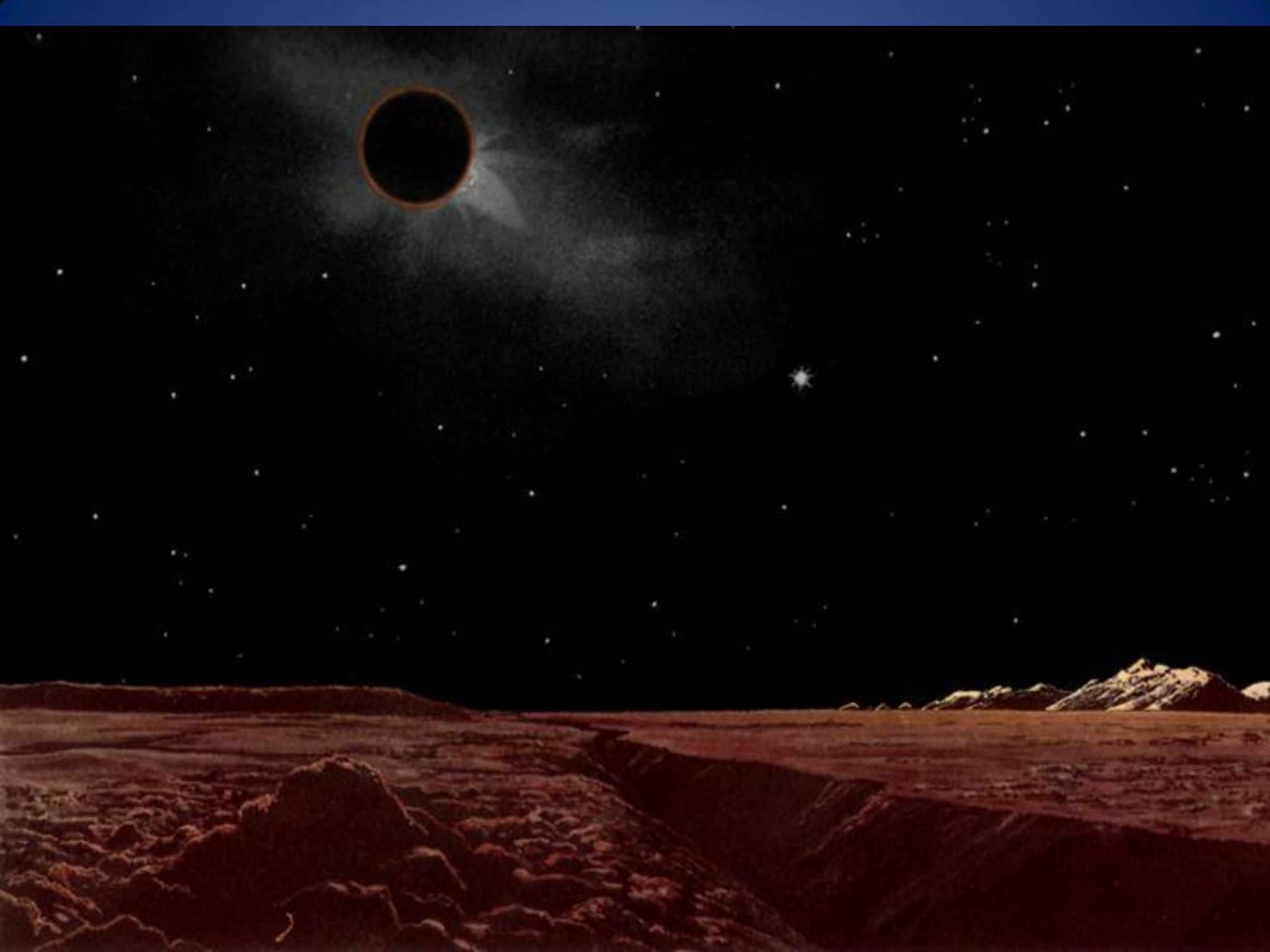
- The three days of darkness which brooded over the land of Egypt remind us of the three hours of darkness over all the earth when the Messiah hung upon the cross. There the Holy One was being "made sin" (2 Cor. 5:21) for His people, and He Who is *"of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look upon iniquity"* (Hab. 1:13), turned away His face from the One who was being punished in our stead.
- It was this turning away of Yah from Him which caused the Yahshua to cry, *"My YAH, my YAH, why hast Thou forsaken Me?"*. **A. W. Pink**

CAST INTO OUTER DARKNESS

- Finally, this three days of dense darkness upon Egypt utters a solemn warning for all who refuse to receive GOD. Unsaved reader, if you continue in your present course, if you go on slighting the mercy of YHWH, if you refuse to heed His warning to flee from the wrath to come, you shall be finally cast into "the outer darkness" (Matthew 8:12)—the "blackness of darkness forever." (Jude 13).
- Neglect, then, thy soul's salvation no longer. Turn even now unto Him who is "the *Light* of the world.", and in His light you shall see light. **A. W. Pink**

THE KINGDOM GREW DARK

- *Revelation 8:12 states, “The fourth angel sounded his shofar; and a third of the sun was struck, also a third of the moon and a third of the stars; so that a third of them were darkened, the day had a third less light, and the night likewise”.*
- *And, in Revelation 16:10 we read, “The fifth one poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and its kingdom grew dark. People gnawed on their tongues from the pain”.*
- **This plague leading to the tenth and final plague could be symbolic of the dark spiritual state of the inhabitants of the Earth.**

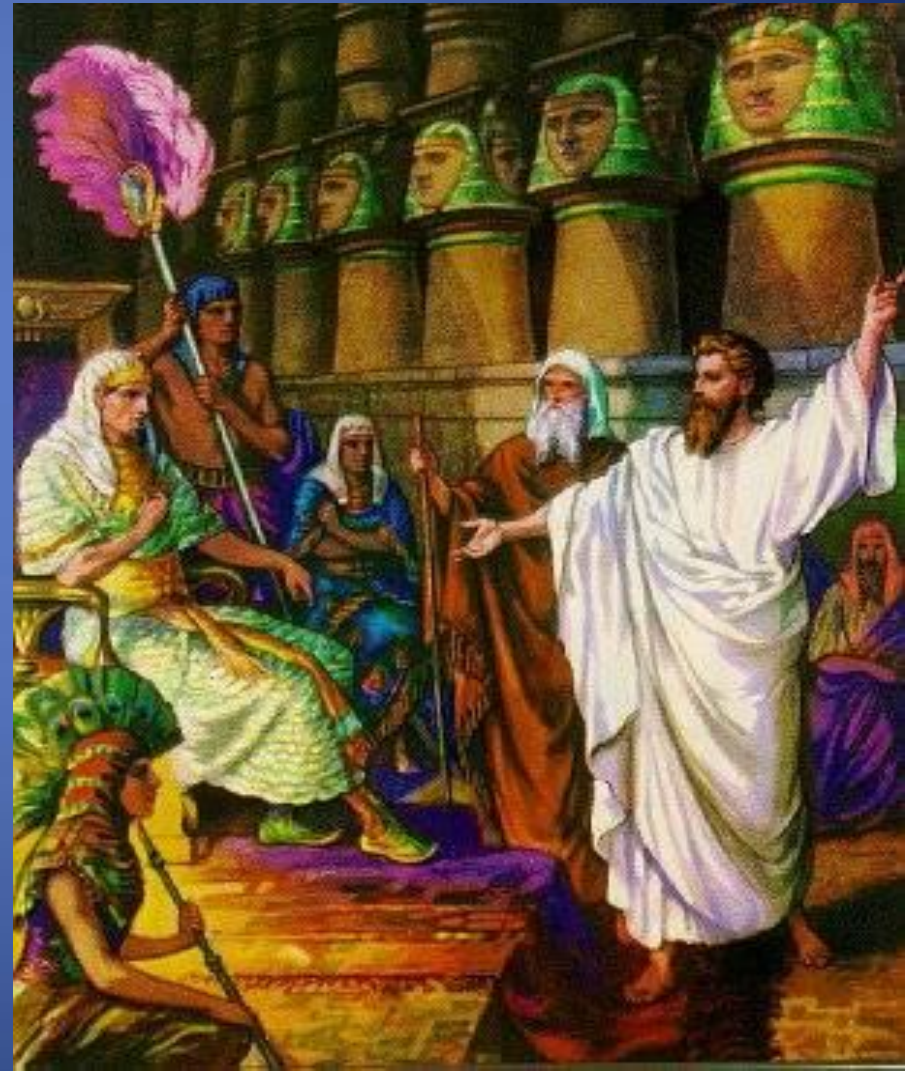


EXODUS 11:1-10

- Now Yahweh said to Moshe, *“I will bring one more plague on Pharaoh and on Egypt. After that, he will let you go from here, and when he does, he will drive you out completely. Tell the people that men and women alike are to ask their neighbours for articles of silver and gold.”* (YHWH made the Egyptians favourably disposed toward the people, and Moshe himself was highly regarded in Egypt by Pharaoh’s officials and by the people.)
- So Moshe said, *“This is what Yahweh says: ‘About midnight I will go throughout Egypt. Every firstborn son in Egypt will die, from the firstborn son of Pharaoh, who sits on the throne, to the firstborn son of the slave girl, who is at her hand mill, and all the firstborn of the cattle as well. There will be loud wailing throughout Egypt—worse than there has ever been or ever will be again. But among the Israelites not a dog will bark at any man or animal.’ Then you will know that Yahweh makes a distinction between Egypt and Israel.*

PHAROAH REFUSES TO HEED MOSHE'S WARNING TO "LET HIS PEOPLE GO!"

- All these officials of yours will come to me, bowing down before me and saying, 'Go, you and all the people who follow you!' After that I will leave." Then Moshe, hot with anger, left Pharaoh.
- The YHWH had said to Moshe, "Pharaoh will refuse to listen to you—so that my wonders may be multiplied in Egypt." Moshe and Aaron performed all these wonders before Pharaoh, but Yahweh hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he would not let the Israelites go out of his country.



EXODUS 12

- Then Moshe summoned all the elders of Israel and said to them, “Go at once and select the animals for your families and slaughter the Passover lamb. Take a bunch of hyssop, dip it into the blood in the basin and put some of the blood on the top and on both sides of the doorframe. Not one of you shall go out the door of his house until morning. When the Yahweh goes through the land to strike down the Egyptians, he will see the blood on the top and sides of the doorframe and will pass over that doorway, and he will not permit the destroyer to enter your houses and strike you down.

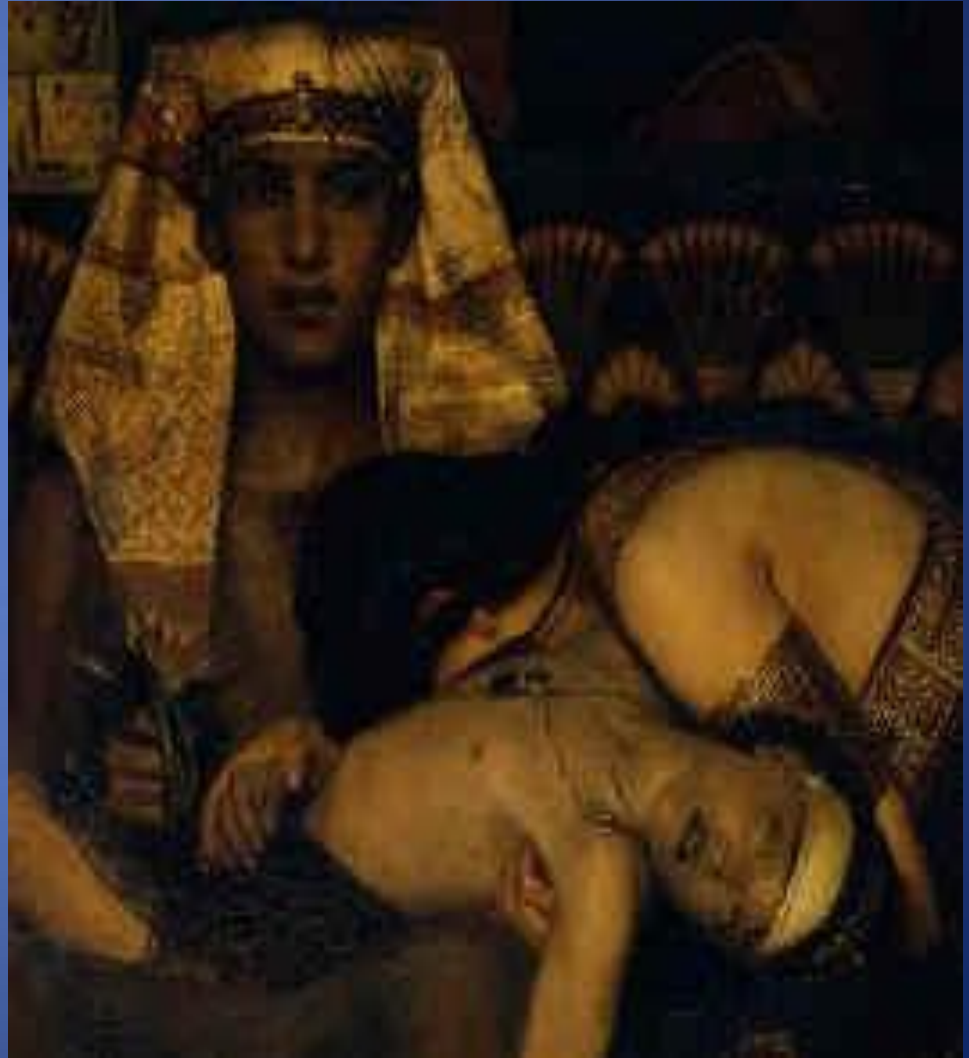


PASSOVER – AN EVERLASTING COMMANDMENT

- *“Obey these instructions as a everlasting ordinance for you and your descendants. When you enter the land that the Lord will give you as he promised, observe this ceremony. And when your children ask you, ‘What does this ceremony mean to you?’ then tell them, ‘It is the Passover sacrifice to the YHWH, who passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt and spared our homes when he struck down the Egyptians.’” Then the people bowed down and worshiped. The Israelites did just what YHWH commanded Moshe and Aaron.*

10: DEATH OF THE FIRSTBORN

- At midnight YHWH struck down all the firstborn in Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh, who sat on the throne, to the firstborn of the prisoner, who was in the dungeon, and the firstborn of all the livestock as well. Pharaoh and all his officials and all the Egyptians got up during the night, and there was loud wailing in Egypt, for there was not a house without someone dead.



Pharaoh- The Ultimate Power of Egypt

- Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, was worshipped by the Egyptians because he was considered to be the greatest Egyptian god of all. It was believed that he was actually the son of Ra himself, manifest in the flesh.



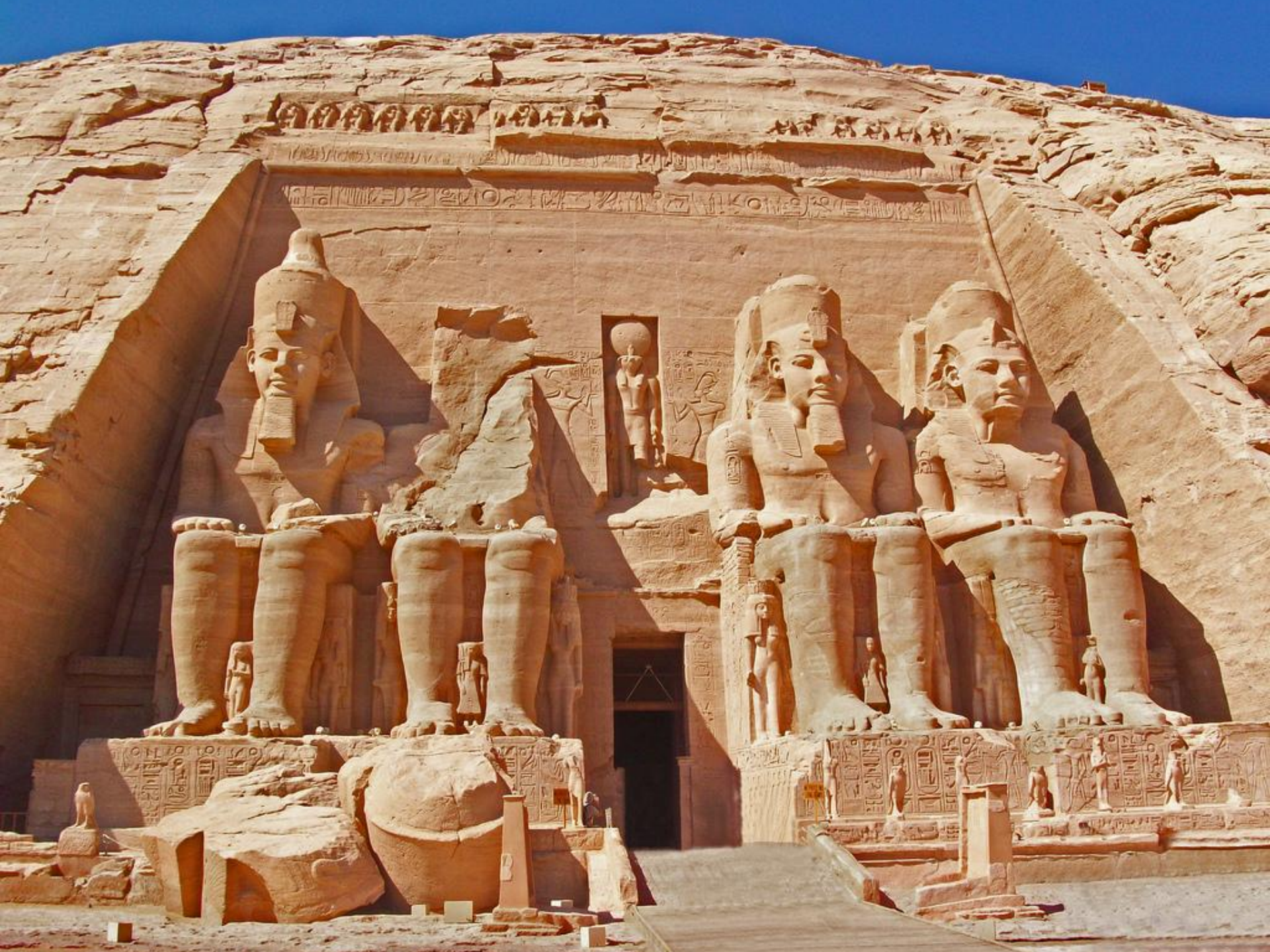
DEATH IS A SOVEREIGN DECISION OF YHWH

- YHWH said that about midnight, He would go into the midst of Egypt. The "midnight" was not the day of Moshe's visit to Pharaoh during the Plague of Darkness because there would not have been sufficient time for preparation for the Passover, which took four days. The "midnight" was at a later date. YHWH would personally execute the last plague, whereas Moshe and Aaron had been used to initiate all the other plagues. Death is a sovereign decision of Yah, who alone determines the time, the manner, and place of death. Thus, the responsibility for the death of the firstborn would not be shared with Moshe or Aaron.

- *EXODUS 12:31-33 During the night Pharaoh summoned Moshe and Aaron and said, "Up! Leave my people, you and the Israelites! Go, worship your G_d as you have requested. Take your flocks and herds, as you have said, and go. And also bless me." The Egyptians urged the people to hurry and leave the country. "For otherwise," they said, "we will all die!"*
- So the people took their dough before the yeast was added, and carried it on their shoulders in kneading troughs wrapped in clothing. The Israelites did as Moshe instructed and asked the Egyptians for articles of silver and gold and for clothing. YHWH had made the Egyptians favourably disposed toward the people, and they gave them what they asked for; so they plundered the Egyptians.

THE REDEMPTION OF MOSES AND THE EXODUS OF ISRAEL

EXODUS



EXODUS FROM EGYPT



DEATH OF THE FIRSTBORN

- *Revelation 9:11 states, "They had as king over them the Angel of the Abyss, whose name in Hebrew is "Abaddon" and in our language, "Destroyer." Now, the name in Hebrew comes from a different root, but it is likely that the title refers to the same Angel.*
- The book of Revelation concludes with the destruction and death of the armies that were assembled. The firstborn often represented the leadership of a nation, and it was the leaders in Egypt whom were leading the people into sin and destruction.
- In the future it will be the similar as the leaders of the world lead their people into the same. *For Revelation 19:19 states, "I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered together to do battle with the rider of the horse and his army".*

THE DESTROYER



THE LAST WILL BE FIRST

- Moshe had started out under Yah's command with only a stick (his staff) and no support. As a leader he stood alone. Pharaoh, in contrast had the world. However, because of his hardness of heart, Pharaoh caused the destruction of his own life and the whole Egyptian empire. Moshe became a man of renown, even among Pharaoh's staff. YHWH provided the hearing. Moshe started out with nothing and won everything. YHWH gave him everything in grace. Pharaoh started out with the world and squandered it through his arrogance.
- ***Matthew 20:16*** *So the last will be first and the first last, for the called are many and the chosen ones are few."*

WORLD LEADERS CORRUPT THE PEOPLE

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THE APOCALYPSE



- *A third of mankind was killed by the three plagues of fire, smoke and sulfur that came out of their mouths. The power of the horses was in their mouths and in their tails; for their tails were like snakes, having heads with which they inflict injury. The rest of mankind that were not killed by these plagues still did not repent of the work of their hands; they did not stop worshiping demons, and idols of gold, silver, bronze, stone and wood-idols that cannot see or hear or walk. Nor did they repent of their murders, their magic arts, their sexual immorality or their thefts.*

PAST REDEMPTION – FUTURE REDEMPTION

- Now lets look at the relationship between the plagues of Egypt and the plagues in the book of the Revelation. There is a clue in the Tanakh that our future redemption will be like our past redemption:
- *Micah 7:14-17 Shepherd your people with your staff, the flock of your inheritance, which lives by itself in a forest, in fertile pasturelands. Let them feed in Bashan and Gilead as in days long ago. "As in the days when you came out of Egypt, I will show them my wonders." Nations will see and be ashamed, deprived of all their power. They will lay their hands on their mouths and their ears will become deaf. They will lick dust like a snake, like creatures that crawl on the ground. They will come trembling out of their dens; they will turn in fear to Yahweh and will be afraid of you.*

AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSEHOLD, WE WILL SERVE YAHWEH!

Joshua 24:14-16 *“Now fear YHWH and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and serve YHWH. But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve YHWH.”*

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