

SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES

AN OVERVIEW OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

JN. 5:39



Jn. 5:39 “**Search the scriptures....they are they which testify of me.**”

Jn. 5:46 For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for **he wrote of me.**

Rom. 15:4 For whatsoever things were **written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.**

Last week we began looking at the 10 plagues that God brought upon Egypt before the Exodus of His people from their bondage. We covered the first four plagues:

1. The Plague of Blood, Ex. 7:14-24 → Hapi (also called Apis), the bull god, god of the Nile; Isis, goddess of the Nile; Khnum, ram god, guardian of the Nile; others...
2. The Plague of Frogs, Ex. 8:1-15 → Heket, (Heqet,) goddess of birth, with a frog head
3. The Plague of Lice, Ex. 8:16-19 → Set or Geb, god of the desert storms
4. The Plague of Flies, Ex. 8:20-32 → Khepri, and Uatchit, represented by the fly.

The experiences that Moses encountered in Exodus from chapters 1 through 6 were all preparation for the spiritual warfare he would face in chapters 7 through 12.

- ❖ As we began looking at the Ten Plagues, remember that one of the purposes of the plagues is for God to show His strength and power over the gods of Egypt.

Ex. 7:5 And **the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD**, when I stretch forth mine hand upon Egypt, and bring out the children of Israel from among them.

Ex. 12:12 For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite 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.**

Num. 33:4 For the Egyptians buried all *their* firstborn, which the LORD had smitten among them: **upon their gods also the LORD executed judgments.**

Tonight we will cover three more of the 10 Plagues and God's confrontation against the gods of Egypt.

5. The Plague on Livestock (Hathor), Ex. 9:1-7

Ex. 9:1 Then the LORD said unto Moses, Go in unto Pharaoh, and tell him, Thus saith the LORD God of the Hebrews, Let **my** people go, that they may **serve me**.

2 For if thou refuse to let *them* go, and wilt hold them still,

3 Behold, the hand of the LORD is upon thy cattle **which is in the field**, upon the horses, upon the asses, upon the camels, upon the oxen, and upon the sheep: **there shall be a very grievous murrain.**

4 And the LORD shall sever between the cattle of Israel and the cattle of Egypt: and there shall nothing die of all *that is* the children's of Israel.

5 And **the LORD appointed a set time, saying, To morrow the LORD shall do this thing in the land.**

6 And **the LORD did that thing on the morrow, and all the cattle of Egypt died: but of the cattle of the children of Israel died not one.**

7 And Pharaoh sent, and, behold, there was not one of the cattle of the Israelites dead. And the heart of Pharaoh was hardened, and he did not let the people go.

- ❖ The warning from God via Moses was an economic disaster arriving with the death of the animals. Carefully compare Ex. 9:3 with Ex. 9:19-20.
- ❖ This plague was a refutation by God over the goddess Hathor, goddess of love and protection.



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Hathor, the Egyptian goddess of love and protection.

- ❖ Hathor is not only the daughter of Egypt's main deities for she is also the 'eye of Ra,' the most powerful force in the world. This makes her one of the most significant deities in Egyptian mythology.
- ❖ This plague was given with an advanced warning, allowing a period of repentance to occur, which goes unheeded.
- ❖ In Ex. 9:5, "...the LORD appointed a set time,"

Heb 10:37 For yet a little while, and **he that shall come will come, and will not tarry.**

Prov. 7:19 For **the goodman is not at home**, he is gone a long journey:

20 He hath taken a bag of money with him, *and* **will come home at the day appointed.**

- ❖ The fifth plague unleashed by Jehovah upon Egypt was a devastating blow to their agricultural and economic systems – Ex. 9:3b “...**there shall be a very grievous murrain.**”

MURRAIN, *noun* mur'rin. [Latin morior, to die.]

An infectious and fatal disease among cattle. Exodus 9:3.

<https://webstersdictionary1828.com/Dictionary/murrain>

Prov. 21:4 An high look, and a proud heart, *and* **the plowing of the wicked, is sin.**

Rev. 6:8 And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth.

<https://scripturalthinking.com/plagues-egypt-revelation/>

- ❖ Another plague arrives without warning, as ashes become boils.



Horus



Jesus



- ❖ As with the previous two, throughout the remaining Egyptian plagues the division is drawn between the Egyptians and the children of Israel, as God gives protection to his covenant people. The severity of the judgment of God has now become personal, as it is actually felt by the people themselves.
- ❖ During the Tribulation Period, those who reject God will encounter horrible pain and will not repent, just like Pharaoh.

Rev. 16:10 And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain, 11 And **blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds.**

7. The Plague of Hail in the Form of Fire (Nut),
Ex. 9:13-35

Ex. 9:13 And the LORD said unto Moses, Rise up early in the morning, and stand before Pharaoh, and say unto him, **Thus saith the LORD God of the Hebrews, Let my people go, that they may serve me.**

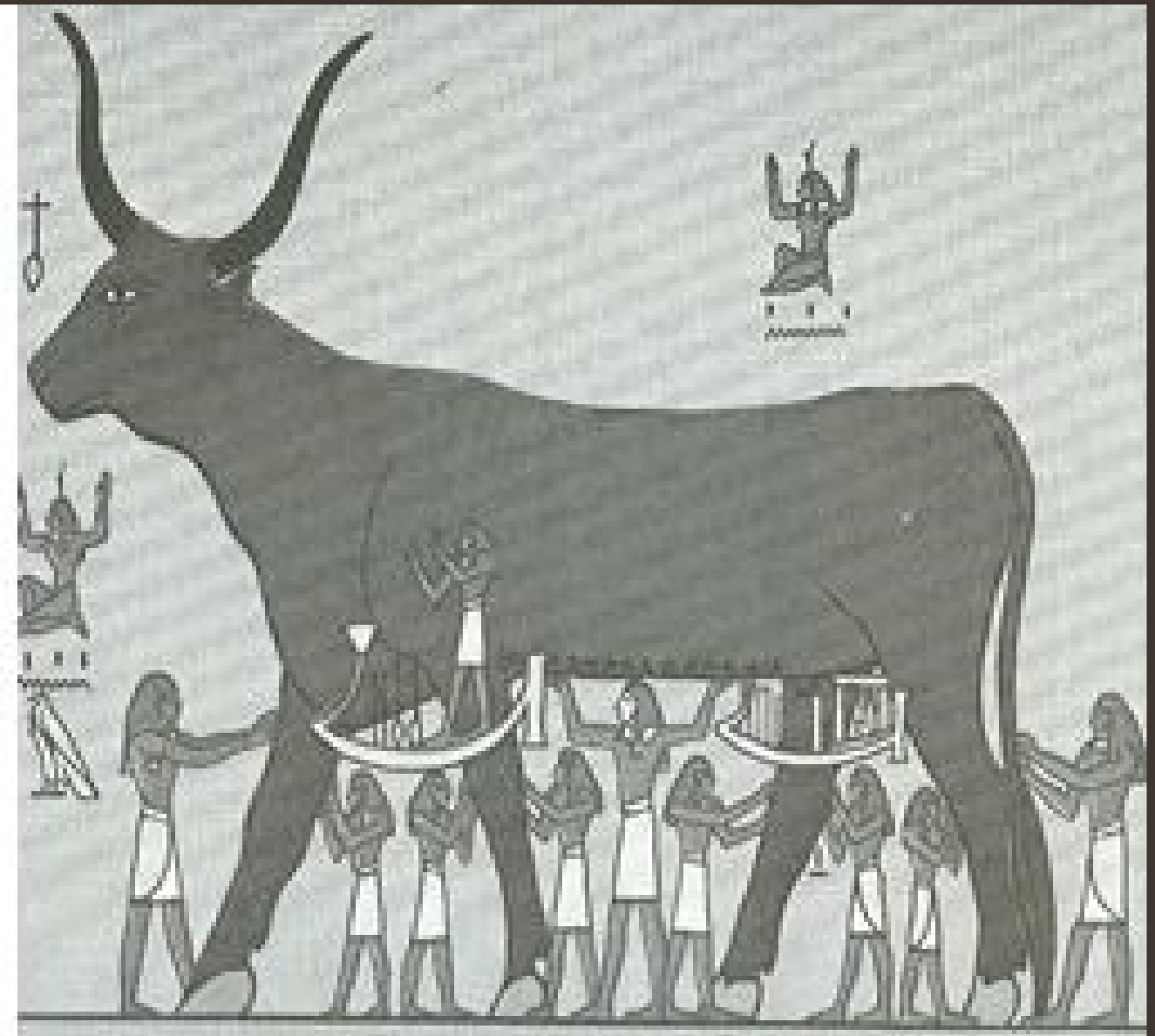
14 For I will at this time send all my plagues upon thine heart, and upon thy servants, and upon thy people; **that thou mayest know that *there is none like me in all the earth.***

19 Send therefore now, *and gather thy cattle*, and all that thou hast in the field; *for upon every man and beast which shall be found in the field, and shall not be brought home, the hail shall come down upon them, and they shall die.*

20 **He that feared the word of the LORD among the servants of Pharaoh made his servants and his cattle flee into the houses:**

26 **Only in the land of Goshen, where the children of Israel were, was there no hail.**





Rev. 8:7 The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up.

Rev. 11:19 And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail.

Rev. 16:21 And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, *every stone* about the weight of a talent: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great.

- ❖ The talent was the heaviest or largest biblical unit of measurement for weight, equal to about 75 pounds or 35 kilograms.

<https://www.learnreligions.com/what-is-a-talent-700699#:~:text=One%20talent%20equaled%20about%2060%20minas%20or%203%2C000,a%20shekel%20weighed%20about.4%20ounces%20or%2011%20grams>

Mt. 24:7 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and **pestilences**, and earthquakes, in divers places.

Luke 21:11 And great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and famines, and **pestilences**; and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven.

- ❖ Remember the Chinese Covid, and Pneumonia “pestilences” plaguing children.

Summary

Ex. 9:13 And the LORD said unto Moses, Rise up early in the morning, and stand before Pharaoh, and say unto him, **Thus saith the LORD God of the Hebrews, Let my people go, that they may serve me.**

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Conclusion

Mark 13:32 But of that day and *that* hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father.

33 **Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is.**