



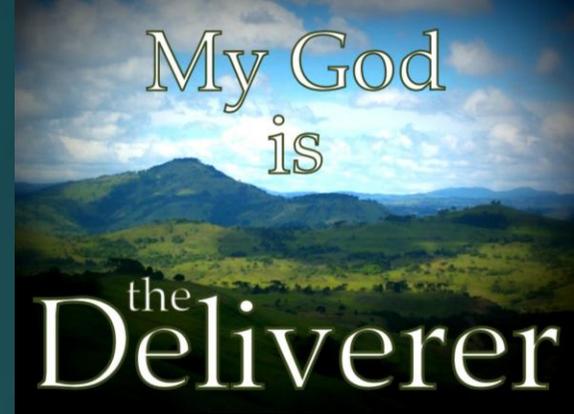
The 10 Plagues

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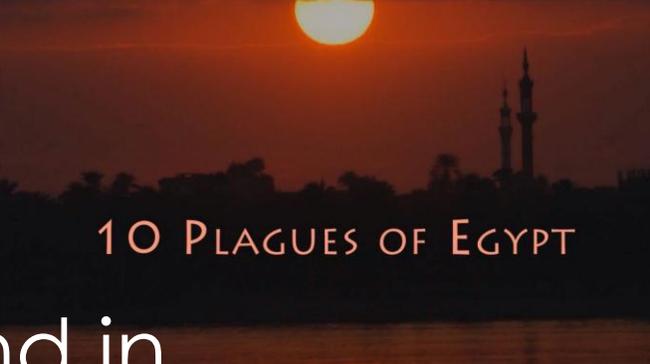
CHAPTER 8

God the Deliverer

- ▶ God was about to **deliver** His people from slavery. He was going to systematically free His people **step by step** (so it is at the end time).
- ▶ They were not only in bondage by a government, but a **system**. (Eph. 2:2; Titus 3:3) A system that God was about to rain down judgment upon and destroy piece by piece.
- ▶ Through that we can see how God can **free us** from our bondage today.



The Idols and The Plagues



10 PLAGUES OF EGYPT

- ▶ From what we learn later on in Exodus and in the book of Numbers, there were many Israelites that followed these idols (or at least acknowledged the system) of Egypt.
- ▶ These plagues were directly **targeting** the gods that they worshiped in Egypt. God was attacking them one by one.
- ▶ Are you still carrying your former idols in your Christian walk with God today?

- ▶ During the first plague (7:20), Aaron literally “struck” their god of life (the Nile) with his staff, and none of their priests or magicians could stop the river from turning into blood.
- ▶ And now from the “god of life” came the “god of evil”. The frog was the god of evil in Egyptian legend. This was all wrong with them, as though the world had turned **up side down**. (Have you ever felt that?)
- ▶ This would surely be an awakening to the people that what was “working” no longer “worked.”

The Finger of God



- ▶ (8:19) The finger of God—by the third plague, the magicians were also realizing that they were no match to the Lord
- ▶ This is a defining moment: from here onward the magicians could do nothing
- ▶ There is a point at which we finally realize that our idols **promised much**, but **deliver little**...like a finger of God He is pointing it out to us

The Real Slavery—the Flesh



- ▶ What's wrong with worshiping idols? Besides the fact that they don't work half of the time, and don't solve the real problem?
- ▶ Anyone who worships idols will fall into the trap of **relying on his flesh** (Rom. 1:24-32) because of our rejection of God
- ▶ This is the real **slavery** (Titus 3:3, John 8:34), and God wants to free us from it (Rom. 6:1-12)

Conclusion

- ▶ How are your idols? Have they ever failed you?
- ▶ What have they been providing in the past?
How are they comparing to God?
- ▶ God is in the business of freeing us from our idols (John 8:34-36) as we set our eyes on Christ and only worship Him (1 John 2:15-17)
- ▶ We also must identify with Christ's death and resurrection (Rom. 6:1-12) and rely on Him instead of our flesh or abilities.

