

## **Every Herb of the Land**

Exodus 10:10 – 11:10

~ The Battle of the Gods rages on in this report from our Spiritual Safari. The plagues we are witnessing in this section of Scripture are directed at the rank idolatry involving hyper-zoology in the land of Egypt. Each individual plague was directed at a particular deity in the land at the time in which we are studying. God is revealing His power to the children of Israel; and His true demonstration of control began with the hail. It doesn't have to be this way with Pharaoh; but there cannot be any compromise or strings attached - or God is just not accepting it. Of course, that's why Pharaoh is angry: because Moses and Aaron will not accept a compromise. These plagues are not all that miraculous, really; the Lord God is in total control and can resolve and dispose of all of this at His will. The east wind will bring the locusts from somewhere else for a very definite purpose. I guess after hopping over the desert they were starving to death and started devouring at will in the lush Nile valley. The locusts stripped everything, and this is the worst plague we have seen yet. Some of the plagues seem to be miracles - but I don't think so; they are not as spectacular or sensational as other miracles in the Bible – but they ARE supernatural and not normal.

Locusts are a very definite picture of judgment in the Book of Joel and Revelation. Both speak of a future judgment yet to come. Joel's prophecy is a great future judgment set in confirmed patterns of secular history concerning mankind upon the earth. Pharaoh makes his first confession in verse sixteen, but it has no meaningful effect on his life. It took all the plagues thus far just to get Pharaoh to THIS point in his thinking! See, friends, God has a very definite method of dealing with people, with the land - and with Pharaoh. All of the judgments are specific and given in an orderly way. They are directed at the different forms of idolatry in Egypt at that time.

Now, these tremendous scourges are reeking havoc and hardship amongst ALL of the people in the land of Egypt; yet, Pharaoh is not concerned. The locusts had some effect, but, ultimately, they didn't convince him. Pharaoh

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thinks he only needs his sins forgiven this one time and for this one thing. Of course, the record is that as soon as the locusts leave the land Pharaoh hardens his heart again and retakes his original position. He even chases them down. Without divine deliverance, this would be the end of Israel. Basically, Pharaoh made a vow to God and broke it. Doing that will never end well for you. You are better off not making a vow to the Lord as opposed to making a vow and not keeping it. The Lord will require the vow you make in haste, my beloved; you can just write that down. God is going to force the hand of Pharaoh to let the children of Israel go by sending two more terrible plagues of darkness.

So, indeed, our safari heads into Egyptian darkness now; and this next particular plague is directed at the highest deity in the entire order of worship with the people in Egypt at this time in which we are studying. Have you ever literally FELT darkness – and sensed the complete absence of light? There is a place in Tennessee where you can go way, way down in a jewel mine and then they turn out the light! I don't want to go there ever again; I promise you that. You can feel that darkness and it is thick. Pharaoh has agreed to let Israel go worship - but he also tells them they can only travel a certain distance. With that, Pharaoh suggests another compromise. He honestly believed that this compromise should sound agreeable to Moses and Aaron; but we are not called to leave our children in the ways of Egypt.

I have made several comments on the most subtle temptations the Christian has to endure today in this world regarding their education, what their children learn and what we learn later in life. We are not here to accomplish goals and become successes down here, friends; we are to go and take our place amongst Gods people and subject ourselves to His plan and purpose. How are you doing with that, friends? It just does not match up with the world's philosophy that wants to be learned in the things of the world and who tell their children they need to grow up and be big stars. What the world is saying is, "... don't fall behind in your brick making." That's what's real, my beloved. Do you like it down there in the brickyards? I think some people are truly content and happy there; in fact, I know they are! I am not shocked or surprised that we are losing the younger generation totally and completely. The problem is more than obvious. If

you start them out in the wrong direction, it's highly likely they'll just keep on going in the wrong direction.

So, then Pharaoh offers another satanic compromise to Moses and Aaron - which is to go into the wilderness and worship but leave the flocks and herds behind. Pharaoh wants collateral to ensure they come back, of course. Many people say they serve the Lord and most of them are faithful in their churches. They support their pastor and they give to the Lord's missionary work regularly; but they also have a way of doing business - and that way of business is the way they do it down in Egypt. They have flocks and herd a plenty down there, apparently. They seem to be very interested in those flocks and herds because I have noticed they put those flocks and herds above anything and everyone else in their lives; and if they have to make the choice between whether to serve God or make a quick trip to Egypt - they're going to Egypt for the night, you may be sure – taking their flocks and herds with them.

I just happen to know that most so called Christians out there in the cold, hard business world usually live just like the other, unsaved lost people in the dog eat dog business world. You typically cannot tell them apart except that the "saved" is usually an outwardly pious, mean and not very trustworthy individual; whereas the unsaved are generally cordial, at least outwardly. Either way, they all seem to invest in the same stocks and bonds of the world. I am of the opinion that the rapture will break the hearts of most people because they will have to say goodbye to their stuff down here and give up their self-made plans. Many churches will meet the Sunday after the rapture and the church will not be missing a single member, too. The rapture is going to separate us from our investments more permanently than a pad-locked door on a bank holding our safety deposit box inside. Your real estate and everything you have devoted your life to may not be able to be taken from you – but YOU are going to be taken from it someday. For some people that day will be heartbreaking.

What are you putting your heart into today that you will be leaving behind tomorrow? Will you miss your wealth and real estate? Or do you love those things? Would it be difficult to leave what you have worked so hard for in this life? Would it be difficult to leave your unsaved relatives? Would it be

difficult to leave your unsaved sons and daughters? When I began writing these reports there was no way to have known they would be read in India, China, the Philippines, Indonesia and all the other places they seem to be going. I'll be happy to leave this behind. I could not have possibly known this would be written for an international ministry. Editing and publishing my daily reports is not just going through some motion; we're getting a job done and we're getting it done properly, correctly and completely, according to the Word of God. The teaching of the Bible is about reaching people everywhere.

When I was very young, I was given a child's Bible with pictures in it by one of my mom's friends. I went into my room with it, zip-flipped through it, returned to the living room and proudly announced to my mother's company that I had finished reading it, thanks; and handed it back to her. She told me to keep it. I love the Bible, friends. I always have and I mean that sincerely. I thank God every moment He chose ME to be someone that He wants to save. Why He would do that for Andrew C. Hunt, I have no earthly idea. I also thank God there are people that want to have part in a ministry with me; the Spiritual Safari is not promotion – it's traveling, and I hope you have been moved with us. I thank God we are reaching people everywhere. I pray this is all honoring to the Name of the Lord. I certainly give all of the glory to the Lord Jesus Christ, Son of Man – Son of God! That is all this is about, friends - God.

Don't misunderstand me by thinking I am reaching out and grabbing at something. I am as delighted and happy as a crab in a shell. I happen to be cancer, the crab – by the way! I am, at LEAST, as happy as a clam; however happy a clam is. I can survive with a completely closed shell. I do not know a single place or person I would exchange places or shoes with right now; and that is a true statement. I only make true statements to you, my dear readers. I am letting you know what the Word of God is doing today through the dear and caring saints that honestly love and care about other dear saints. I am trying to reach YOU with the Word of God! Lives are being changed; not by me – but by the Holy Spirit in His Word! These are spiritually taught ideas that are transmitted psychologically. These reports become principles people think about as the Holy Spirit brings them to remembrance throughout our dealings with others. Father, let us pray for

the spirit of wisdom as we look to Your Word for judgment in our lives today....

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***10 And he said unto them, Let the LORD be so with you, as I will let you go, and your little ones: look to it; for evil is before you.***

***11 Not so: go now ye that are men, and serve the LORD; for that ye did desire. And they were driven out from Pharaoh's presence.***

***12 And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand over the land of Egypt for the locusts, that they may come up upon the land of Egypt, and eat every herb of the land, even all that the hail hath left.***

***13 And Moses stretched forth his rod over the land of Egypt, and the LORD brought an east wind upon the land all that day, and all that night; and when it was morning, the east wind brought the locusts.***

***14 And the locusts went up over all the land of Egypt, and rested in all the coasts of Egypt: very grievous were they; before them there were no such locusts as they, neither after them shall be such.***

***15 For they covered the face of the whole earth, so that the land was darkened; and they did eat every herb of the land, and all the fruit of the trees which the hail had left: and there remained not any green thing in the trees, or in the herbs of the field, through all the land of Egypt.***

***16 Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron in haste; and he said, I have sinned against the LORD your God, and against you.***

***17 Now therefore forgive, I pray thee, my sin only this once, and intreat the LORD your God, that he may take away from me this death only.***

***18 And he went out from Pharaoh, and intreated the LORD.***

**19 And the LORD turned a mighty strong west wind, which took away the locusts, and cast them into the Red sea; there remained not one locust in all the coasts of Egypt.**

**20 But the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, so that he would not let the children of Israel go.**

**21 And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, even darkness which may be felt.**

**22 And Moses stretched forth his hand toward heaven; and there was a thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three days:**

**23 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.**

**24 And Pharaoh called unto Moses, and said, Go ye, serve the LORD; only let your flocks and your herds be stayed: let your little ones also go with you.**

**25 And Moses said, Thou must give us also sacrifices and burnt offerings, that we may sacrifice unto the LORD our God.**

**26 Our cattle also shall go with us; there shall not an hoof be left behind; for thereof must we take to serve the LORD our God; and we know not with what we must serve the LORD, until we come thither.**

**27 But the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he would not let them go.**

**28 And Pharaoh said unto him, Get thee from me, take heed to thyself, see my face no more; for in that day thou seest my face thou shalt die.**

**29 And Moses said, Thou hast spoken well, I will see thy face again no more.**

**XI**

**1 And the LORD said unto Moses, Yet will I bring one plague more upon Pharaoh, and upon Egypt; afterwards he will let you go hence: when he shall let you go, he shall surely thrust you out hence altogether.**

**2 Speak now in the ears of the people, and let every man borrow of his neighbour, and every woman of her neighbour, jewels of silver, and jewels of gold.**

**3 And the LORD gave the people favour in the sight of the Egyptians. Moreover the man Moses was very great in the land of Egypt, in the sight of Pharaoh's servants, and in the sight of the people.**

**4 And Moses said, Thus saith the LORD, About midnight will I go out into the midst of Egypt:**

**5 And all the firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die, from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sitteth upon his throne, even unto the firstborn of the maidservant that is behind the mill; and all the firstborn of beasts.**

**6 And there shall be a great cry throughout all the land of Egypt, such as there was none like it, nor shall be like it any more.**

**7 But against any of the children of Israel shall not a dog move his tongue, against man or beast: that ye may know how that the LORD doth put a difference between the Egyptians and Israel.**

**8 And all these thy servants shall come down unto me, and bow down themselves unto me, saying, Get thee out, and all the people that follow thee: and after that I will go out. And he went out from Pharaoh in a great anger.**

**9 And the LORD said unto Moses, Pharaoh shall not hearken unto you; that my wonders may be multiplied in the land of Egypt.**

***10 And Moses and Aaron did all these wonders before Pharaoh: and the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, so that he would not let the children of Israel go out of his land.***

~ After chapter eleven our safari is going to leave the contest with Pharaoh. Pharaoh isn't listening anymore at all, anyways. Pharaoh has hardened his heart; and Paul the apostle will say later, "... professing themselves to be wise they became fools....and God gave them up" - Romans chapter one. The Lord God is going to take us for a midnight walk in Exodus that you'll never forget, friends. The written record of this event and this upcoming night is done in great anger of the Lord - and it is difficult to look upon. We're also going to leave Pharaoh and collect back-wages from our slave labor real soon; you will notice the text says for them to borrow of their neighbor. Well, the children of Israel hadn't been paid anything for their labor - and they weren't coming back - call it borrowing, or whatever you want to. I'm sure some Egyptians were very happy to pay them off to get rid of them! We have so much to consider as we continue to journey forward.

This battle of the Gods is over, but the spiritual battle continues today. The Egyptians worshipped Ra, the sun god. The gods in Egypt always claimed the first-born child of man and offspring of beast; the people had to make that sacrifice. Well, the death angel will be passing over Egyptian and Israelite alike; and anyone can put the blood on the door. There is no difference or distinguishing characteristic made about whom may and may not observe His commands. Whosever will may come to Christ. This will institute the oldest religious holiday known to mankind. We call it the Passover feast. The Passover is one of the most eloquent portraits of the Lord Jesus Christ that we have in the entire Bible. Read over the very long chapter twelve. Reading in the Word of God gets very difficult in our expedition now, but it's all important. So, read the next several chapters. Let's actually study the Bible, shall we? We're not going to cross all fifty-one verses in the next report, so you'll want to be ready to go. We're going to get a complete course in the oldest religious sacrament that we have; and it speaks of and reveals to us the Lord Jesus Christ ~

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