

PLAGUES & PANDEMICS EXODUS 7.8-10.29

God's purpose of the plagues in Exodus

1. The plagues revealed the mighty power of God. (Ex. 8.19, 9.16)
2. The plagues were God's judgment upon Pharaoh and the Egyptians for their cruel treatment of the Hebrews (Ex. 10.16)
3. They revealed God's judgment upon the Egyptian gods.
4. The plagues were a time of learning for the nation Israel. (Ex 15.1-2, Psalm 105.1-2, 26-38)

Lessons We Can Learn From This Pandemic

1. The pandemic reminds us that we are **NOT IN CONTROL**.

Now listen, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money." Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.

James 4:13-14

2. The pandemic hints to us that God is **A JEALOUS GOD**.

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it.

Matthew 16.24-25

3. The pandemic is a reminder that God has **SET US FREE** to **WORSHIP HIM** and to **SERVE HIM**.

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Go to Pharaoh and say to him, 'This is what the Lord, the God of the Hebrews, says: "Let my people go, so that they may worship (serve) me."'

Exodus 9.1

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery. Galatians 5.1

You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love...

Galatians 5.13

4. The pandemic is an opportunity for us to **GET TO KNOW GOD BETTER** and **TELL OTHERS ABOUT HIM**.

*Then the Lord said to Moses, "Go to Pharaoh, for I have hardened his heart and the hearts of his officials so that I may perform these signs of mine among them **that you may tell your children and grandchildren** how I dealt harshly with the Egyptians and how I performed my signs among them, **and that you may know that I am the Lord.**"*

Exodus 10.1-2

A pandemic is a terrible thing to waste. What have you learned through all of this?

Love God, Love Others, Learn Jesus, DO SOMETHING!

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