



***FIXING OUR
EYES ON
JESUS!***

In the Old & New Testament
*A Study in the
book of Hebrews*



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*JESUS IS BETTER THAN
UNBELIEF!*



TODAY,
IF YOU HEAR
HIS VOICE,
DO NOT
HARDEN
YOUR
HEARTS...

HEBREWS 3:8

Hebrews 3:7-19

- **How many miracles will it take?**
- **Who owes who, proof of love?**
- **“What more was there to do for My vineyard that I have not done in it?” Isa 5:4**

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10 PLAGUES

Jehovah God vs. gods of Egypt

The plagues of Egypt are well known, but a deep study reveals that each was a direct challenge to the various Egyptian gods and goddesses. The plagues affected the Egyptians' physical senses as well as their hearts with reminders that Jehovah God was far superior to any of their gods. He exercised power at will while the Egyptian gods remained helpless against Him.



PLAGUE 1: WATER TO BLOOD Exodus 7:14–25

The Egyptians were also able to turn water to blood, including the death of the fish and a smell that prohibited even trying to drink the water. Pharaoh's heart remained hard.

The Nile was the source of Egypt's power. There are several gods in their pantheon that draw life from the river.

Khnum was the guardian of the river's source.

Hapi was the god of annual flooding of the Nile and the lord of the fish.

Osiris had the Nile as his bloodstream.



PLAGUE 6: BOILS Exodus 9:8–12

This was the first plague to affect the body directly. God made a distinction between the Israelites and the Egyptians. The Egyptian priests were unable to appear in court.

Isis was the goddess of health and Imhotep was the god of healing.



PLAGUE 7: HAIL Exodus 9:13–35

This plague affected the agriculture and livestock that was left in the field. Such a storm of hail was unique to Egypt.

Nut was the goddess of the sky. Her father Shu, god of the wind and air, was a calming god.



PLAGUE 2: FROGS Exodus 8:1–8:15

The Egyptians also produced frogs. Piles of dead frogs filled the land with a foul odor.

Heqt was an Egyptian goddess with the head of a frog.



PLAGUE 8: LOCUSTS Exodus 10:1–20

This plague would be told to Pharaoh's sons and grandsons, serving the purpose of showing God's power for generations.

Neper and Nepri were the god and goddess of grain. Set was the god of disorder.



PLAGUE 3: GNATS OR LICE Exodus 8:16–19

The gnats or lice came up from the dust of the earth. The Egyptian priests could not duplicate this miracle. They declared, "This is the finger of God."

Geb was the god over the dust of the earth.



PLAGUE 9: DARKNESS Exodus 10:21–29

It was so dark for three days that the darkness could be felt.

Ra, the god of the sun, was the most worshipped and revered god in Egypt after the Pharaoh. Jehovah God showed He had power even over the mightiest of the Egyptian gods.



PLAGUE 4: FLIES Exodus 8:20–32

This was the first plague that affected only the Egyptians.

Khepri had the head of a beetle and also moved the sun.



PLAGUE 10: DEATH OF FIRSTBORN Exodus 12:29–36

Establishes the Jewish Passover festival.

This plague was a judgment on all Egyptian gods, including Pharaoh himself. In Exodus 1, Pharaoh had ordered the killing of Israelite babies, and now the firstborn of all Egypt was killed.



PLAGUE 5: SICK CATTLE Exodus 9:1–7

God continued to distinguish between the Israelites and the Egyptians. This plague affected only the Egyptian herds.

Hathor was a fertility goddess who was often depicted with the head or horns of a bull and sometimes as a bull wearing the symbols of Hathor.

TODAY . . . HEAR HIS VOICE!

- **Today!! – 3:7, 13, 15, 4:7**
- **Do not harden your hearts**
- **Hear the Spirit! Scripture! Heart!**
- **AS WHEN THEY PROVOKED ME,**
- **Pharaoh and Moses' signs**

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I will bring judgment on
all the gods of Egypt,
I am the Lord -Exodus 12:12



Did the Biblical God just
acknowledge other
Gods...

Unbelief!

- **10 Mighty plagues in Egypt!**
- **10x testing God by Israel!**
- **Numerous blessings from YHWH!**
- **The total depravity of Man!**
- **Unbelief is refusing evidence!**

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The Grumbling, Complaining and Rebelling of Israel

| Verses | Place | Complaint | Result |
|------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|---|
| 11:1-4 | Taberah | Hardships | Lord burned them with fire until Moses interceded . |
| 11:4-35 | Kibroth Hattaavah (craving) | No Meat to Eat | The Lord gave them quail to eat and struck them with a severe plague. |
| 12:1-16 | Hazereth | Miriam and Aaron Rebel | Miriam struck with leprosy, Aaron repents and Moses intercedes for Miriam |
| 13:1-14:44 | Kadesh Barnea | | is angry but no one over 20 for Joshua and |
| 16:1-40 | | | ship apparently Moses and Aaron swallowed up by |
| 16:41-50 | | | rd sent plagues to stop the |
| | | Complains | killing 14,700 and once again Moses and Aaron interceded to stop the judgment. |
| 17:1-12 | | Aaron's Budding Rod | Among 12 rods placed in the tabernacle only Aaron's budded (and blossomed and bore fruit) showing he was chosen by the Lord. |
| 20:1-13 | Meribah (quareling) | Water from the Rock | Israel complained about the lack of water. The lord told Moses to speak to a rock to get water but Moses, angry at Israel struck the rock twice. As a judgment he was prohibited from entering the land |
| 21:4-9 | By Sea of Reeds | The Brazen Serpent | The people complained and the Lord sent poisonous snakes among them. Moses prayed at the people's request and the Lord had him make a bonze snake that healed the people as they gazed on it. |

"How long will this wicked community grumble against me? I have heard the complaints of these grumbling Israelites.
Numbers 14:27

Grumbling a sin?

- an attitude of entitlement!
- focuses on what you don't have
- It judges how God has treated me
- It replaces asking with demands
- It reverses the paradigm

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A person wearing a dark, possibly black, jacket is shown from the side, with their hands clasped behind their back. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the texture of the fabric and the shape of the hands against a dark background. The overall mood is somber and contemplative.

The Deceitfulness of Sin

the deceitfulness of sin

- **Sin is like Addiction – “the law of diminishing returns!”**
 - **Our hearts lie to us!!!**
 - **The World lies to us!**
 - **The Devil lies to us!**
 - **Like drinking Sea water!**
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CELEBRITY

Are You the Biggest Liar in Your Own Life? This Book About Self-

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“SHALL NOT ENTER MY REST”

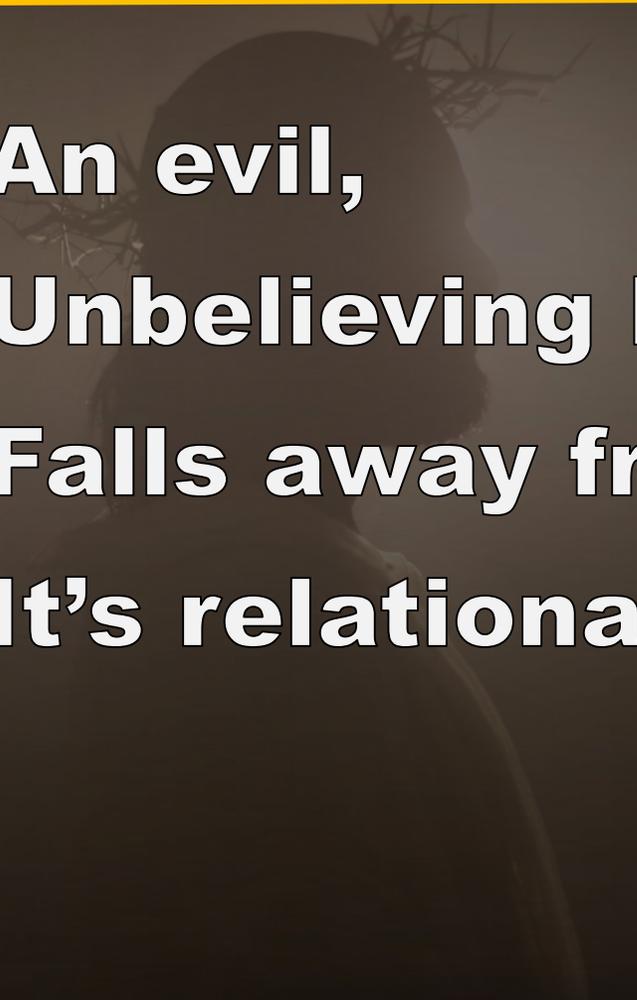
- Jesus can save you many times in life without saving your soul
- Faith is rest! In God's love and will and His work! Trusts!
- “If . . . Firm until the end” ??

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A dramatic sunset or sunrise over a field with a single tree. The sky is filled with dark, heavy clouds that are illuminated from below by the sun, creating a vibrant orange and yellow glow. The sun is positioned low on the horizon, just above a range of low mountains. In the foreground, a vast, flat field of golden-brown crops stretches to the horizon. A single, small tree stands in the center of the field, its silhouette dark against the bright sky. The overall mood is contemplative and awe-inspiring.

**“TAKE CARE, BROTHERS, LEST THERE BE IN ANY
OF YOU AN EVIL, UNBELIEVING HEART, LEADING
YOU TO FALL AWAY FROM THE LIVING GOD.”**

HEBREWS 3:12



Obey the gospel!

- **An evil,**
- **Unbelieving heart**
- **Falls away from the living God.**
- **It's relational – your view of God!**

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you're never finished

OBEYING THE GOSPEL



RADICALLY CHRISTIAN
In Culture, Christianity, 1942 to Century 21st

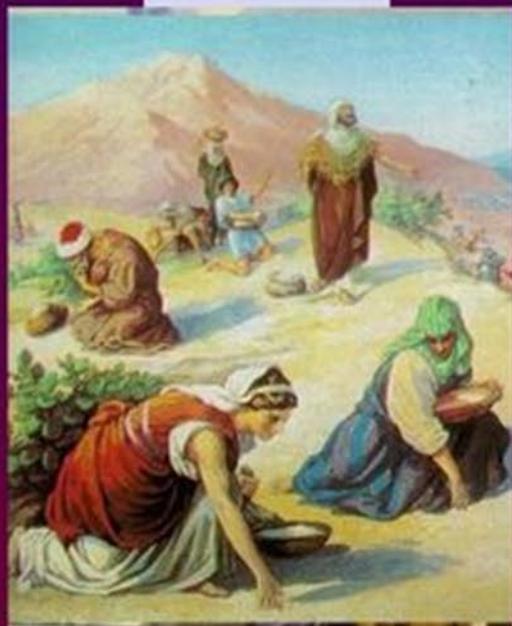
REBELLION #4

Numbers 14:22 “Because all these men who have seen My glory and the signs which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and have put Me to the test now these ten times, and have not heeded My voice,

Hints of Jesus in Numbers

| Event | Numbers | New Testament |
|--------------------|---------|---------------|
| Manna | 11:6-9 | John 6:48-51 |
| The Rock | 20:2-10 | 1 Cor 10:4 |
| The Bronze Serpent | 21:6-9 | John 3:14,15 |

Manna



The Rock



Bronze Serpent



Examples of the Lord's Faithfulness

- Communicating directly with Moses, the leader
- Taking the census for military and organizational purposes (Chapters 1-4, 26)
- Providing laws for purity (Chapters 5-9)
- Supplying a means of direction via a pillar of cloud and fire and trumpets (Chapters 9, 10)
- Providing manna and quail to eat (Chapter 11)
- Giving Israel water from the rock (Chapter 20)
- Healing of the bronze snake (Chapter 21)
- Reversing the curses of Balaam (Chapters 22-24)
- Providing a successor to Moses (Chapter 27)

“The central and unifying theme of the book of Numbers is the faithfulness of God to fulfill his promises to his people even when they rebel against him.” R D Cole , “Numbers”

“not one of those who saw my glory and the signs I performed in Egypt and in the wilderness but who disobeyed me and tested me ten times— not one of them will ever see the land I promised on oath to their ancestors.” Numbers 14:22,23 (NIV)

The People and Leaders Both Rebelled Against the Lord

| Group | Rebel | Complaint | Text |
|---------|--|--|------------|
| People | The people | Hardships | 11:1-4 |
| | The rabble and then the people | No Meat to Eat | 11:4-35 |
| | Ten of twelve spies who agitated the people | Canaanites are too big and powerful. | 13:1-14:44 |
| | The people | The people complain after the leaders of Korah's rebellion are killed. | 16:41-50 |
| | The people and Moses | No water; | 20:1-13 |
| | The people | Lack of water and food | 21:4-9 |
| Leaders | Miriam and Aaron | Moses' Wife | 12:1-16 |
| | Ten of twelve spies who agitated the people | Canaanites are too big and powerful. | 13:1-14:44 |
| | Korah, Dathan, Abiram and On along with 250 leaders of Israel. | The leadership is too restricted – only Moses, Aaron and his kin. They wanted to “open” it up. | 16:1-40 |
| | The people and Moses | No water; | 20:1-13 |

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Numbers Is Heavily Dependent on Geography

