



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 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 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 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 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.



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 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 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 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.

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	Hazeroth	Miriam and Aaron Rebel	Miriam struck with leprosy, Aaron repents and Moses intercedes for Miriam
13:1-14:44	Kadesh Barnea	<p>"How long will this wicked community grumble against me? I have heard the complaints of these grumbling Israelites. Numbers 14:27</p>	
16:1-40			
16:41-50			
		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 bronze snake that healed the people as they gazed on it.

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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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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**“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



A faint, dark silhouette of a person's head and shoulders, wearing a crown of thorns, is visible in the background on the left side of the slide.

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

Let God's Word Change Your Life

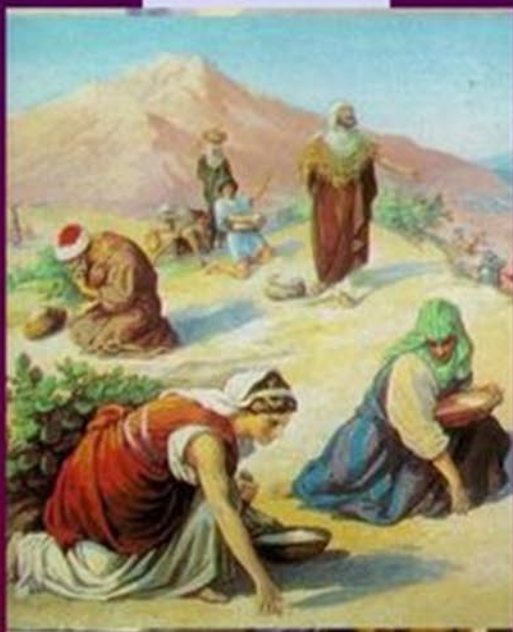
REBELLION #4

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

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

Numbers Is Heavily Dependent on Geography

