

Exodus Lesson 7
“Locusts & Darkness”
Exodus 10:1-2
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Thesis: I want to show what we can learn from Moses faithfulness.

- Intro:
1. God’s power in His plagues has been amazing.
 2. We can learn many lessons from this time period and these events.

I. Plague of Locucts (Exodus 10:1-20)

A. God continues to destroy the land.

1. A reminder why these things are being done (Ex 10:1-2)
2. What to expect (Ex 10:3-6)
3. Moses – the snare of the people (Ex 10:7-10)
4. The Locucts come up and cover Egypt (Ex 10:11-20)

B. God vs the Egyptian gods Gerb, Osiris & Min

1. Locucts can only fly for very long if there is a wind. These locucts must have come from a long distance for it to have taken 24 hours for them to get to Egypt (It has been shown that locucts can travel up to 15 miles per hour with a strong wind). This alone demonstrated to the Egyptians that God was over the world, not just over Egypt. The locucts eat everything that was left by the hail. They eat every green plant. They eat all the fruit off of the trees. And they eat the leaves and bark of the trees (locucts have been known to even eat the wood). There are so many locucts that the ground cannot even be seen. The locucts completely cover the ground over all Egypt, except where the Israelites are.

Gerb was the god of the earth. He is shown as a man with green skin representing the colors of life, the soil and plants. He many times had leaves on his skin. This plague of locucts had just eaten Geb. Geb had no more leaves. Geb instead of being bountiful with plant growth was completely without power. He had no plants of plenty to give to Egypt.

2. Osiris was a god of the earth and plants. He also was pictured as having green skin. He was considered as helping oversee the plant life. Osiris was also supposedly the god who brought civilization to Egypt. He taught them the art of agriculture. He also taught them how to worship all of the gods. Osiris was helpless before the One True God.

Another god hurt by the locucts was Min. Min was responsible for the growth forces of nature. One of the symbols associated with him was lettuce. At the harvest festivals, Pharaoh would go out in the fields and hoe under Min's watchful eye. The locucts left nothing to harvest. There would be no harvest festival this year. Min had been shown to have no power.

II. Plague of Darkness (Exodus 10:21-29)

A. God darkens Egypt.

1. A darkness that can be felt (Exo 10:21)
2. The plague puts Egypt in darkness (Ex 10:22-24)
3. Moses request sacrifices for God (Ex 10:25-26)
4. Pharaoh sends Moses away with a threat (Ex 10:27-29)

B. God vs the Egyptian god Khepera.

1. Several other gods were also shown to be powerless before God. Khepera was the god of the rising sun. He rolled the sun along the sky. He could not perform his task in the complete darkness from God. Aten was the actual sun. He was depicted as a circle with his rays reaching down to earth. He was the nurturing spirit of the world. But he could do no nurturing and he could not send his rays of light and warmth. Aker was believed to guard the gates of the dawn. He kept the gates free and open so that the sun could rise each morning. He was pictured as two lions sitting back to back with the sun sitting in the sky between them. The Egyptians would place these lions at their doors to guard their homes, tombs, and palaces from evil spirits. They called these statues "sphinxes".

III. Lessons for us today.

A. God's people are as a snare to the world

1. Righteousness is a snare to unrighteous people
2. Righteous living is a deterrent to those who live unrighteous lives.

B. We must keep our focus.

1. What was the focus of Moses? To free the people of Egypt
2. He kept this at the front of his mind in the face of a hard hearted and dangerous leader.

Conclusion:

1. Are you staying faithful even in the midst of an angry and bitter world.
2. We must keep our eyes upon Christ.
3. Full Invitation

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Luke 13:3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – Rev 2:10,

Christians must:

Repent: Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Lk 13:3

Pray: James 5:16, 1 Jn 1:9