

Theme	First Panel 1:1-4:18	Second Panel 4:19-40:38
Entering Egypt	1:1-7, Eleven tribes go to Egypt & multiply	4:19-31, Moses returns to Egypt with his family
Oppression	1:8-22, Pharaoh oppresses Israel	5:1-6:1, Oppression increases
Leaders raised up	2:1-4, Moses born	6:2-27, Moses & Aaron appointed
Moses & Pharaoh	2:5-10, Moses as a son	6:28-13:16, Moses as a deliverer
Travel to Horeb	2:11-15, Moses flees to Midian	13:17-17:7, Israel from Egypt to Sinai
Conflict	2:16-17, Moses overcomes shepherds	17:8-16, Moses overcomes Amalek
Moses and Jethro	2:18-22, Moses' Midianite family	18:1-27, Moses' Midianite family
Encounter with God at Horeb	2:23-4:18, Moses to "serve God upon this mountain," 3:12	19:1-40:38, At Horeb, Israel enters covenant with God

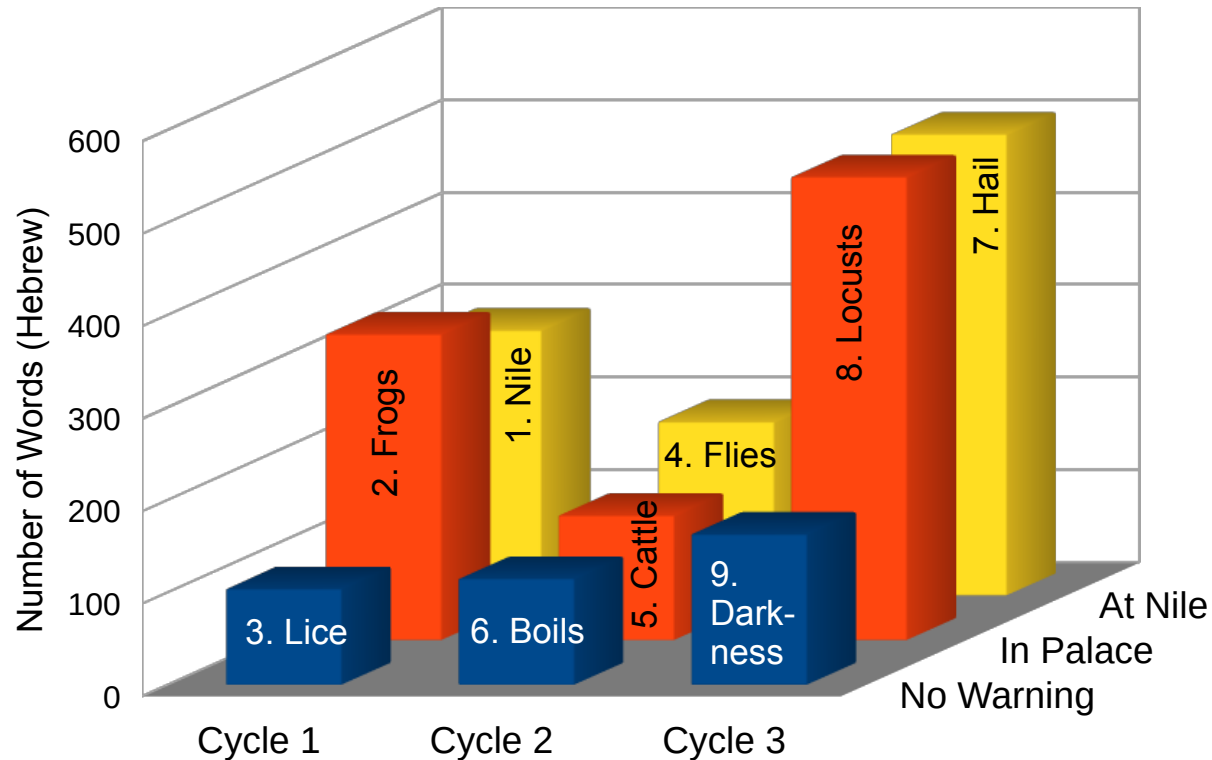
For Discussion

7:14-19

- How are the plagues organized?
- What significance is there in the progression of places in which Moses and Aaron deliver their warnings to Pharaoh?
- What is the significance of the lengths of the accounts of the plagues?
- Which features of the plagues are repeated most often?
- What did it take to make Moses' rod into God's rod?
- Compare and contrast the roles of the rods of Moses and of Aaron in the plague.
- What meaning does the Revelation suggest for the form of this plague?
- Why does Moses predict the details of the plague to Pharaoh before it happens?
- Where did the magicians get water to do their version of the plague?
- Where did they get the ability to imitate Moses and Aaron?

Structure of the Nine Plagues

Agency			Warning and Setting
First Cycle: Aaron's Rod	Second Cycle: No Rod	Third Cycle: Moses' Rod or Hand	
7:14-25 Nile to Blood	8:20-32 Flies	9:13-35 Hail	Stand before Pharaoh at Nile in the morning
8:1-15 Frogs	9:1-7 Cattle	10:1-20 Locusts	Go to Pharaoh (in palace?)
8:16-19 Lice	9:8-12 Boils	10:21-29 Darkness	No warning



Repeated Features in the Plagues

Divine Analysis of the situation by God to his representatives (3x)

Demand to Pharaoh: “Let my people go, that they may serve me” (6x)

A declaration of God’s purpose to **make himself known** (4x)

Warning of the plague that is about to come (6x)

Exemption of the children of Israel (4x + 3?)

Command to Moses and Aaron (7x)

Imposition of the plague itself (**9x**)

Involvement of Pharaoh’s court **magicians** (4x)

Negotiation between Pharaoh and Moses/Aaron. (5x)

Relief as the plague is removed (5x)

Hardening of Pharaoh (**9x**)

Later Echoes of the Plagues

Order in Exodus	Psalm 78	Psalm 105	Rev 16
Nile to Blood	1	2	2, 3
Frogs	3	3	6
Lice		4	
Flies	2	4	
Cattle	6		
Boils			1
Hail	5	5	7
Locusts	4	6	
Darkness		1	4, 5
Firstborn	7 (last)	7 (last)	

Exod 7:14-25, First Plague: Bloody Nile

Analysis: 14 And the LORD said unto Moses, Pharaoh's heart is hardened, he refuseth to let the people go.

Demand: 15 Get thee unto Pharaoh in the morning; lo, he goeth out unto the water; and thou shalt stand by the river's brink against he come; and the rod which was turned to a serpent shalt thou take in thine hand. 16 And thou shalt say unto him, The LORD God of the Hebrews hath sent me unto thee, saying, Let my people go, that they may serve me in the wilderness: and, behold, hitherto thou wouldest not hear.

Knowledge: 17 Thus saith the LORD, In this thou shalt know that I am the LORD:

Warning: behold, I will smite with the rod that is in mine hand upon the waters which are in the river, and they shall be turned to blood. 18 And the fish that is in the river shall die, and the river shall stink; and the Egyptians shall lothe to drink of the water of the river.

Command to M&A: 19 And the LORD spake unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Take thy rod, and stretch out thine hand upon the waters of Egypt, upon their streams, upon their rivers, and upon their ponds, and upon all their pools of water, that they may become blood; and that there may be blood throughout all the land of Egypt, both in ~~vessels of~~ wood, and in ~~vessels~~ of stone.

Imposition: 20 And Moses and Aaron did so, as the LORD commanded; and he lifted up the rod, and smote the waters that were in the river, in the sight of Pharaoh, and in the sight of his servants; and all the waters that were in the river were turned to blood. 21 And the fish that was in the river died; and the river stank, and the Egyptians could not drink of the water of the river; and there was blood throughout all the land of Egypt.

Magicians: 22 And the magicians of Egypt did so with their enchantments: **Hardening:** and Pharaoh's heart was hardened, neither did he hearken unto them; as the LORD had said. 23 And Pharaoh turned and went into his house, neither did he set his heart to this also.

Relief: 24 And all the Egyptians digged round about the river for water to drink; for they could not drink of the water of the river. 25 And seven days were fulfilled, after that the LORD had smitten the river.

Whose Rod?

Gen. 38:18 And he said, What pledge shall I give thee? And she said, Thy signet, and thy bracelets, and thy **staff** that is in thine hand.

Gen. 38:25 When she was brought forth, she sent to her father in law, saying, By the man, whose these are, am I with child: and she said, Discern, I pray thee, whose are these, the signet, and bracelets, and **staff**.

Exo 4:2 And the LORD said unto him, What is that in thine hand? And he said, A **rod**. 3 And he said, Cast it on the ground. And he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from before it. 4 And the LORD said unto Moses, Put forth thine hand, and take it by the tail. And he put forth his hand, and caught it, and it became a **rod** in his hand:

Ex. 4:17 And thou shalt take this **rod** in thine hand, wherewith thou shalt do signs.

Ex. 4:20 And Moses took his wife and his sons, and set them upon an ass, and he returned to the land of Egypt: and Moses took **the rod of God** in his hand.

Ex. 17:9 And Moses said unto Joshua, Choose us out men, and go out, fight with Amalek: to morrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the **rod of God** in mine hand.

Exod 7:17 Thus saith the **LORD**, ... behold, I will smite with **the rod that is in mine hand**.

Ex. 7:9 When Pharaoh shall speak unto you, saying, Shew a miracle for you: then thou shalt say unto **Aaron**, Take **thy rod**, and cast it before Pharaoh, and it shall become a ~~serpent~~ dragon. 10 And Moses and Aaron went in unto Pharaoh, and they did so as the LORD had commanded: and **Aaron** cast down his **rod** before Pharaoh, and before his servants, and it became a ~~serpent~~ dragon.

Some Useful References

Exo 5:1 And afterward Moses and Aaron went in, and told Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Let my people go, that they may hold a feast unto me in the wilderness.

Exo 5:2 And Pharaoh said, Who is the LORD, that I should obey his voice to let Israel go? I **know not the LORD**, neither will I let Israel go.

Ex. 4:17 And thou shalt take **this rod** in thine hand, wherewith thou shalt do signs.

Ex. 4:20 And Moses took his wife and his sons, and set them upon an ass, and he returned to the land of Egypt: and Moses took the **rod of God** in his hand.

Exo 3:10 **Come Go** now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt.

Exo 3:16 **Go**, and gather the elders of Israel together, ...

Exo 4:12 Now therefore **go**, and I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt say.

Num 11:5 We remember **the fish**, which we did eat in Egypt freely; the cucumbers, and the melons, and the leeks, and the onions, and the garlick:

Psa 105:29 He turned their waters into blood, and **slew their fish**.

Psa 78:44 And had turned their rivers into blood; and their floods, that they **could not drink**.

Rev 16:3 And the second angel poured out his vial upon the sea; and it became as the blood of a dead man: and every living soul died in the sea. 4 And the third angel poured out his vial upon the rivers and fountains of waters; and they became blood. 5 And I heard the angel of the waters say, Thou art righteous, O Lord, which art, and wast, and shalt be, because thou hast judged thus. 6 For **they have shed the blood of saints and prophets**, and thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy.

Exodus 7: 19-20

19 Then the Lord spoke to Moses, "Say to Aaron, 'Take your rod and stretch out your hand over the waters of Egypt, over their streams, over their rivers, over their ponds, and over all their pools of water, that they may become blood. And there shall be blood throughout all the land of Egypt, both in buckets of wood and pitchers of stone.'" 20 And Moses and Aaron did so, just as the Lord commanded. So he lifted up the rod and struck the waters that were in the river, in the sight of Pharaoh and in the sight of his servants. And all the waters that were in the river were turned to blood.

Where was the water supply turned to blood?

