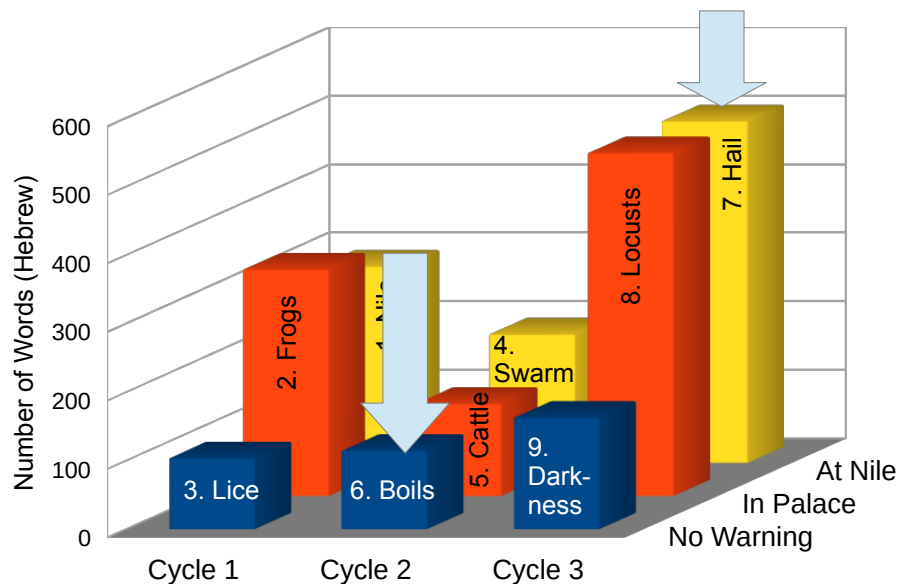


For Discussion

9:8-17

Agency			Setting
Aaron's Rod	No Rod	Moses' Rod or Hand	
7:14-25 Nile to Blood	8:20-32 Swarm	9:13-35 Hail	Stand
8:1-15 Frogs	9:1-7 Cattle	10:1-20 Locusts	Go
8:16-19 Lice	9:8-12 Boils	10:21-29 Darkness	None

- How does the plague of boils fit into the four judgments of Leviticus 26?
- What may be the significance of using ashes from a pottery kiln to bring the boils?
- What is new about the description of Pharaoh's hardening in the plague of the boils?
- How does the plague of the hail fit into the four judgments of Leviticus 26?
- What new information is the Lord teaching Pharaoh about himself in this plague?
- How does later biblical history show God's success in achieving his purpose in 9:16?
- How does this plague compare Pharaoh's concern for his people with God's concern for his people?
- What is new about the exemption section of this plague, and how does it reflect God's purpose in 9:16?



Useful References on the Boils

Echoes in Other Scripture

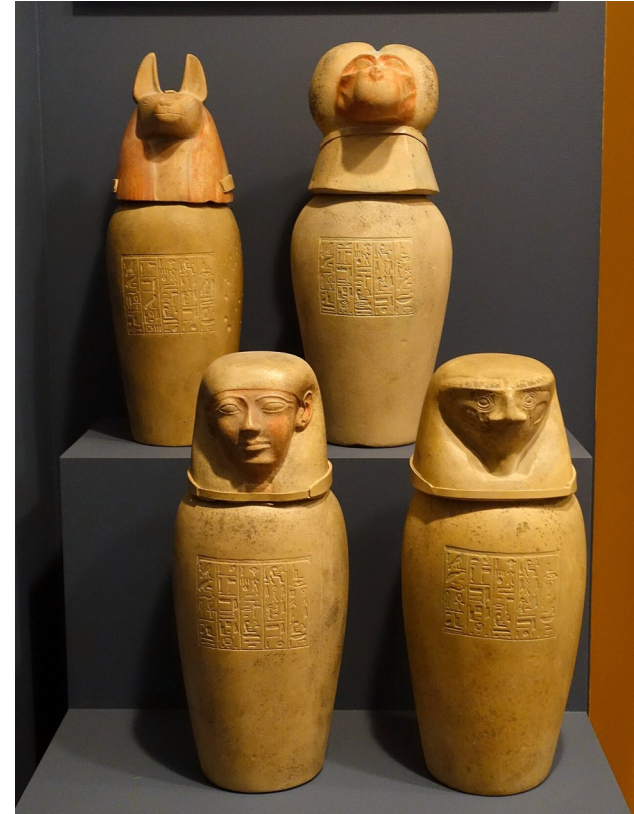
Rev 16:2 And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image.

Ezk 14:21 For thus saith the Lord GOD; How much more when I send my four sore judgments upon Jerusalem,

- 1) the sword,
- 2) and the famine,
- 3) and the noisome beast,
- 4) and the **pestilence**,
to cut off from it man and beast?

Ashes of the furnace (kiln)

Possibly an allusion to canopic jars?



Echoes of Creation

Gen 1:3 And God said, **Let there be light: and there was light.**

Exod 9:9 ~~it shall~~ **let it be** a boil ...
10 ~~and it became~~ **there was** a boil

Echoes and Features of the Hail

Psa 78:48 He gave up their cattle also to the **hail**, and their flocks to **hot thunderbolts**.

Psa 105:32 He gave them **hail** for rain, and flaming **fire** in their land.

Rev 16:21 [seventh bowl] And there fell upon men a **great hail** out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great.

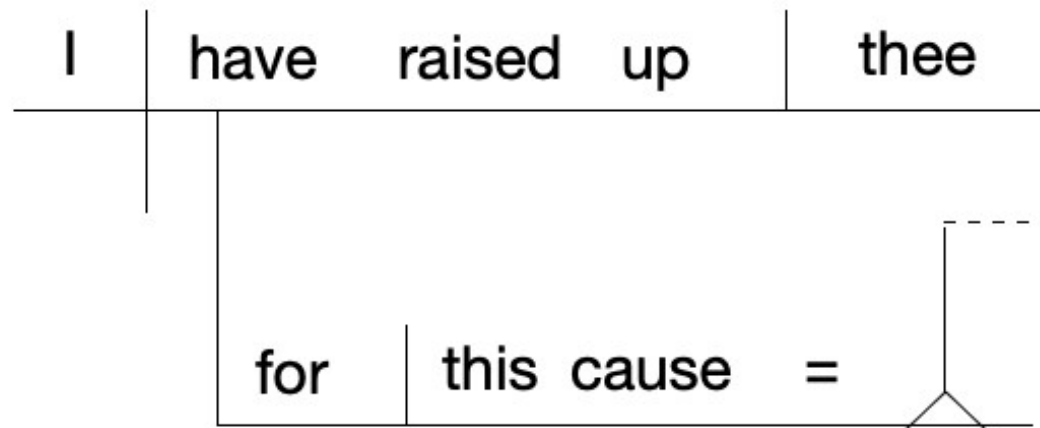
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Feature	7:14-25 Nile	8:1-15 Frogs	8:20-32 Swarm	9:1-7, Cattle	9:13-35 Hail
Divine Analysis	14				
Demand to Pharaoh	15-16	1	20	1	13
That you may know	17a	10	22		14-17
Warning	17b-18	2-4	21	2-3	18
Exemption	19?	3? 11?	22	4-5, 6b-7	19-21, 26
Command to M&A	19	5			22
Imposition	20-21	6	24	6a	23-25
Magicians	22a	7			
Negotiation		8-11	25-29		27-32
Relief	24-25	12-14	30-31		33
Hardening	22b-23	15	32	7b	34-35

Progressive Revelation through the Plagues

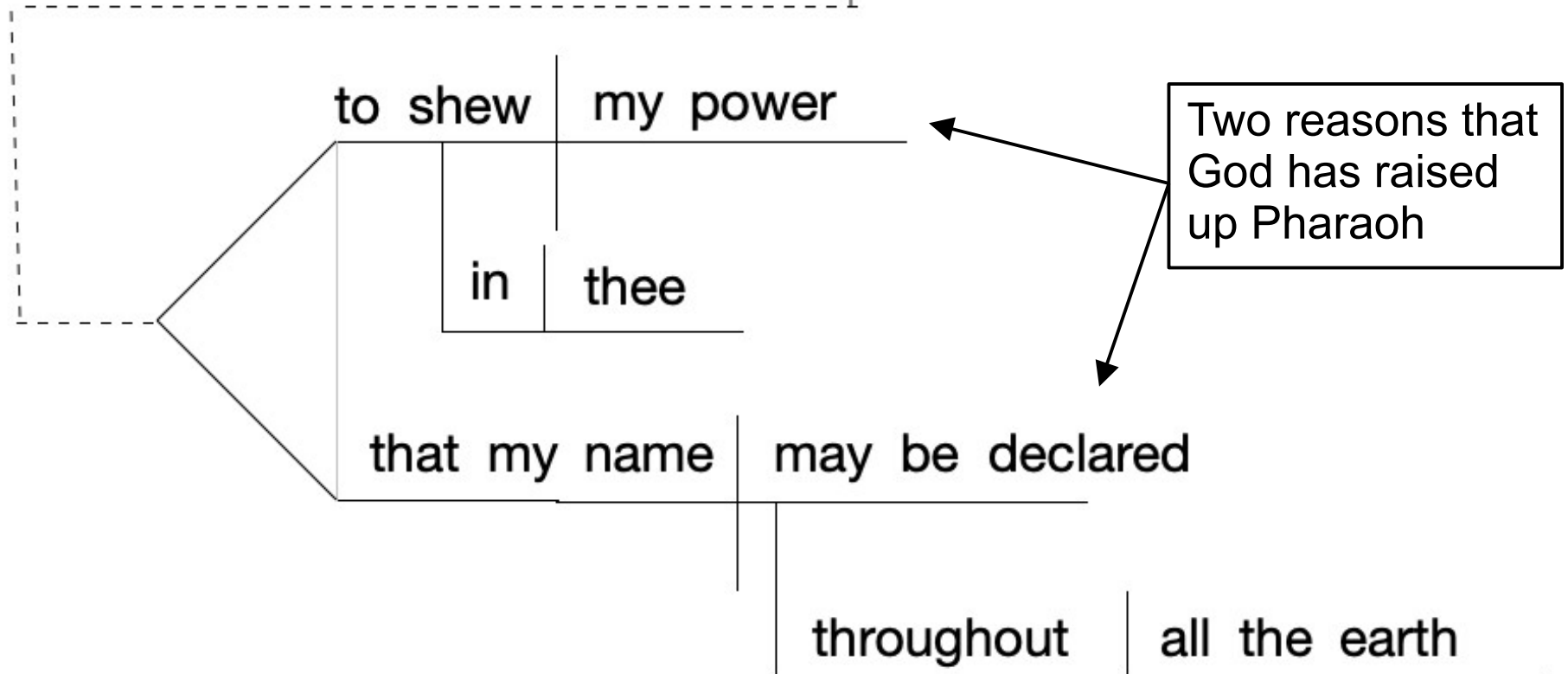
	Plague	Lesson (from the Plague)	Pharaoh's Response	Lesson (from the Relief)
1	Nile	7:17 ... thou shalt know that I am the LORD		
2	Frogs		8:8 Intreat the LORD , that he may take away the frogs from me	8:10 [the frogs will go] that thou mayest know that there is none like unto the LORD our God.
3	Lice		(8:19 magicians: this is the finger of God)	
4	Swarm	8:22 [exemption for Goshen] to the end thou mayest know that I am the LORD in the midst of the earth/land [of Goshen]	8:28 intreat for me.	
5	Cattle		(9:7 Pharaoh sent ... no Israelite cattle dead)	
7	Hail	9:14 ... that thou mayest know that there is none like me in all the earth. ... 16 And in very deed for this cause have I raised thee up, for to shew in thee my power; and that my name may be declared throughout all the earth.	9:27 I have sinned this time: the LORD is righteous , and I and my people are wicked. 28 Intreat the LORD (for it is enough) that there be no more mighty thunderings and hail	9:29 the thunder shall cease ...that thou mayest know how that the earth is the LORD'S
8	Locusts	10:2 [re Israel:] And that thou mayest tell in the ears of thy son, and of thy son's son, what things I have wrought in Egypt, and my signs which I have done among them; that ye may know how that I am the LORD.	(10:7 servants: Egypt is destroyed) 10:16 I have sinned against the LORD your God , and against you. 17 Now therefore forgive, I pray thee, my sin only this once, and intreat the LORD your God	
10	First-born	11:7 that ye may know how that the LORD doth put a difference between the Egyptians and Israel.	12:32 bless me also.	

Structure of 9:16



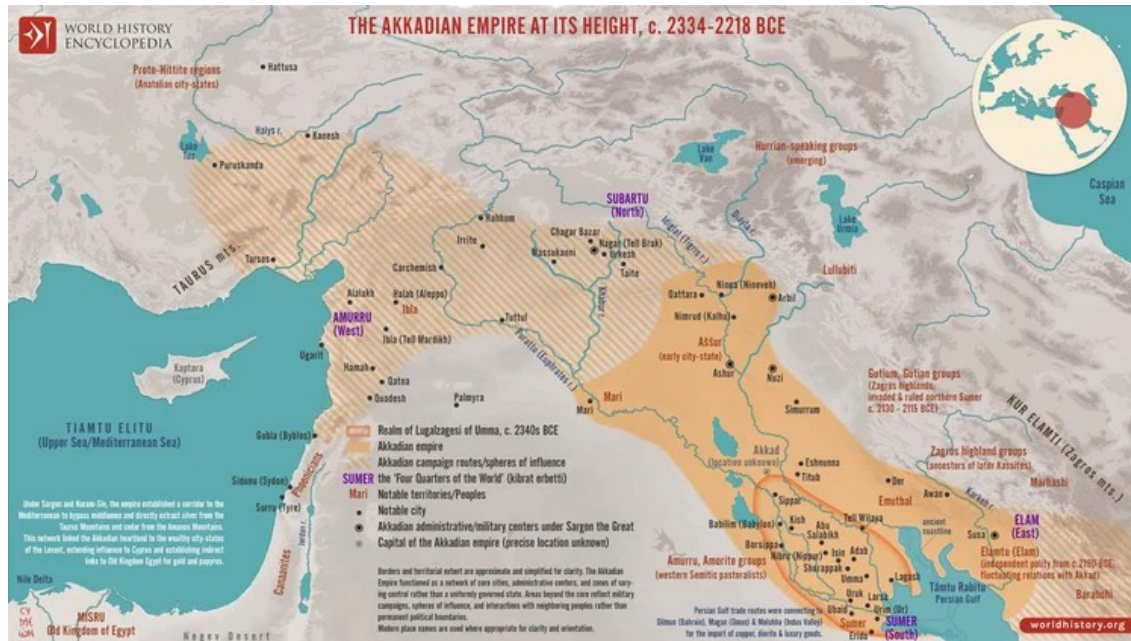
Compare

- Exod 1 God invisible
- Exod 2:23-24 God responds to Israel's cries
- Exod 9 God has arranged the entire situation for his glory



Two reasons that
God has raised
up Pharaoh

9:16 to show my power ...



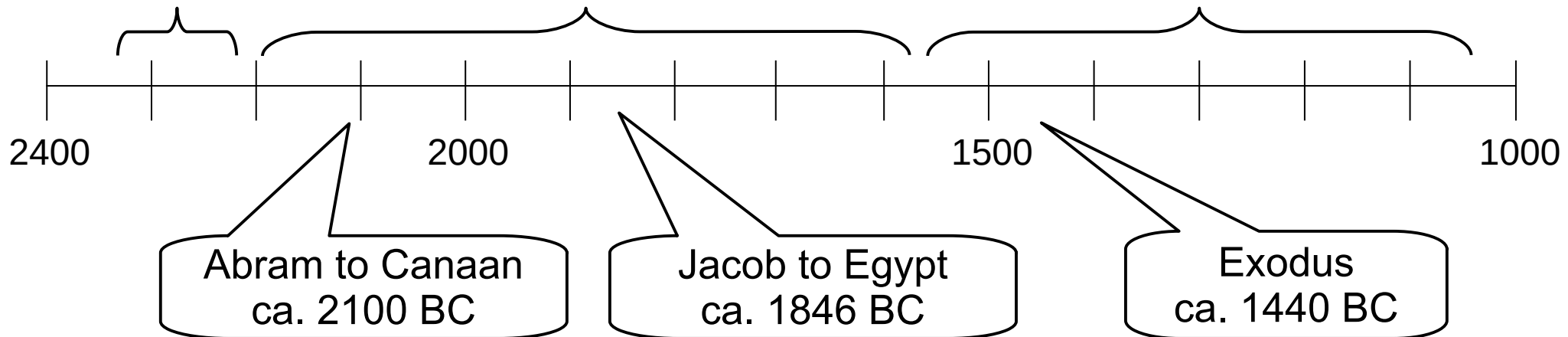
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**Akkadian Empire,
2334-2218 BC**

Power Vacuum

Egyptian New Kingdom, 1570-1069



9:16 ... that my name may be declared

Jos 2:9 And she said unto the men, I know that the LORD hath given you the land, and that your terror is fallen upon us, and that all the inhabitants of the land faint because of you. 10 For **we have heard** how the LORD dried up the water of the Red sea for you, **when ye came out of Egypt**; and what ye did unto the two kings of the Amorites, that were on the other side Jordan, Sihon and Og, whom ye utterly destroyed. 11 And as soon as we had heard these things, our hearts did melt, neither did there remain any more courage in any man, because of you: for the LORD your God, he is God in heaven above, and in earth beneath.

1Sa 4:8 Woe unto us! who shall deliver us out of the hand of these mighty Gods? **these are the Gods that smote the Egyptians** with all the plagues in the wilderness.

17 ... exaltest thou thyself against my people, ...

Gen 12:3 I will bless them that bless thee, and **curse him that curseth thee:**

Zec 2:8 For thus saith the LORD of hosts; ... he that toucheth you **toucheth the apple of his eye.**