"The Pentateuch" Exodus 5-8 Wednesday February 4, 2009

Exodus 1-18 Redemption: The Lord Delivers His People

Exodus 3-4 Moses encounter with God, and Moses Calling

Exodus 5-10 Moses encounter with Pharaoh

Plague – means literally "a stroke, or a blow". It was through these divine blows that God was bringing the Egyptians to their knees by revealing His power.

Ex. 5-11 The Plagues of Egypt – There were ten plagues in all:

There are 3 sets of 3 plagues.

Tribulation – Rev 6-18: There are 3 sets of judgments, seal, trumpet and bowl.

Plagues had a 2 fold purpose:

- 1. The plagues proved to the Egyptians and to Israel that Jehovah was the true God. Ex 12:12
- 2. To change the heart of Egypt to let Israel go, and to go with a great plunder.

Exodus 5:1-5 Let my people go:

Pharaoh – Believed to be the offspring of the sun

Exodus 5:6-19 Backfire:

Exodus 5:20-21 Jewish leaders blame Moses:

Exodus 5:22-23 Moses difficulty leads to prayer:

Ex 3:16-22

There is a difference between "Doubt" and "Unbelief."

Doubt – "a matter of the mind: we cannot understand what God is doing or why He is allowing certain things to happen."

Unbelief - "a matter of the will: we refuse to believe God's Word and obey what He tells us to do."

Exodus 6:1-13

Exodus 6:3-4 The all powerful God of the past:

Exodus 6:5 The all powerful God of the present:

Exodus 6:6-9 The all powerful God of the future:

Exodus 6:11-13 Moses go back to Pharaoh:

Exodus 6:14-27 Moses and Aaron's family ties:

Exodus 7:1-7 God and Moses:

Exodus 7:8-13 God and Pharaoh:

Ex 7:13

Hardened – used 20X, used 10X of Pharaoh and 10X God. We read that Pharaoh hardened his heart then later the Lord hardened his heart.

2 Thess 2:10-12

Exodus 7:14-10:29 Divine Judgment: (9 Plagues)

- 1. The first three plagues were distressful: (water to blood, frogs, gnats)
- 2. Second three were painful and costly: (flies, death of the livestock, boils)
- 3. Last four were dangerous and destructive: (hail, locusts, darkness, and the death of the firstborn)

Exodus 7:14-25 Plague #1 Nile is turned to blood:

The Nile gods. The Nile was sacred:

Exodus 8:1-15 Plague #2 The plague of frogs:

Frogs – Heqet, the goddess of resurrection, fertility, and childbirth, had the head of a frog. Represented human life in embryo.

What does it mean to harden your heart? It means to see clear evidence of the hand of God at work and still refuse to accept His Word and submit to His will. It means to resist Him by showing ingratitude and disobedience and not having any fear of the Lord or of His judgments.

Exodus 8:16-19 Plague #3 The plague of gnats:

The Egyptian god Set, the Egyptian god of the desert. Leb-earth god. Lice, fleas, gnats possibly mosquitoes.

Exodus 8:20-32 Plague #4 The plague of insects:

The Egyptian Khepara-beetle god; Flies, dog-flies; these bite the edge of the eyelid.

Ex. 8:22 God's Grace:

Application:

A relationship with God is a walk of faith. When we obey God and things don't go as we think they should, we are to continue to walk and seek Him.