

Warning for the Tenth (and final) Plague – Death of the Firstborn

In chapter ten we covered the eighth and ninth plagues of locusts and thick darkness. While the locusts consumed all vegetation that was left in Egypt, the children of Israel were untouched by these little, yet destructive insects. And when the three days of darkness (that was so thick they could ‘feel’ it) came upon the Egyptians in Upper Egypt (south part of the country), the children of Israel in Goshen (Lower Egypt, which was the north part of the country) continued to have light, showing that those who God chooses to serve Him *are* ‘children of the light’. While these plagues added misery and anguish both physically and spiritually, God was using them to show Egypt who He was, for He wants all nations to love and respect Him (i.e., to worship Him and no other gods!). But what was by far the most valuable part of the last chapter were the spiritual lessons we learned from them because the plagues are types for what we face in these ‘latter days’.

We learned that the ‘locust army’ of these end days is not a little insect. It is actually Satan, his fallen angels, evil spirits, propaganda tools of deception and all those who push his evil agenda (knowingly or unknowingly). We also learned how Joel 1 gave us warning about the destructive power of the spiritual ‘locust army’ by warning there are four consuming phases to their spiritual deception. The worst is yet to come and will be when Satan and his fallen angels are actually kicked out of heaven and cast *to the earth*. This is because Satan will be claiming to be the Saviour of mankind and will successfully fool most of the world into thinking he really is the Messiah of *all* religions. He’ll be able to do great wonders, even making fire come down in the sight of men, to show his ‘power’. He will come in peacefully and campaign for 2.5 months until the world is convinced, he is the “Savior” and then he’ll have full control of the entire world (Rev 13) for the last 2.5 months of this earth age until the true Jesus Christ returns to put an end to his wicked rule. The massive deception of Satan and others in the locust army are likened to locusts because we cannot physically see the spiritual destruction their deception (lies) cause. However, we can see how locusts consume every green thing when they swarm (just search for videos of this online sometime and you’ll get the ‘picture’ God is trying to explain to you, as to how damaging the deception Satan and his ‘army’ will be. While we’re already being consumed by this locust army, the destruction gets worse the more mature the grasshoppers get and that’s how the deception is too. That’s why it’s a slippery slope down the drain once your country starts losing it’s morals. Those who think we’re going to have a ‘great Christian revival’ will likely be fooled by Satan because the only revival that is coming is one of *satanic deception*. And those Christians who have been taught lies like the Rapture Theory and the ‘Jews’ are God’s chosen people, *are being set up to worship the antichrist himself*, who is none other than *Satan*. This is what the Bible warns us so strongly about and we must prepare mentally, physically, emotionally and spiritually if we are going to be able to keep from being seduced (deceived) into worshipping Satan. This takes perseverance in studying God’s Word, being willing to look inside and see your sins, kick them out, *keep them out*, put on the Gospel Armor and *learn how to use it*. In other words, be a doer of God’s Word not just a hearer (James 2:4-6, Luke 8:15).

We also learned that the ‘thick darkness’ of the ninth plague is another stunning type for the deception that Satan brings. Light and darkness is another analogy the Bible uses to explain the difference between the understanding God’s Word gives our mind verses the lies, confusion and deception that Satan’s doctrine brings. Only one way leads to eternal life and it’s *not* the darkness. We also learned that the only way to get rid of darkness is to *turn on the light*, which is why it’s so important to study God’s Word *for yourself* and *with understanding*. Jesus warned us of people coming to deceive us claiming to be Christian. Indeed, there are many ‘wolves in sheep clothing’ yet today who teach people things like the Rapture Theory and that the Jews are God’s chosen people, *doctrines which lead them directly to worshiping Satan himself*. The darkness is upon us now due to the wicked ‘shepherds’ which are truly wolves in sheep’s clothing and this darkness will only get thicker and thicker until Satan gets here, in which time it’ll be so thick you can ‘feel it’ spiritually because you’ll see the ‘father of lies’ in action. He’s not a scary man in red underwear and a pitchfork. Satan is a beautiful angel and a great charmer. He’s great at speaking and knows how to pretend to be righteous. Indeed, he and his angels pretend to be angels of light, love and peace but the truth is *they are lying* and do not care at all for anyone but themselves. They are out to destroy the souls of God’s children through deception and that’s what we must be on guard for. So, we must strive to learn of God’s Word, kick our sin out (and keep it out) and put on the Gospel Armor so we can fight the ‘fiery darts’ of the wicked (lies).

This next chapter is short but it lays the groundwork for the final plague, in which Pharaoh will finally let Israel go. So, the children of Israel must be ready to be responsible for themselves and learn to obey the God of their fathers Abraham, Isaac and Jacob/Israel (YHVH). So, let’s see what it is our Heavenly Father reveals to us in this short, but informative, chapter...

Exodus 11

1 And the LORD said unto Moses, Yet will I bring one plague more upon Pharaoh, and upon Egypt; afterwards he will let you go hence: when he shall let you go, he shall surely thrust you out hence altogether.

YHVH now warned Moses that there was one more plague left and it would be one that would make Pharaoh not only ‘let’ Israel go but he would actually kick (run) them out.

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2 Speak now in the ears of the people, and let every man borrow of his neighbour, and every woman of her neighbour, jewels of silver, and jewels of gold.

YHVH then tells Moses to ‘spread the word’ that they were to spoil the Egyptians before they left. Although they were going to be kicked out quickly, they were still to go down to the Egyptians and ask for their jewels, silver and gold. The word ‘borrow’ here actually means “to request or to demand” (#7592). Remember, YHVH told Abraham that Israel would come out of Egypt with ‘great substance’ (Genesis 15:13-14). Not only would Israel be coming out with all their flocks and herds but they would also be getting much gold and silver (timeless money) for their many years of servitude (hundreds of years in bondage).

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3 And the LORD gave the people favour in the sight of the Egyptians. Moreover the man Moses was very great in the land of Egypt, in the sight of Pharaoh's servants, and in the sight of the people.

The word 'favour' here is #2580 and means: *graciousness*, i.e. subjective (*kindness, favor*) or objective (*beauty*). After all the plagues that YHVH had poured upon Egypt, but kept Israel perfectly safe (totally unaffected by any of them), it was obvious to the Egyptians that the God of Israel was not only real but that He greatly favored Israel (and *not* the Egyptians!). Thus, the Egyptians were also afraid of Moses and Israel. This is why they would gladly give Israel their money and jewels. But by this time, Egypt would not have had very much left but gold and silver, which Israel would take for the many years of cruel bondage they suffered. While the Egyptians had been living 'high on the hog' for years (at Israel's expense), Israel had been suffering; payday would soon be coming. YHVH wanted the word spread so the people of Israel would be ready to spoil the Egyptians after this tenth plague was accomplished by YHVH.

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*4 And Moses said, Thus saith the LORD, About midnight will I go out into the midst of Egypt:
5 And all the firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die, from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sitteth upon his throne, even unto the firstborn of the maidservant that is behind the mill; and all the firstborn of beasts.*

YHVH had Moses warn Pharaoh of this plague before it happened. Thus, Pharaoh was fully warned. From the highest, most powerful man in the land (Pharaoh himself) to the lowest worker (the maidservant behind the mill), even to the animals (beasts), *all the firstborn would die*. This plague encompassed all aspects of society. No one would be able to use their money, position or prestige to get out of this plague (nor had that worked with any of the previous plagues). YHVH punished (chastised) all the Egyptians the same because He's not a respecter of persons; everyone is judged, punished and chastised in accordance to His Law (Deut 1:17, Acts 10:34, Rom 2:11, 1 Pt 1:17, John 12:46-48).

We also see that YHVH chose a very specific time to perform the tenth plague: midnight. It actually says 'about' midnight, which means the deaths would happen shortly before midnight. But why did this happen right before midnight? Midnight is in the middle of the night and, thus, *symbolizes the breaking of the darkness*. Therefore, it's the time that our Heavenly Father has chosen to symbolically represent the Second Advent of Jesus Christ, which is when He will return to earth, take over control and 'marry' His bride. The marriage simply means Jesus will choose those who remain faithful to Him (who did NOT take the mark of the beast) to be in His righteous government during the thousand years He rules on earth (Rev 2:4-6). We find that midnight referred to the wedding of Jesus is explained through the parable of the virgins in the great book of Matthew...

1 *Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom.*
2 *And five of them were wise, and five were foolish.*
3 *They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them:*
4 *But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.*
5 *While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept.*
6 ***And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.***
7 *Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps.*
8 *And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out.*
9 *But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves.*
10 *And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut.*
11 *Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us.*
12 *But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, **I know you not.** (Mth 7:21-27)*
13 *Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.*
Matt 25:1-13

As verse 13 points out, the fact that Jesus uses midnight symbolically in this parable does not mean Jesus will literally return at midnight. He specifically told us we won't know *exactly* when He will return (Mark 13:32-37) but Jesus tells us to stay diligent in watching for His return. He give us the signs of His coming in Mth 24, Mk 13 and Luke 21 (which are just explanations of Revelations 6) and tells that, like a fig tree tells you what time of year it is, likewise these signs will show us how close the return of the true Jesus Christ (learn more about the Parable of the fig tree in this special study: <https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/950>). So, *midnight is symbolic of Jesus Second Advent* and we see that all the firstborn of Egypt will be smitten at that time. This too is another type. Remember what YHVH said a few chapters back?

22 *And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD, **Israel is my son, even my firstborn:***
23 *And I say unto thee, Let my son go, that he may serve me: and if thou refuse to let him go, behold, I will slay thy son, even thy firstborn.*
Ex 4:22-23

Because Pharaoh refused to let God's 'firstborn son' go (Israel was YHVH's firstborn *nation* who would bring forth His firstborn Son, Jesus), He would slay Pharaoh's firstborn son (as well as all of Egypt's firstborn children). So, the type is: as God's firstborn son (Jesus Christ) was murdered by Satan and his children (John 8:44, Genesis 3:3-7), so will God put Satan (and his fallen angels) to death (Rev 20:10,14, Jude 6). Paul explains how Jesus overcame Satan, who has the power of death, by giving His life in the flesh for His own children ...

*14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that **through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;***

15 And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

16 For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham.

17 Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.

18 For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.

Heb 2:14-18

Satan is named death because he was the original rebel who, not only learned how to sin but taught others how to do the same thing (Ezek 28, Rev 12:4). Satan's also the only named entity sentenced to death yet (Rev 21:10,14, 2 Thess 2:3) but we know his fallen angels who refused to come to earth in a flesh body will die with him too (Jude 6 and the book of Enoch). Rev 20 also tells us that anyone who does not accept Jesus Christ (who's not written in the book of life) will also be put to death spiritually (forever) at the end of the Millennium. Thus, it is because Satan (through deception) will take many of God's children to spiritual death with him due to his rebellion that our Heavenly Father has total justification to already sentencing Satan to death. He is, after all, the originator of sin (Ezek 28). Amazingly, this was all prophesied of clear back in Genesis 3:15 and we can see how righteous God's plan of Salvation is because, it not only includes allowing His children time to learn the difference between life and death (God verses Satan), but it also includes eventually getting rid of all evil after the Millennium teaching period is over. Therefore, is it written...

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.

7 And I heard another out of the altar say, Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are thy judgments.

Rev 16:5-7

1 And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God:

2 For true and righteous are his judgments: for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand.

3 And again they said, Alleluia. And her smoke rose up for ever and ever.

Rev 19:1-3

For good reason did the Psalmist write...

*16 A little that a righteous man hath is better than the riches of many wicked.
17 For the arms of the wicked shall be broken: but the LORD upholdeth the righteous.
18 The LORD knoweth the days of the upright: and their inheritance shall be for ever.
19 They shall not be ashamed in the evil time: and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied.
20 But the wicked shall perish, and the enemies of the LORD shall be as the fat of lambs: they shall consume; into smoke shall they consume away.
Ps 37:16-20*

Never forget God's Promises!

Exodus 11

*6 And there shall be a great cry throughout all the land of Egypt, such as there was none like it, nor shall be like it any more.
7 But against any of the children of Israel shall not a dog move his tongue, against man or beast: that ye may know how that the LORD doth put a difference between the Egyptians and Israel.*

Moses continues the warning to Pharaoh by explaining that there would be a *great* cry in Egypt after the death of all firstborn children and animals (though there were not that many animals left after all the plagues). He then uses a figure of speech which was a proverb in those days: *not a dog shall move his tongue* simply means that there would be no one (not even a dog) who would treat Israel with the disdain of a slave after this plague. No one would 'move their tongue' in condemnation, disdain, or criticism against Israel. This is also a type for those in these 'latter days' who refuse the mark of the beast (i.e., they refuse to worship Satan and/or his wicked laws and government). Though these people will be looked upon with disdain and hatred while Satan is here deceiving the world into worshipping him, they will later be vindicated when Jesus Christ returns. In fact, they'll even be vindicated after the two witnesses rise from the dead (Rev 11) because the world will then know that what God's elect said is true. This is why God's Word tells us to...

*5 Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; **and he shall bring it to pass.**
6 **And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday.**
7 Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.
8 Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil.
9 For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the LORD, they shall inherit the earth.
10 For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be: yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it shall not be.
11 But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.
34 **Wait** on the LORD, and keep his way, and he shall exalt thee to inherit the land: when the wicked are cut off, thou shalt see it.
Ps 37:5-11, 34*

The word ‘wait’ in verses 7 and 34 is commonly used in the Old Testament and it means much more than what our English word wait implies (not doing anything). The word ‘wait’ is # 6960 and means: ***to bind together*** (perhaps by twisting), i.e. *collect*; (figuratively) ***to expect***. This means we should expect God’s promises to come to pass (Heb 11:1) and bind ourselves to Him by studying His Word *and* obeying it (i.e., writing His Words in our heart and mind as Jer 31:31, Heb 8:10 and 10:16 says we should). The parable of the talents in Mth 25:14-28 explains that we must use the talent(s) God gives us, the best we can, to bring as many people back to His loving arms as we possibly can. That’s what ‘waiting’ on God really means. And those who do this will be like Israel was in those days: separated from the wicked so that when Jesus returns, they will be vindicated (the Bible calls it glorified). Remember Psalms 37 says these YHWH will *bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday* and then the righteous will *inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace*. Jesus will make a separation between those who were loyal to Him (righteous) and those who were not. Amazingly, there will be many who worship Satan who will still try to tell Jesus that they love and served Him... even though they worshiped Satan! (Mth 7:21-23). It takes a great deal of pride and self-righteousness to think you still deserve to be in the Kingdom of Heaven (Jesus’ government) *when you did not stay loyal to Him*. Jesus clarifies in Mth 7:24-27 that these people were not allowed to serve in His government (i.e., not allowed to enter the kingdom of heaven) because they did not obey Him. This is why He separates people when He returns...

47 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind:

48 Which, when it was full, they drew to shore, and sat down, and gathered the good into vessels, but cast the bad away.

49 So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just,

50 And shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.
Matt 13:47-50

That ‘furnace of fire’ is simply the pain inside their soul that people will feel when they don’t make the cut and are not allowed to serve in Jesus’ Kingdom. They will still be on earth but they’ll be confined to a particular area and be forced to learn of God’s Word and learn how to obey God’s Word (how to discipline themselves in obedience to God’s Word). They will not be ruling over anyone because they are untrustworthy; anyone who does not remain loyal to the true Jesus Christ during Satan’s tribulation on earth will not be allowed to serve in Jesus’s righteous Administration and for good reason: they were spiritually corrupted by Satan and to repeat: *they are thus not trustworthy*. The ‘gnashing of teeth’ is a figure of speech that means people will be harshly complaining about not being allowed into Jesus’ kingdom. Self-righteousness makes a person blind to their own sins and they do not see the truth clearly. Jesus tells us in Mth 7:1-5 that those who have not cleaned the beam (sin) out of their own eye are not allowed to judge, so why would He allow them into His kingdom to rule with Him in the Millennium? He won’t.

Subsequently, the Egyptians would be scared of Israel's God (YHVH) after the last plague, that they would not only beg Israel to leave but would also be willingly give Israel whatever they wanted (i.e., the silver and gold). Moses promised that YHVH would differentiate between Egypt and Israel because God separates righteous people from the evil people, just as He did in the first earth age when He separated the light from the dark (Gen 1:4, 1 John 1:5,7) and He will do yet again when Jesus returns (Matt 13:47-50, 25:31-46, Mk 13:28). Yes, God separates people. God is a divider. He separates good from evil. He divides people in order to clean out the rebels who hurt everyone else! And so does Jesus...

49 I am come to send fire on the earth; and what will I if it be already kindled?

50 But I have a baptism to be baptized with; and how am I straitened till it be accomplished!

51 Suppose ye that I am come to give peace on earth? I tell you, Nay; but rather division:

52 For from henceforth there shall be five in one house divided, three against two, and two against three.

53 The father shall be divided against the son, and the son against the father; the mother against the daughter, and the daughter against the mother; the mother in law against her daughter in law, and the daughter in law against her mother in law.

Luke 12:49-53

Exodus 11

*8 And all these thy servants shall come down unto me, and bow down themselves unto me, saying, Get thee out, and all the people that follow thee: and after that I will go out. **And he went out from Pharaoh in a great anger.***

Remember, in the last chapter (Ex 10:28-29) Pharaoh had kicked Moses out and told him never to come back again or he would kill him. So, Moses' unannounced visit was undoubtedly not met with any deference at all. And while Moses had agreed not to come back again, YHVH had sent him so *he obeyed*. Moses, apparently angry over Pharaoh's indifference to this grave warning, boldly told Pharaoh that he and his people were going to be begging him to take Israel and leave by the time this was all over. Moses was trying to warn Pharaoh he was going to lose his own firstborn son and was met with indignance and disdain. This is typical of what happens when you warn a fool about the consequences of his folly. They will laugh you to scorn, just as they did to Noah, to Lot and to many other righteous people throughout the ages. And while the Jesus warns us not to cast our pearls before swine (Mth 7:6), if God (YHVH) sends you on a mission, *you must go* because God wants the wicked warned before He executes justice (Ezek 33). So, unless you get the unction from the Holy Spirit to warn a fool, you'd better not try it for Proverbs warns us *answer not a fool according to his folly, lest thou also be like unto him* (Prov 26:4). And: *let a bear robbed of her whelps meet a man, rather than a fool in his folly* (Prov 17:12). So, Moses (who was obeying YHVH) found out that truly, *a reproof entereth more into a wise man than an hundred stripes into a fool* (Prov 17:10).

Exodus 11

9 And the LORD said unto Moses, Pharaoh shall not hearken unto you; that my wonders may be multiplied in the land of Egypt.

10 And Moses and Aaron did all these wonders before Pharaoh: and the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, so that he would not let the children of Israel go out of his land.

YHVH warned Moses that Pharaoh (once again) would not listen to him and the purpose was (of course) so that His wonders would come to pass: i.e., the last plague (death of the firstborn) would come to pass. The Companion Bible has a note on verse 10 explaining that this verse is a figure of speech that anticipates what is going to be in the future by speaking of it as if it's present. In other words, Moses and Aaron would do (through YHVH) all these wonders before Pharaoh because God hardened Pharaoh's heart to make sure all the plagues came to pass. Never forget that these plagues in the Exodus are types for how we will come out of spiritual bondage to Satan's deception because they warn of what Satan's deception is like. And the only way to be protected from Satan's deception, is to be separated from the world, like Israel was separate from Egypt because they lived in Goshen. We must therefore, keep diligently persevering a relationship with our Heavenly Father, through studying His Word (who is Jesus Christ) so that we bind (connect) our heart and mind to His Word (Jer 31:31, Heb 8:10, 10:16) *and not to the world*. We must be 'children of the light' and not the darkness. We must 'come out of' the worldly mindset of confusion (Rev 18:4) which blinds us to sin. We must keep up the spiritual fight by continuing to kick the sin out of our heart and mind and *keep it out*. We must continue to learn of God's Word and remember His promises and what's coming. We must grow in courage, knowledge, self-control, patience, loyalty to God, brotherly kindness, love and wisdom...

8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

9 But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.

10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: (Matt 7:24-27)

11 For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 1:8-11

AMEN.