

Commission Confirmed – A Miracle and the First Plague Executed

In chapter six we saw God (YHVH) emphatically confirm that He would indeed free Israel from Egyptian bondage by using the word “I” eighteen times in eight verses. Eighteen in Biblical numerics stands for *bondage* and eight stands for *new birth, new creation or new beginnings*, thus symbolizing (and confirming) how God *would* indeed free Israel from bondage to Egypt and create a new nation out of them. He also used His Sacred Name, YHVH, to confirm that He would *not* break His promises to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob/Israel. These promises included freeing Israel from bondage but also making them into a great nation and a multitude of people; as many as the ‘stars of heaven’ and ‘sand of the sea’. The promises also include bringing them into the Promise Land and YHVH confirmed He would do that too. He also promised that He would ‘take’ Israel for His people and He would be their God, which was fulfilled by making the National Covenant in Mount Sinai, as we will see later on in Exodus. However, after Moses took this message to the Israelites, they still didn’t believe him. They were too focused on the physical hardships they were experiencing to have any faith in the words Moses spoke, which is pretty typical of our people even today.

God then commanded Moses to go speak to Pharaoh again. And, after Moses again told Him that he could not speak well, YHVH brought Aaron in and charged them both with the commission to bring Israel out of bondage and set up a new Government. In other words, it was then that He revealed the broad scope of their commission. It was not just about freeing Israel; it was about establishing them as His people by setting up a government founded upon His righteous Laws, including laws governing how to worship Him. We then learned there were actually a few other men of Israel willing to go speak to Pharaoh with Moses and Aaron, and we were given their genealogy. We were also given the genealogy for Aaron and Moses and also learned some extremely valuable types within the lineage of Aaron’s family. Because Aaron was the priest line, his lineage looked forward to the coming of the Messiah, Jesus Christ. The chapter ended with Moses repeating his worry (yet again) about not being able to speak well. We will pick up with our Heavenly Father’s ever so patient response...

Exodus 7

I And the LORD said unto Moses, See, I have made thee a god to Pharaoh: and Aaron thy brother shall be thy prophet.

To adequately understand what Our Heavenly Father is really saying, we need to understand what the word “god” means. In the Hebrew it is #430 and is written as: *'elohiym* and pronounced as: (el-o-heem'). And it means: ***gods in the ordinary sense***; but *specifically used* (in the plural thus, especially with the article) of the *supreme God*; *occasionally applied by way of deference to magistrates*; and sometimes as a superlative. It’s translated in the KJV as - angels, exceeding, God (gods)- dess, -ly), (very) great, judges, mighty.

So, the term “god” is a *generic* title. A title which has even been given to people in authority. In Ex 22:28 it says: *Thou shalt not revile the gods, nor curse the ruler of thy people*. This Scripture

is a second witness to us that the word ‘god’ was also used to refer to a ruler or someone in authority (had power). It was not strictly used for God Almighty, YHVH. Terminology can be confusing, especially if we don’t keep the subject straight and remember that words have more than one meaning. To reiterate: the term “god” is not a specific name for YHVH. It is a *generic term* that has been applied to Him, and rightly so because YHVH is the God above all gods just as He is the Lord above all lords (another generic title) and the King above all kings (another generic title). And there are some ‘gods’ He delegates (rulers such as Moses) but, of course, many (or most) ‘gods’ are *not* delegated rulers by YHVH. Moses gives us an example of some that *were* delegated by God...

12 How can I myself alone bear your cumbrance, and your burden, and your strife?

*13 **Take you wise men, and understanding, and known among your tribes, and I will make them rulers over you.***

14 And ye answered me, and said, The thing which thou hast spoken is good for us to do.

*15 So I took the chief of your tribes, wise men, and known, and made them heads over you, captains over thousands, and captains over hundreds, and captains over fifties, and captains over tens, and **officers among your tribes.***

*16 And **I charged your judges at that time**, saying, Hear the causes between your brethren, and judge righteously between every man and his brother, and the stranger that is with him.*

*17 Ye shall not respect persons in judgment; but ye shall hear the small as well as the great; ye shall not be afraid of the face of man; **for the judgment is God's**; and the cause that is too hard for you, bring it unto me, and I will hear it.*

Deut 1:12-17

Moses and the other judges were judging “in God’s place” and they could do so because *they were using God’s Laws to judge with*. They were not making new laws as our governments do today. This is also why Job and Abraham were so pleasing to YHVH (Job 1:1, 8, Gen 26:5). The generic term “god” has been used elsewhere in Scriptures to refer to rulers, governors, magistrates and so forth. A good example is in the Psalms...

*1 God standeth in the congregation of the mighty; **he judgeth among the gods.***

2 How long will ye judge unjustly, and accept the persons of the wicked? Selah.

3 Defend the poor and fatherless: do justice to the afflicted and needy.

4 Deliver the poor and needy: rid them out of the hand of the wicked.

5 They know not, neither will they understand; they walk on in darkness: all the foundations of the earth are out of course.

*6 I have said, **Ye are gods**; and all of you are children of the most High.*

7 But ye shall die like men, and fall like one of the princes.

8 Arise, O God, judge the earth: for thou shalt inherit all nations.

Ps 82

This Psalm shows how the term ‘god’ can be used for those who govern (rule) on the earth. Verse six tells us that, although they are ‘gods’ (i.e., people in authority who had great power), they are

still children of the Most High (YHVH) and thus, will die because they are simply flesh men. Jesus used this Psalm to confound the wicked Jews who wanted to stone Him to death for saying that “I and My Father are one” (John 10:30-31). The Jews accused Him of blasphemy (John 10:33) and (even though Jesus truly IS one with YHHV, because Jesus is God incarnate) *He quoted Psalms 82 to make the point that the term “god” has been used in the Scriptures to refer to leaders of the people.* This is another witness that the word “god” is not a term that can be applied *only* the Most High God, YHVH. It’s also a term used to refer to other rulers of this world and even Jesus Himself used this point to respond to the Jews vehement accusations. We have to get this clear in our heard other wise we can be very confused because, the Scriptures also condemn having ‘other gods’ aside from YHVH.

To further clarify: YHVH is supposed to be our *only* God (First Commandment) in that *His Laws are supposed to rule supreme in our lives* - in our heart, mind and soul, words and actions we are supposed to obey Him first and foremost (Rom 13:9-10). But, Romans 13 also points out that we should obey earthly rulers IF they are not trying to get us to disobey YHVH’s Laws. But (and just as important to keep in mind) the earthly government is *supposed* to be a source *for the good to protect people*. But, as we all know, this rarely happens because (aside from Jesus Christ) power has a tendency to corrupt people. So, what YHVH hates is when we obey the laws (rules) of other rulers *instead of or above* His Laws.

Now, many people try to ride the fence and that’s not acceptable to YHVH either (Rev 3:15-16). We cannot pick and choose what Laws of His we want to obey. We are duty bound (as His children) to obey them all. And we must have His Laws (and His Laws *only*) in our heart and mind (Jer 31:31, Heb 8:10, 10:16) IF we are to truly worship Him. And IF it be possible to obey earthly rulers without breaking YHVH’s Laws, then we are to do so. But, as Peter and John said in Acts 4:19-20, *whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.* When the earthly rulers tried to get them to stop preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ, they flat out refused. But things like paying our taxes and obeying civil laws, traffic laws and so forth, those things we should obey (Mth 22:21) *so long as they do not require us to disobey God’s Laws.* To reiterate, the difference comes when the civil laws try to make you break God’s commandments. Such as, if you make cakes for a living and the government tries to force you to make a cake for a homosexual couple. YHVH expects you to obey *His Laws* and refuse to do so, even if you lose your entire business because our corrupt courts will side with the perverts suing you. While it really stinks to lose your business, that is much better than losing faith in Jesus Christ. We’re warned of being persecuted for following Jesus Christ (1 Peter 4:1-2) but, *the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us* (Rom 8:18). Retaining our moral convictions in Jesus Christ is the essence of not taking the mark of the beast, yet so many people cave to the politically correct and ‘cancel’ cultures of today that it is no wonder we’re in the last generation (<https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/950>).

To reiterate: when we listen to *and obey* other gods (people in authority or anyone who we allow to influence us, which can include evil spirits from the other dimension) *above* (or *instead of*)

listening to *and obeying* YHVH (who is our Creator), then He gets angry. His laws are righteous (they lead to life, even *eternal* life), they thus *are good for us* (Deut 10:13). So, if any other ‘gods’ do not govern using YHVH’s Laws (which happens a lot of course) then YHVH gets angry because righteousness is not being enforced upon the earth. The reason YHVH loved David so much (1 Sam 13:14) was because He *executed judgment and justice among all his people* (1 Chron 18:14) and he did so by using YHVH’s Laws. All the prophets attest to the fact that YHVH’s main ‘beef’ with most of Israel’s rulers (from the judges to the kings of Israel) was that they did *not* rule or judge by YHVH’s Laws. Instead, they went after ‘other gods’, which means *they began to obey other laws than YHVH’s*. Scriptures tells us these other sources (“gods”) were many times evil spirits called “devils” who work for Satan himself (Lev 17:7, Deut 32:17, 2 Chron 11:15, Ps 106:37).

Remember, the *source of law* in any society is *the god of that society*. Therefore, earthly rulers must get the source of their law from YHVH or else they are going after ‘other gods’ and are thus destined for punishments (even death) from YHVH. Again, the Law (Lev 26, Deut 28) and the prophets all attest to this fact. The first chapter in Isaiah does a very good job summarizing this but there are so many other Scriptures that speak of this as well. Again, the reason YHVH gets so testy about people turning away from His Laws is because when we do so, *we do so to our own hurt and the hurt of others*. The Holy Spirit, through Paul, explained it quite simply...

*8 But we know that **the law is good**, if a man use it lawfully:*

9 Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers,

10 For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine;

11 According to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which was committed to my trust.

1 Tim 1:8-11

When people turn away from YHVH’s Laws, they begin to use the authority of government for *selfish gain* instead using it to *protect* others. In other words, the law becomes a weapon for evil when YHVH’s Laws are kicked out. Sadly, this is exactly what has happened to the once mighty Christian nations of the world (<https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/885>). It’s also exactly what Satan did in the first earth age (Ezek 28) (<https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/192>). This is why Jesus said all those who will govern in His government (Body of Christ) *must be humble and obedient* to **His** Laws (Mth 23:11-13, 18:1-5).

To reiterate once again: God’s Laws are for our own good (Deut 10:13). Moses stresses and reiterates that throughout the book of Deuteronomy. No one but our Creator knows what is best for us. He alone is righteous and Holy (Deut 32:4) and thus, *only His Laws are righteous* and thus, *only His Laws lead to eternal life*. This is something people just don’t understand. Many believe the lie Satan told Eve (and he keeps telling today) that we can make our own laws (rules)

and live forever but *that is not the truth*. And, by the time this earth age is over, people will find out what the truth really is and just who truly is in control (Rev 19:1-3, 11-21).

So, when YHVH told Moses that He made him a ‘god’ to Pharaoh, YHVH was simply reiterating the “chain of command” for communication. YHVH would speak to Moses and Moses would speak to his brother, Aaron. And Aaron (who YHVH also called a prophet) would speak to Pharaoh. Prophets are simply people who speak to others for God (YHVH). And while Aaron would do the speaking, Moses *had to be present* with his brother Aaron to make sure God’s will was executed exactly how He wanted it.

Exodus 7

*2 Thou shalt speak **all** that I command thee: and Aaron thy brother shall speak unto Pharaoh, that he send the children of Israel out of his land.*

YHVH is saying that Moses is going to be the man He uses to communicate through. This was just a reminder though. Remember, YHVH already told Moses that Aaron would be his spokesman when He appeared to Moses in the fiery bush yet Moses kept complaining about not being able to speak well. Moses was not going to get out of this commission no matter how much he complained to God about it. So, YHVH patiently reminded Moses to simply tell Aaron everything He was saying and then make sure that Aaron told Pharaoh everything that Moses told him. Again, Moses was not going to get out of this commission no matter how poor a speaker he thought he was. And, after you learn about the way Aaron acts while Moses is up on Mt. Sinai getting the Ten Commandments from YHVH (Ex 32), you’ll understand why YHVH chose Moses instead of Aaron to lead the nation. Never forget that our Heavenly Father does *not* judge people by appearance or the way they speak...

*But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but **the LORD looketh on the heart.***

1 Sam 16:7

*But that on the good ground are they, which in an **honest and good heart**, having heard the word, **keep it**, and **bring forth fruit with patience.***

Luke 8:15

It takes someone with a good heart (who loves YHVH and His Laws instead of the pleasures of sin, Heb 11:26) to be a good leader because that’s the only kind of person that will do what’s right when they have a lot of power. In other words, their pure heart will bring forth spiritual fruit despite having a lot of power. (By the way, these are also the kind of people Jesus is looking for to be in His government). As Jesus said in Matt 5:9, *Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God*. This then is why *the LORD spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend* (Ex 33:11).

Another point that we need to understand from this verse is that God (YHVH) very much cares about what comes out of our mouths. He emphatically told Moses that ALL of what YHVH said needed to be repeated. In other words, Moses and Aaron were not to add nor take away from God's Word. This still goes for today...

*18 For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:
19 And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.*

Rev 22:18-19

This then is why Jesus said...

*33 Either make the tree good, and his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by his fruit.
34 O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.
35 A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things.
36 But I say unto you, That **every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.**
37 **For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.***

Matt 12:33-37

Because what we think (what's truly in our heart) determines what we say, it's imperative we learn to control our mind, heart and tongue and our actions. This starts with cleaning our heart and mind (Mth 15:16-20, Mk 7:20-23). And from this we see why Moses was such a good servant. He had a clean heart who sincerely loved YHVH (Heb 11:26, Num 12:3). This is an example to us (1 Cor 10:11) for Jesus told His disciples...

*9 But take heed to yourselves: for they shall deliver you up to councils; and in the synagogues ye shall be beaten: and ye shall be brought before rulers and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them.
10 And the gospel must first be published among all nations.
11 But when they shall lead you, and deliver you up, **take no thought beforehand what ye shall speak, neither do ye premeditate: but whatsoever shall be given you in that hour, that speak ye: for it is not ye that speak, but the Holy Ghost.***

Mark 13:9-11

Jesus reiterated this in Luke 21:12-19. Do you discipline your heart, mind, tongue and body to obey His Word? If so, then you are you a disciple of Jesus Christ and this warning applies to you as well. This is critical because, there is a time coming, when Satan will be cast out of heaven, to

this earth (Rev 12). This is before the true Jesus Christ comes (2 Thess 2:3) and there is not going to be any Rapture to take the Christians away before this happens; we'll **all** be here for the tribulation of the antichrist, who is Satan (<https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/345>). And when Satan is here, he'll be pretending to be the Savior of mankind and the God of all (2 Thess 2). It is during that time when YHVH will send His two witnesses (Rev 11, Zech 4) to witness *against* Satan and his evil (satanic) 'one world government' (<https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/338>). But they won't be the only ones witnessing against it. Rev 2:8-10 tells us that those of the Church of Smyrna will be cast in to prison by Satan himself and it will be at that time they too will be delivered up to witness against Satan and his evil system. Note that those who are a part of this Church of Smyrna today are *those who fit the characteristics of it*, found in Rev 2:9-10. So, like YHVH used Peter, Paul, Stephen and so many others (in the book of Acts) to witness through, so too will He use people living today to witness against the Satanic world government. In fact, Peter told us this too. On Pentecost day (the first time the 'cloven' tongue was given) he stood up and said...

14 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:
15 For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day.
*16 But **this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;***
*17 And **it shall come to pass in the last days,** saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:*
18 And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:
19 And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke:
20 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come:
21 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.
 Acts 2:14-21

It's first off important to understand that the cloven tongue is a language that can be understood by everyone. The word 'cloven' in the Greek is #1266 and means: *to partition thoroughly* (literally in **distribution**, figuratively in *dissension*). So, the cloven tongue a language God uses to speak to everyone (at the same time) so that all can understand what He is saying, through His Servants. It is NOT some foreign language that no one can understand. Acts chapter 2 makes it very clear that everyone could hear what the apostles were saying very clearly. So much so, they heard the words spoken even the same dialect (accent) of the area they were born in.

So, Peter was telling us that the prophet Joel prophesied of God speaking through His servants. Of course, we just learned that Jesus also said this and warned us not to premeditate what we are going to say because He wants to speak through His servants. Refusing Him the ability to use you that way is unpardonable (Lk 12:10). But rest assured, YHVH will only use *trusted* servants

to speak through. Therefore, we must be prepared (mentally, spiritually and in our heart) not to think about (or even worry about) what we'll say IF we are used in that way. Truly, those who learn to 'walk in the Spirit' the way Galatians 5 outlines won't have any trouble with this.

And the whole point (purpose) to God speaking through His servants is *to let the world know the 'wonderful works of God' (Acts 2:11)*. What are the 'wonderful works of God'? Well, on the first Pentecost day after Jesus rose from the dead (and had already ascended into heaven by that time) the disciples were explaining how the Old Testament Scriptures testified that Jesus Christ truly was the promised Messiah and that He had fulfilled the Old Testament prophecies concerning His First Advent (which included fulfilling the blood sacrifices - Heb 10:10, Col 2:14, Eph 2:15). Those who YHVH will use to testify against Satan will be testifying of not only that, but also how Jesus Christ will be coming back to fulfil the Old and New Testament Scriptures that prophesy of His Second Advent! The wonderful works of God therefore include the events of His First and Second Advent and the amazing miracles His Holy Spirit works in the hearts and minds of His children.

In short, His servants will be warning people that Satan really is not God nor Jesus Christ. And they'll be teaching people who Jesus Christ *really* is, how He fulfilled the Scriptures concerning His First Advent and also how He'll be soon returning to fulfill the Scriptures of His Second Advent! So, learning to let God's Word guide your thoughts, desires, words and actions *now* is incredibly important. It is part of learning to 'walk in the Spirit' that Paul describes in Galatians 5 and it's the way we prepare our heart and mind for the return of the true Jesus Christ (special study on this: <https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/74>) as well as the spiritual battle we face before His return (special study on this: <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/345>).

Exodus 7

*3 And **I will** harden Pharaoh's heart, and multiply my signs and my wonders in the land of Egypt.
4 But Pharaoh shall not hearken unto you, that **I** may lay my hand upon Egypt, and bring forth mine armies, and my people the children of Israel, out of the land of Egypt by great judgments.*

Although God (YHVH) already told Moses He would harden Pharaoh's heart (Ex 4:21), Moses apparently forgot (Ex 5:22-23). So, YHVH patiently tells Him again. Isn't it wonderful that our Heavenly Father is so patient with *all* of us? (Ex 34:6, Num 14:18, Ps 86:15, 2 Pt 3:9). YHVH also reiterates to Moses the purpose for hardening Pharaoh's heart: to multiply His signs and wonders in the land of Egypt. And these miracles would help the Egyptians to come to know who YHVH truly is. They worshiped many other 'gods', including the Nile River and many of the animals within it, such as fish and crocodiles. With the miracles YHVH will perform, He'll make it abundantly clear that the Nile River is not something to be trusted in. This in itself is a type for us because Satan will be telling so many lies when he is here (2 Thess 2, Rev 13:5-6) that his lies are likened to a flood in Rev 13:15. And, just as the Nile River cannot be trusted for salvation, likewise Satan's lies cannot be trusted either (For a special study on this, click this link: <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/380>).

Another interesting point found in this verse, is the fact that YHVH said He would bring forth His *armies* along with His people (the children of Israel) out of the land of Egypt by *great judgments*. As we learned in the last chapter (Ex 6:26), YHVH wanted Israel organized militarily when they came out of Egypt. We have to remember that YHVH was taking a people that had been enslaved for hundreds of years and making a nation out of them. So, He had to have them form armies and the time they spent in the wilderness (before they were sent to stay there for forty years) was to establish law and order, so they would be ready to go and live civilized in the Promise Land. Establishing (founding) a nation is no small feat. What YHVH did to free Israel is amazing in itself but then He also established (founded) Israel into a nation and took men who had never fought in their life and gave them the ability to fight giants. That's amazing. Paul also understood God's awesome ability to strengthen His children when he said: *I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me* (Phil 4:13) – how true this is! And using Israel to fight evil was an enduring charge, as Jer 51:20 clearly says: *Thou art my battle axe and weapons of war: for with thee will I break in pieces the nations, and with thee will I destroy kingdoms*. Indeed, this is why the 144,000 of Israel are sealed for the coming *spiritual battle* (<https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/331>).

Exodus 7

5 And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I stretch forth mine hand upon Egypt, and bring out the children of Israel from among them.

Again, we're told that YHVH wanted the Egyptians to know who He was. Had Israel's exit from Egypt been 'quick and easy' then the Egyptians would not have had the opportunity to learn of YHVH...

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

2 Peter 3:9

Exodus 7

6 And Moses and Aaron did as the LORD commanded them, so did they.

7 And Moses was fourscore years old, and Aaron fourscore and three years old, when they spake unto Pharaoh.

And so, Moses finally stopped complaining to God and he and Aaron obeyed. We're then told that Moses was 80 years old and Aaron was 83 years old when they went to speak to Pharaoh. Perhaps we could understand some more of Moses' inhibitions about his commission for he was no spring chicken, *but this tells us that it does not matter how old you are, if YHVH has something He wants you to do, He'll give you the strength to do so*. After all, Abraham and Sarah had a child when Abraham was 100 and Sarah was 90!

39 But the salvation of the righteous is of the LORD: he is their strength in the time of trouble.

40 And the LORD shall help them and deliver them: he shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in him.

Ps 37:39-40

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Ps 27:1

3 Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

*4 Trust ye in the LORD for ever: for **in the LORD JEHOVAH is everlasting strength**:*

Isa 26:3-4

Exodus 7

8 And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying,

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.

Moses and Aaron are now told that, the next time they go speak to Pharaoh, he'll ask them to perform a miracle. And the miracle they were to do was to cast Moses' rod down and it would become a serpent. Remember the symbology we learned from chapter 4? When we cast Jesus Christ away (who is symbolic of the rod) then all we are left with is the serpent (the serpent is one of Satan's names, Rev 12:9, 20:2). But what's interesting about verse 9 (and 10) is that the word 'serpent' is different than it was back in chapter 4. It was #5175, which simply means a *serpent*. But in verses 9 and 10, it is #8577, which means *a marine or land monster, i.e. sea-serpent or jackal*. Since the things that are written are example for us to learn by (1 Cor 10:11) we know that this has a meaning. It tells us that the serpent *changed* to a *sea* serpent the second time. This is a warning to us, living today in these 'end days', that we face the serpent who 'rides on water'. That is to say, Satan will come in *with a flood of lies* (Rev 12:15) to deceive all the people of the world (Rev 17:15 tells us waters are symbolic of people). We *must* be on guard for the spiritual attack of lies (flood of lies) that will be coming when Satan is cast out of heaven, to this earth (Rev 12:8-10) for he'll come to deceive everyone that he can into worshiping him (<https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/339>). People on earth, today, have never had this kind of influx of fallen angels before. While the Adamic women were seduced in Genesis 6, that was not world wide and did not affect all the other races (https://t.me/BibleStudyBooks_Genesis/101). But what we are facing today (being in the last generation before the true Jesus Christ returns) is supernatural beings on a *mass* scale. Rev 9:16 tells us that Satan will bring 200 *million* of his fallen angels with him (symbolic of locusts in Rev 9 and Joel 2) and Rev 12:9 clearly tells us Satan's fallen angels are cast out with him. Rev 13 gives more details on this as does Daniel 7-11 but Paul is also quite blunt in warning us about Satan's deception in 2 Thess 2.

Moreover, we're told in Rev 12:12 that Satan (the devil) will have *great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time*. Jesus told us this also in Mth 24:22 and Mk 13:20. His wrath is likely due to the fact that his time was shortened *so much*, for Rev 9:5,10 and Gen 7:24

tell us the time was shortened from seven years to only five months. God is gracious and *will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it* (1 Cor 10:13). Thus, He shortened the time *for the elect's sake* (Matt 24:22) *lest there should no flesh be saved*. However, Satan's wrath will not show. What this wrath will come out as is deception. It means Satan will be even more deceiving than he has ever been. **Study God's Word now to prepare for this kind of experience.** The purpose of putting on the Gospel Armor (Eph 6) is **to use it** against *all the fiery darts of the wicked* so that ye may be able to withstand in the **evil day**, and having done all, to stand (Eph 6:13,16).

That 'evil day' is the time of 'Jacob's trouble' spoken of in Jer 30:7, 2 Thess 2, Rev 13 and more. It's when Satan is kicked out of heaven (Rev 12:9), with his fallen angels, and they are sent to this earth with the express purpose of trying to deceive the entire world into worshipping him. It's not a time of physical tribulation but spiritual deception. Satan will promise great prosperity and peace (Dan 11:21, 32, 34). Satan is not going to be coming to the earth looking or acting like the psychopathic tyrant that he really is. 2 Cor 11:13-15 tells us that Satan is disguised (transformed means disguised, #3345) as an angel of light and his fallen angels are disguised as ministers of righteousness. So, *they are very good liars and incredibly deceitful*. And they will be smoother talkers than any politician or preacher you have ever seen and better looking to boot. Satan is also incredibly charismatic. Ezekiel 28:12 tells us he was *full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty*. Again, we must prepare our minds and hearts for this kind of experience. We have to learn not to judge by the flesh but by the fruit (John 7:24, Mth 7:15-20) and we judge all doctrine (thoughts, idea's, emotions, etc.) against the Word of God (the Bible) for that is our standard (1 John 4:1-3). And we must remember that God's Word warns us Satan is coming *before* the true Jesus Christ returns (2 Thess 2, Rev 13, Daniel 7-11). So, watch out for the 'sea serpent' of these end days! (<https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/235>)

Exodus 7

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.

11 Then Pharaoh also called the wise men and the sorcerers: now the magicians of Egypt, they also did in like manner with their enchantments.

12 For they cast down every man his rod, and they became serpents: but Aaron's rod swallowed up their rods.

13 And he hardened Pharaoh's heart, that he hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had said.

When Moses and Aaron went into Pharaoh, they told him what YHVH instructed and Aaron cast down the rod before Pharaoh. But Pharaoh brought in his magicians who did the same thing. This tells us that Satan does have *some* power and *he does not give up easily*. After all, he's got nothing to lose. Satan is already sentenced to death (Ezek 28, Isa 14, Rev 20:10,14). His life purpose now is to try to take as many of our Heavenly Father's children to the lake of fire (spiritual death) with him as he possibly can. Hate is a terrible motivator. God's purpose for allowing Satan to stay alive is simply to test His children. God (YHVH) is using this flesh life as a way to separate his truly rebellious children out from among those who actually love Him (Mth

13:40-41, 47-49, 25:33). However, the Word of God tells us that Jesus Christ has more power than Satan and any of his evil spirits. This is why evil spirits they were *forced* to leave the people who Jesus Christ would cast them out of, even when there were 1000 evil spirits in one poor guy (Mk 5:7-15). In fact, in Matt 28:18 Jesus told us that: *all power is given unto me in heaven and in earth*. So, Jesus Christ has power over ***all*** evil spirits, including Satan. The power that Jesus Christ has over Satan is symbolized by Aaron's rod (when it was a snake) swallowing up the rods of the magicians (while they were snakes) (vs 12). Moreover, Jesus has given this power to those who serve Him...

17 And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name.

18 And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.

*19 Behold, **I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.***

20 Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.

Luke 10:17-20

How do you obtain that power? *Faith* is the key to all healings, be it physical or spiritual (Mark 6:5, 16:15-18, Matt 9:20-22, Acts 3:16, Acts 6:8, Rom 3:23-25, Rom 10:9-17) for it is truly the Holy Spirit of God that kicks the evil spirits out and it must always be done in the name of (and having true faith in) Jesus Christ. Yes, faith is the key to claiming the power of God that Jesus gave us. But when you truly have faith in Jesus Christ, you won't try to misuse His power or use it at our own discretion. You must learn to listen to the Holy Spirit and let Him guide you as to when, where and how He wants it used. Peter gave us an excellent example of this...

8 And there sat a certain man at Lystra, impotent in his feet, being a cripple from his mother's womb, who never had walked:

*9 The same heard Paul speak: who stedfastly beholding him, and **perceiving that he had faith to be healed,***

10 Said with a loud voice, Stand upright on thy feet. And he leaped and walked.

Acts 14:8-10

Our Heavenly Father does not run a circus. He does not do miracles for fun or at a whim. All miracles He performs have a purpose and such was the reason for the miracle of the rod becoming a serpent. It was one, of many, miracles that Pharoah, the Egyptians and the children of Israel would witness and the purpose was not only to make Pharoah let Israel go free but to glorify YHVH, who is not just our Heavenly Father but also the God above all gods (Ps 96:5).

What this account with Pharoah also shows us is that we must learn not to give up when serving YHVH. While the results we want might not come right away (many times they do not), that does *not* mean we quit. If you have been given a commission then *stick to it, no mater how long it takes*. God doesn't like (or respect) a quitter. Do not let opposition from the enemy sway you

from doing your duty to God (YHVH). And do not be surprised when opposition comes. YHVH doesn't want servants who cannot handle spiritual heat from the wicked (that's why He gives us His spiritual armor, by the way – Eph 6). Learn to 'dig your heels in' and strengthen your resolve (determination) to obey your Heavenly Father. Learn God's Word and try *hard* to obey it. Don't give up, *ever*. Those who remain loyal to YHVH (Jesus Christ) TO THE END have the ultimate victory - *never, ever* forget that.

*And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but **he that endureth to the end shall be saved.***

Matt 10:22

Exodus 7

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

In this verse we see YHVH telling Moses something he obviously knew but it was a reminder to Moses that indeed, things happened *just as He said it would* and a prelude to the next directive.

Exodus 7

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.

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

*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.*

The next directive was to wait until morning and then go out to the Nile River where Pharaoh would be and speak to him again. (Note that our Heavenly Father already knew where Pharaoh would be the next morning). Aaron was to give the message to Pharaoh that the following plague was a consequence for not obeying YHVH's demand to let Israel go. In other words, YHVH was about to begin revealing His mighty power to Pharaoh. In Exodus 5:2, Pharaoh had said, *Who is the LORD, that I should obey His voice to let Israel go?* Well, Pharaoh is about to find out! It's also important to note that YHVH told Moses to warn Pharaoh exactly what would happen before it actually did. And he warned that not only would the Nile River become blood but so would all the streams, rivers, ponds, pools (reservoirs) and even the water in their vessels would

become blood. All the fish in the waters would die and the water would *stink* so much that no one would want to drink the water. These are the details YHVH told Moses to warn Pharaoh of *even before it happened...*

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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**.*

Moses and Aaron not only testified what was about to happen to Pharaoh; all his servants were present also so there were many witnesses. Moses had Aaron lift the rod (symbolic of Jesus Christ) and stretch out his hand upon the waters of Egypt in which time God smote the waters and made them all turn to blood. The timing was perfect. Our God (YHVH) is amazing. His timing is amazing and so are His mighty works. Consider what an impact this would have had on Pharaoh's servants. Although Pharaoh's heart was hardened, we're not told that his servants felt the same way. To see the Nile River, *which they worshiped*, suddenly turn to blood *just as Moses and Aaron had just warned them about* would be quite convincing, especially since their Pharaoh and magicians *could do nothing to fix it*. And then they were stuck with the bloody, stinky, unusable waters for... they didn't know how long. Can you image being without any clean water and not knowing when you would find any? It would have been stressful and worrisome and seeds of doubt about the power of your gods would begin to creep into your mind. The word about the warnings of Moses would no doubt spread quickly throughout Egypt, causing many of them to begin to doubt the power of their gods. Note also that this plague impacted *only* the land of Egypt. It did not at all impact Goshen, where the Israelites were. Remember, they were in Lower Egypt, which was the north part of the country and they had different water sources than Upper Egypt, where this was happening in the southern part of Egypt. Furthermore, this first 'plague' would lay the ground work for the rest of the plagues for YHVH knows how to use His creation to fulfil His purposes. He is super natural which simply means He is more natural than we are! Why? Because He *created all things, for His pleasure* (Rev 4:11).

It's also important to know is that the two witnesses of God (YHVH) will perform this plague during the reign of the antichrist (a.k.a. Satan) as a testimony against him, just as Moses and Aaron used it to witness to Pharaoh and his people. The purpose was, and will be again, to prove to the people who YHVH really is (God above all others) and the power He has (His power is stronger than all others).

3 And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.

4 These are the two olive trees (Zech 4), and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth.

5 And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed.

*6 These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and **have power over waters to turn them to blood**, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will.*

Rev 11:3-6

So, this plague is just one of many the two witnesses of the latter days will be performing to prove to witness to the people that Satan really is not the Savior of the world. And from this, we see that there is also a spiritual type in this plague. From John 4:10-24 and 7:38-39 we see that Jesus Christ's Holy Spirit is the Living Water. Like physical water helps our physical body dissolve minerals and nutrients (and oxygen, something we need to survive) to make them accessible to our body, likewise God's Holy Spirit helps us understand and absorb (utilize spiritually) the truth in God's Word. And, as water cleanses and lubricates our flesh body, likewise does God's Holy Spirit cleanse our soul thus lubricating it by liberating it from the power of death (sin) (John 14:26, John 13:8, John 15:3). But, when lies are mixed with truth the water is tainted (gets bloody) and your soul gets sick, just as the water turned to blood and made it unusable. And tainted spiritual water is what you get when you reject Jesus Christ, the Word of God. The water (lies) that comes from Satan (Rev 12:15) is as damaging, putrid, stinky and gross as the bloody Nile River was.

Furthermore, Jesus gave a metaphor that was rather offensive to most because they didn't realize He was not speaking literally. This metaphor clearly explains how important the Holy Spirit is to our soul for its symbolized by the precious blood of Jesus Christ...

53 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.

54 Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.

55 For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed.

56 He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.

57 As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me.

58 This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever.

John 6:53-58

Even the disciples of Jesus didn't understand this analogy so Jesus later clarified...

It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

John 6:63

The Word of God (which includes *every* Word that came from Jesus' mouth) are spirit and they give us understanding to the truth. That's why they give us spiritual life. So, the lies that Satan gives are likened to the bloody Nile River with dead animals in it... it only leads to spiritual death just as drinking that putrid river water brought many deaths among the Egyptians. But the pure Living Water (the truth spoken of in the Bible) is what gives us life. Because Jesus is the Living Word (John 1:1, 14), He used His flesh body as a metaphor to explain how our soul needs His Word and His Holy Spirit just as much as our flesh body needs food and water. And this therein is the great lesson within this plague. When we refuse the truth Living Water (Jesus Christ) then we are left with the putrid river water (Satan). As Rom 1:20 says: *the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made*. Therefore, the two witnesses (like Moses) will use a physical sign to explain a spiritual truth because most people cannot see how putrid lies are without a physical example, such as the polluted spiritual river water.

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22 And the magicians of Egypt did so with their enchantments: and Pharaoh's heart was hardened, neither did he hearken unto them; as the LORD had said.

One has to wonder how the Egyptians turned water to blood when all the water they had was already turned to blood... well, I guess that made it pretty easy for the magicians to do! For good reason is magic defined as: *the art of producing illusions by sleight of hand*.

Exodus 7

23 And Pharaoh turned and went into his house, neither did he set his heart to this also.

Pharaoh's heart was hardened simply because the magicians told him they could do the same 'miracle'. When one's mind is already steeped in darkness, it is truly hard for them to see the light.

3 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:

4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

2 Cor 4:3-4

Exodus 7

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:

Naturally, the Egyptians looked for elsewhere for water. People cannot survive without it. Verse 24 does not say they found any water even though they dug around to find other sources that had clean water. How did they survive? It is possible they had alcoholic drinks preserved that they could drink but this would not be good for children, the sick or the elderly nor could they bath in

it or clean their clothes. So, they either had to try to purify the bloody water or they just did not get to clean anything with water for the entire time the Nile River was polluted. So, this plague obviously caused *a lot* of hardship on them and, while the Egyptians did not know how long this would go on, verse 25 tells us it lasted *seven* days. Seven is *spiritual completeness* in Biblical Numerics (<https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/960>) which symbolizes that, when the Two Witnesses of YHVH (Rev 11) perform this miracle, we are just about to enter the seventh dispensation, which is the Millennium (<https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/373>).

So, this first plague of turning the Nile Rivers (and all other water sources) into blood certainly got the Egyptians attention, even if their hard hearted Pharaoh didn't let it change his mind. It was thus an excellent 'first step' in proving to the Egyptians that the God of the Hebrews (YHVH is His name) truly is God above all gods...

4 For the LORD is great, and greatly to be praised: he is to be feared above all gods.

5 For all the gods of the nations are idols: but the LORD made the heavens.

Ps 96:4-5

Now, before we leave this chapter, we must look at the possibility that when the Bible says the waters became blood, it was simply saying the waters became the color of blood. As anyone who studies the Bible, what is said is not *always* literal. It uses *many* figures of speech to help us understand what is being said (<https://t.me/BestStudyBible/10> - Link to Bullinger's "*Figure of Speech*" book). Since blood is something that can only come from animals and humans, how would it be possible for the entire Nile River to literally become blood that comes only from humans and animals? It's things like this that make people not believe the Bible is real. If they simply understood the figures of speech used, then the supposed 'contradictions' in the Bible disappear and the Bible makes total sense. Consider the following...

The waters turned to 'blood' actually refers to the *color* of the water *being like blood*. Remember, God (YHVH) created all things and often uses His nature to bless or punish nations and peoples (Lev 26, Deut 28 for example). And science tells us that water can indeed turn blood red when an earthquake triggers gas leaks. Bottom waters contain very high concentration of iron (dissolved iron) and the earth contains gas. When the gas is released and mixed up to the surface (from an earthquake) it contacts oxygen and forms iron hydroxide, *which we know as rust – it is a red color*. Moreover, when gas is released into the water it becomes devoid of oxygen and all living things die, except those that can escape... which is what will lead us to the next plague. Stay tuned...

For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the LORD; and there is none else.

Isa 45:18

AMEN.