

June 8, 2025 – Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group
“The First Three Plagues Show God’s Superior Authority” -- Exodus 7:8-8:19

Questions for Younger Ones (ages 5-12) to Answer from the Text:

1. What happened after the staffs of Pharaoh’s magicians turned into snakes (7:12b)?
2. What was the first plague that the LORD sent upon the Egyptians (7:17)?
3. What else in addition to the Nile River turned to blood at God’s command (7:19)?
4. What did Pharaoh’s magicians do in response (7:22)?
5. How did Pharaoh react when this happened (7:23)?
6. What was the second plague that the LORD sent upon the Egyptians (8:2)?
7. How did Pharaoh’s magicians respond to this plague (8:7)?
8. What was Pharaoh willing to do to rid his land of this plague (8:8)?
9. What did Pharaoh do after this second plague was no longer a problem (8:15)?
10. What was the third plague that the LORD sent upon the Egyptians (8:16)?
11. What was different about Pharaoh’s magicians’ ability to imitate this plague (8:18)?
12. What did Pharaoh’s magicians conclude about this plague (8:19)?

Questions for Reflection and Discussion:

13. What is a common view concerning the real target of each plague that came upon Egypt? (see https://www.stat.rice.edu/~dobelman/Dinotech/10_Egyptian_gods_10_Plagues.pdf.)
14. How are the Ten Plagues categorized in this series of messages?
15. In your view, were Pharaoh's wise men, sorcerers, and magicians performing genuine miracles; or were they illusions and tricks that only appeared to be miraculous?
16. In your view, did the water of the Nile turn into actual blood?
17. When given the choice of when to have the frogs removed, why do you think Pharaoh choose "tomorrow" instead of that very moment?
18. Of these three plagues, which one do you think you could handle the best? Which one would be the hardest on you?
19. What does the exercise of God's sovereign power to target and demolish the Egyptian gods demonstrate about our redemption in Christ?
20. How does man's desire for power often impact the Church's worship?
21. How do the plagues of Exodus illustrate that God's command to worship Him is paramount?
22. What illusions do you think are masquerading as works of God today?
23. How should Christians view the claims of the afterlife by those who have died and been resuscitated? Why?
24. How does God show mercy when judgment comes?