



Exodus 3:17 – 7:16

Let My People Go

1. Moses's life and calling

- a. Exodus 3:17
- b. So, why Moses?
 - i. A unique position - born as an Israelite, raised as a royal Egyptian (Exodus 2)
 - ii. This gave him power, influence, and education
 - iii. All these helped him become the leader God was calling him to be
- c. Exodus 3:11 - Who am I?
 - i. Moses thought he wasn't good enough and not qualified
- d. Acts 7:22 - Moses's legacy
- e. *God didn't care about Moses's "qualifications" because his calling triumphed over any qualifications set by human standards*
- f. 2 Timothy 1:9
 - i. A *holy* calling
 - ii. *God's calling will always be higher than our own*

2. Signs and wonders from God

- a. Exodus 4 - The rod becoming a serpent and Moses's leprous hand
- b. Moses's response - Exodus 4:10
 - i. Moses still doubts and still comes up with an excuse

3. Pharaoh, let my people go

- a. Exodus 5 - the first encounter with Pharaoh
- b. Exodus 6:1
- c. Where the story really ramps up - Exodus 6:2-9
- d. Exodus 7:3 - part of God's plan all along
 - i. Pharaoh's heart was hardened
- e. The first plague - Exodus 7:14-17
 - i. *God's Word always holds true*

4. Persistence in our calling

- a. Moses didn't give up at the first sign of adversity, and we should strive not to either
- b. Hold firm to Jesus's words
 - i. Matthew 28:20
- c. He will never fail or forsake us

Exodus 7:17 – 12:42

The Ten Plagues & Communion

THE PURPOSE OF THE PLAGUES

A. God Reveals Himself

- "That you may know that I am the LORD." (Ex. 7:17); Each plague confronts specific Egyptian gods and religious beliefs.

B. God Makes a Distinction

- Beginning with plague #4, Goshen is spared; God protects His people while judging Egypt.

I. THE NINE PLAGUES BEFORE PASSOVER

1. Water to Blood (Ex. 7:17–25)

- Judgment on Hapi, the Nile god; Life-source becomes death.

2. Frogs (Ex. 8:1–15)

- Judgment on Heqet, goddess of fertility, head of a frog; Pharaoh hardens his heart after relief.

3. Lice (Ex. 8:16–19)

- Priests become unclean; Magicians confess: “This is the finger of God.”

4. Swarms (Ex. 8:20–32)

- Judgment on Khepri, god with scarab head; Likely flying insects. **Goshen protected** — first distinction.

5. Livestock Disease (Ex. 9:1–7)

- Judgment on Apis, the sacred bull. Economic devastation.

6. Boils (Ex. 9:8–12)

- Judgment on Imhotep, god of medicine. Magicians cannot stand before Moses.

7. Hail (Ex. 9:13–35)

- Judgment on Nut, goddess of the sky. Some Egyptians heed God’s warning.

8. Locusts (Ex. 10:1–20)

- Judgment on Seth, god of storms, disorder; Pharaoh’s advisors plead for surrender.

9. Darkness (Ex. 10:21–29)

- Judgment on Ra, the sun god; Thick darkness; Israel has light.

II. THE PASSOVER: GOD’S REDEPTIVE CENTERPIECE (Ex. 12:1–28)

A. A New Beginning (Ex. 12:2)

- God resets Israel’s calendar; Redemption becomes the starting point.

B. The Lamb (Ex. 12:3–6)

- Without blemish; Kept four days — becomes precious; Foreshadows Christ, the Lamb of God.

C. The Blood (Ex. 12:7, 13)

- Must be **applied**; “When I see the blood, I will pass over you.”; Judgment redirected to the lamb.

D. The Meal (Ex. 12:8–11)

- Roasted lamb - sacrifice; Unleavened bread - purity; Bitter herbs - remembrance; Eaten in haste - readiness.

E. Christ Is Our Passover Lamb (1 Cor. 5:7)

- His blood covers us; Judgment passes over us; We walk in newness of life.

F. Communion Proclaims Redemption

- The Lamb slain; The blood applied; The people redeemed

III. PASSOVER AND COMMUNION: THE CONNECTION

A. The Lamb → Christ’s Body

- “This is My body.” (Matt. 26:26)

B. The Blood on the Door → The Cup

- “This cup is the new covenant in My blood.” (Luke 22:20)

C. Unleavened Bread → Purity

- “Let us keep the feast... with sincerity and truth.” (1 Cor. 5:8)

D. Bitter Herbs → Remembering the Cost

- Communion reminds us of sin’s bitterness and salvation’s sweetness.

IV. THE GREAT DELIVERANCE (Ex. 12:29–42)

A. Judgment Falls at Midnight

- Pharaoh releases Israel; God keeps His word.

B. A Night of Solemn Observance (Ex. 12:42)

- The blood worked; The Lamb was enough.