"YOU SHALL BE MY PEOPLE" The plagues on Egypt

Lesson 2

October 11

The LORD to Moses: "Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt" (Exo 3:10).

Pharaoh: "Who is the LORD, that I should obey his voice and let Israel go? I do not ______ the LORD, and moreover, I will _____ let Israel go" (Exo 5:2).

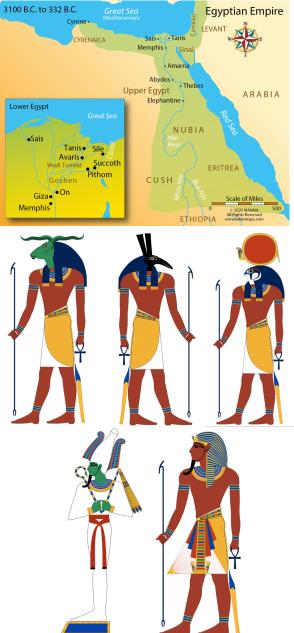
The LORD to Moses: "Now you shall see what I will do to Pharaoh..." (Exo 6:1). The plagues on Egypt weren't just terrifying events. Each one of them showed that the "gods" and "goddesses" of Egypt were no match for the LORD.

- ***** Nile water to (7:14-25); Where is Khnum, guardian of the Nile?
 - (8:1-15) Where is Hapi, god of the marshes?
 - (8:16-19) Where is Set, god of the desert?
 - (8:20-32) Where is Khepri, god of the swarms?
- ***** Death of _____ (9:1-7) Where is Apis, god of the herds?
 - (9:8-12) Where is Imhotep, god of medicine?
 - (9:13-35) Where is Nut, goddess of the sky?
 - (10:1-20)
 - Where is Renenutet, goddess of the harvest?

(10:21-29) Where is Ra, god of the Sun?

***** Death of the (11:1-12:30) Where is Meskhenet, goddess of childbirth? Where is Isis, protector of children? Where is Selket, guardian of the Pharaohs? Why didn't Pharaoh—"god with us"—stop the plagues?

What are the big lessons we should learn and remember from the plagues on Egypt? Let's talk about it...



For Class & Family Discussion:

- We heard Pharaoh say in Exodus 5:2, "Who is the LORD, that I should obey his voice and let Israel go? I do not know the LORD, and moreover, I will not let Israel go." What did Pharaoh seem to believe about the children of Israel? Was he right? If not, what sort of lesson was God about to teach him?
- In Exodus 8:8, we hear something different from Pharaoh. But notice in 8:15, once the frogs go away, what is said about Pharaoh's heart. What does that mean?
- Notice the interesting detail in Exodus 8:21-23 about the flies. We hear the same sort of thing in 9:4 (about the livestock), 9:25-26 (about the hail), and 10:22-23 (even about the darkness). What did this prove about the LORD?
- Let's go back and notice carefully what is said in Exodus 9:17-21 about the lesson that was being learned by some in Egypt. How were these people different from Pharaoh? What can we learn from it?
- In Exodus 12, what did anyone who was going to be saved from the last plague—the worst one of all—have to do? How does Hebrews 11:28 help us understand what was happening that night and how the children of Israel were saved?
- How do you think seeing the plagues in Egypt could have helped the children of Israel be prepared for what they soon heard in Exodus 20:1-6?
- And what about passages like Isaiah 44:6-8 and 45:5-6 and 45:18-22? What do we need to see?
- In New Testament passages like 1 Corinthians 10:14 and 1 John 5:21, even Christians are given a very specific warning. Why? What do we need to remember this week?