

THE STORY



DELIVERANCE

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THE POWER OF GOD: PLAGUES

Before God _____ Pharaoh's _____, Pharaoh _____ it himself.
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9:1-7 | Hathor, goddess with the cow head; Apis, the bull god, symbol of fertility |
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9:8-12 | Sekhmet, goddess with power over disease; Sunu, the pestilence god, Isis, goddess of healing |
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9:13-35 | Nut, the sky goddess; Osiris, god of crops/fertility; Set, god of storms |
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10:1-20 | Nut, the sky goddess; Osiris, god of crops/fertility |
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10:21-29 | Re, the sun god; Horus, a sun god; Nut & Hathor, sky goddesses |
| 10. Firstborn die
11:1-12:30 | Min, god of reproduction; Isis, protected children; Pharaoh's 1st son, a god |

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Chapter 4: *Deliverance*

Sermon on February 20, 2022

Introductory Video Link: <https://bit.ly/ch4Deliverance>

Getting to Know Me

1. What is your favorite story of rescue or deliverance?
2. What is something that is good for you, but you avoid (or would avoid if you could)?

Digging Deeper

3. What insight or observation from Sunday's message did you find most helpful, eye-opening, or challenging? Why?
4. Read Exodus 3:1-12. How did Moses respond when he heard God speak to him and commission him to go to Pharaoh?
5. What do you think was God's purpose behind the plagues? How do the different plagues add to the power of the story?
6. How do you make sense of the 'hardening of Pharaoh's heart'? Sometimes he hardens his own heart; other times God hardens his heart. (See Exodus 7:13, 22; 8:15, 19, 32; 9:7, 12, 34-35; 10:1, 20, 27) How does this help you understand God's character and relationship with us?

7. What do you learn about the character and heart of God from this deliverance of his people and his provisions for them on their journey?

8. In what ways do John 1:29, Romans 5:9, I Corinthians 5:7 and I Peter 1:19 help you see Jesus in this chapter of the story?

Where Do I Go from Here?

9. God challenged Moses to lead his people and his people to follow. What is God challenging you to do right now?
10. What are the false gods in your life that you're trading for the one true, mighty God? Are you trading the one true, mighty God for a cheap imitation?
11. Read Exodus 13:3. What miracles has God done in your life? How can you commemorate them?

Prayer

12. Praise God for His deliverance for us from the power and punishment of sin. As you wrap up in prayer, share a scripture verse that is meaningful to you.

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