
Timeline of Truth

A Chronological Study of Key Events in Scripture and What They Teach Us

GENESIS

The Foundation of Creation

- 10/9/11 Gen 1:1 - 2:3 God Creates Everything
- 10/16/11 Gen 2:4-17 God Creates the First Man
- 10/23/11 Gen 2:18-22 God Creates the First Woman
- 10/30/11 Gen 2:22-25 God Establishes Marriage

The Origin of Sin

- 11/6/11 Gen 3:1-6c The Serpent Deceives the Woman
- 11/13/11 Gen 3:6-7 Adam Sins Against God
- 11/20/11 Gen 3:7-19 Sin Breaks Everything

God's Provides the Solution for Sin

- 11/27/11 Gen 3:9-19 God Responds to Sin
- 12/04/11 Gen 3:8-24 God Extends Grace to Sinners
- 12/11/11 Selected Christmas: The Hinge of Human History

God Emphasizes Children

- 02/05/12 Gen 4:1-2a God's Plan for Children

Sin Spreads Rapidly

- 02/12/12 Gen 4:2b-5a Cain & Abel: The Right Way & Wrong Way to Approach God
- 02/19/12 Gen 4:3-16 Cain Defies God and Murders Abel
- 02/26/12 Gen 4:17-26 Sin Spreads, and God Continues His Plan...
- 03/04/12 Gen 5:1-32 From Adam to Noah – Genealogical Observations
- 03/18/12 Gen 6:1-7 God Grieves Over Sin

God Judges Sin

- 03/25/12 Gen 6:8-9 Noah Finds Grace
- 04/01/12 Gen 6:11-21 God Commands Noah
- 04/15/12 Gen 7:1-24 God Brings the Flood
- 04/22/12 Gen 8:1-19 God Remembers Noah
- 04/29/12 Gen 8:20-9:17 God Makes a Covenant with Noah
- 05/06/12 Gen 9:18-10:32 Noah's Sons Have Families

God Scatters Mankind

- 05/13/12 Gen 11:1-9 God Scatters Rebellious Mankind

God Works Through Abram (Abraham)

05/20/12	Gen 11:10-32	Shem to Abram
06/24/12	Gen 12:1-9	God Chooses Abram
07/01/12	Gen 12:10-20	Abram Has Trouble in Egypt
07/08/12	Gen 13:1-18	Abram Separates from Lot
07/15/12	Gen 14:1-16	Abram Rescues Lot
08/12/12	Gen 14:17-24	Abram Honors Melchizedek
08/19/12	Gen 15:1-6	Abram Believes God
08/26/12	Gen 15:7-21	God Confirms His Covenant with Abram
09/02/12	Gen 16:1-16	Abram Tries His Own Solution
09/09/12	Gen 17:1-29	God Renames Abram and Gives Him a Sign
09/23/12	Gen 18:1-15	God Prophesies the Birth of a Son to Abraham & Sarah
09/30/12	Gen 18:16-33	God Tells Abraham His Plans
10/7/12	Gen 19:1-38	God Delivers Lot and Destroys Sodom & Gomorrah
10/14/12	Gen 20:1-18	God Delivers Sarah from Abraham's Fear/Abimelech's Folly
10/21/12	Gen 21:1-21	God Keeps His Promise
10/28/12	Gen 22:1-20	God Tests Abraham

God Works Through Isaac

11/04/12	Gen 24:1-67	God Provides a Wife for Isaac
11/11/12	Gen 25:1-11	Abraham's Final Days
11/18/12	Gen 25:20-34	Esau & Jacob: Birth & Birthright
02/17/13	Gen 1-25	Review: The First 2000 Years
02/24/13	Gen 26:1-35	Isaac's Attitude Towards Life's Challenges

God Works Through Jacob

03/03/13	Gen 27:1-40	Jacob Secures the Blessing Promised to Him by God
03/10/13	Gen 27:41-28:22	Jacob Is Sent Away, and God Meets Him
03/17/13	Gen 29:1-30	Jacob Finds a Wife (x2)
03/24/13	Gen 29:34-30:24	Jacob Bears Children
04/07/13	Gen 30:25-43	Jacob Works for Laban
04/14/13	Gen 31:1-55	Jacob Flees from Laban
05/05/13	Gen 32:1-32	Jacob Wrestles with God
05/12/13	Gen 33:1-20	Jacob and Esau Meet
05/19/13	Gen 35:1-29	God Blesses Jacob Amidst Hardships
06/16/13	Gen 1-35	Review
06/23/13	Gen 37:1-11	Joseph Dreams Dreams and Shares Them
6/30/13	Gen 37:12-36	Joseph Is Sold by His Brothers
07/07/13	Gen 39:1-21	Joseph Serves Potiphar
07/14/13	Gen 39:21-40:23	Joseph Serves God in Prison

07/21/13	Gen 41:1-32	Joseph Interprets Pharaoh's Dreams
07/28/13	Gen 41:33-57	Pharaoh Puts Joseph in Charge
08/04/13	Gen 42:1-38	Joseph's Brothers Come to Egypt
08/11/13	Gen 43-44	Joseph's Brothers Return to Egypt
08/18/13	Gen 45:1-28	Joseph Reveals Himself to His Brothers
09/01/13	Gen 46-47	Jacob Comes to Egypt
09/08/13	Gen 48	Jacob Blesses Joseph's Sons
09/15/13	Gen 49	Jacob Blesses His Twelve Sons
09/22/13	Gen 50	Jacob Is Buried; Joseph Dies
09/29/13	Gen 1-50	Review of Genesis

EXODUS

God Builds Israel and Delivers Them Through Moses

10/06/13	Ex 1:1-2:10	Israel Multiplies; Moses Is Born
10/13/13	Ex 2:11-25	Moses Flees to Midian
10/20/13	Ex 3:1-22	God Calls Moses to Lead (Part 1)
10/27/13	Ex 4:1-17	God Calls Moses to Lead (Part 2)
11/03/13	Ex 4:18-31	Moses Returns to Egypt
11/10/13	Ex 5:1-23	Moses Confronts Pharaoh
11/17/13	Ex 6:1-7:25	God Sends Moses to Pharaoh with Signs
11/24/13	Ex 8:1-32	God Sends Frogs, Lice, & Flies
12/01/13	Ex 9:1-35	God Sends Pestilence, Boils, & Hail
12/08/13	Ex 10:1-29	God Sends Locusts & Darkness
01/26/14	Gen1 - Ex 10	Review

TIMELINE OF TRUTH

4 Events	4 People	M.O.S.E.S.	Joshua	Judges	Kings	Captivity	Return	[400]	Savior	Church	End Times	Eternity
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4 EVENTS <i>(Genesis 1-11)</i>				4 PEOPLE <i>(Genesis 12-50)</i>			
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The 10 Judgments Of God On Egypt (7:14–12:36)

Ten judgments were poured out on the Egyptians. These judgments, commonly called plagues, may be grouped in three units of three plagues each, with a 10th culminating in judgment. The 1st, 4th, and 7th judgments, at the beginning of each cycle of three, are introduced by the words, “in the morning” (7:15; 8:20; 9:13). The 1st three (blood, frogs, and gnats) were loathsome; the 2nd three were bothersome (flies) or painful (death of livestock and boils on people and animals); and the 3rd three were “natural” plagues (hail, locusts, darkness). The 3rd plague ends with the defeat of the magicians (8:19), the 6th with their inability to stand before Moses (9:11), and the 9th with the separation of Moses and Pharaoh (10:28).

Warnings, Usages of Staffs, and Pharaoh's Responses to the Plagues			
Plagues	Warnings	Uses of Staffs	Pharaoh's Responses
<i>First Cycle</i>			
1. Nile turned to blood	Warning—to Pharaoh at the Nile in the morning (7:15–18)	Aaron's staff (7:19)	Did not listen to the request that the Israelites be released (7:22–23)
2. Frogs	Warning—to Pharaoh probably in his palace (8:2–4)	Aaron's staff (8:5–6)	Agreed to let the people go if the frogs were taken away (8:8)
3. Gnats	No warning	Aaron's staff (8:16–17)	Refused to listen to his magicians' suggestion (8:19)
<i>Second Cycle</i>			
4. Flies	Warning—to Pharaoh at the Nile in the morning (8:20–23)	No staff used	Suggested the Israelites sacrifice in Egypt (8:25)
5. Death of livestock	Warning—to Pharaoh probably in his palace (9:1–5)	No staff used	Refused Moses' request (9:7)
6. Boils	No warning	No staff used	Refused Moses' request (9:12)
<i>Third Cycle</i>			
7. Hail	Warning—to Pharaoh in his palace in the morning (9:13–19)	Moses' staff (9:22–23)	Promised to let the Israelites go if the rain and hail were stopped (9:28)
8. Locusts	Warning—to Pharaoh probably in his palace (10:3–6)	Moses staff (10:12–13)	Offered to let only the men go (10:11)
9. Darkness	No warning	(Moses' hand; perhaps the staff was used; 10:21–22)	Agreed that the people could go but not their animals (10:24)
<i>Culminating Judgment</i>			
10. Death of the firstborn	Warning—to Pharaoh probably in his palace (11:4–8)		Urged the people to go! (12:31–32)

In plagues 1–3 Aaron used his staff (7:19; 8:5–6, 16–17) and in plagues 7–9 Moses used his staff (9:22–23; 10:12–13, 21–22; though 10:21–22 mentions only Moses' hand, the staff may have been included). No staff was used by either man in plagues 4–6.

The 10 plagues may have occurred over a period of about nine months. The 1st occurred when the Nile rises (July–August). The 7th (9:31) was in January, when barley ripens and flax blossoms. The prevailing east winds in March or April in the 8th plague (10:13) would have brought in locusts. And the 10th plague (chaps. 11–12) occurred in April, the Passover month. By the plagues God was judging the gods of Egypt (of which there were many) and showing Himself superior to them (12:12; 18:11; Num. 33:4). See the chart “The Plagues and the Gods and Goddesses of Egypt.”

The Plagues and the Gods and Goddesses of Egypt		
Plagues	References	Possible Egyptian Gods and Goddesses of Egypt Attacked by the Plagues*
1. Nile turned to blood	7:14–25	Hapi (also called Apis), the bull god, god of the Nile; Isis, goddess of the Nile; Khnum, ram god guardian of the Nile; and others
2. Frogs	8:1–15	Heqet, goddess of birth, with a frog head
3. Gnats	8:16–19	Set, god of the desert
4. Flies	8:20–32	Re, a sun god; or the god Uatchit, possibly represented by the fly
5. Death of livestock	9:1–7	Hathor, goddess with the cow head; Apis, the bull god, symbol of fertility
6. Boils	9:8–12	Sekhmet, goddess with power over disease; Sunu, the pestilence god, Isis, goddess of healing
7. Hail	9:13–35	Nut, the sky goddess; Osiris, god of crops and fertility; Set, god of storms
8. Locusts	10:1–20	Nut, the sky goddess; Osiris, god of crops and fertility
9. Darkness	10:21–29	Re, the sun god; Horus, a sun god; Nut, a sky goddess; Hathor, a sky goddess
10. Death of the firstborn	11:1–12:30	Min, god of reproduction; Heqet, goddess who attended women at childbirth; Isis, goddess who protected children; Pharaoh's firstborn son, a god

Also the plagues may have been designed to oppose and show up the impotency of the Pharaoh. Pharaoh's people considered him the god Horus, son of Hathor. Hathor's father was the god Amon-Re. The plagues also showed the Pharaoh and the Egyptians that He is the Lord (Yahweh; Ex. 7:5, 17; 8:10, 22; 9:14, 16) and showed Israel the same truth (10:2).

Pharaoh's response to each of the plagues is interesting. After the 1st one he would not even listen to the request for the Israelites' release (7:22–23). In the 2nd plague he agreed to let the people go if the frogs were taken away (8:8). In the 3rd plague he refused to listen to his magicians' suggestion (8:19). In response to the 4th plague he first suggested that the Israelites sacrifice in the land (8:25). Later he agreed to let them go but not far (8:28) and then backed down on his promise (8:32). Again after the 5th and 6th plagues he refused the request (9:7, 12), but after the 7th he promised to let them go (9:28) if the rain and hail would be stopped, but again he backed down (9:35). In the 8th plague he offered to let only the men go (10:11) and even admitted his sin (10:16), and in the 9th he said the men, women, and children could go but not their animals (10:24). After the 10th plague he actually urged them to go! (12:31–32) Psalms 78:46–51; 105:28–36 refer to several of the plagues as evidences of God's power and care.

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God's Plagues of Egypt

Sign or Plague	Passage	Description	Magicians	Pharaoh's Request	Effect on Israel	Pharaoh's Heart
Rod to Serpent	7:8-13	Aaron throws his rod down, and it turns into a serpent.	^{11b} so the magicians of Egypt, they also did in like manner with their enchantments. ¹² For every man threw down his rod, and they became serpents. But Aaron's rod swallowed up their rods.			¹³ And Pharaoh's heart grew hard, and he did not heed them, as the LORD had said.
Water to Blood	7:14-25	Aaron stretches his rod over the waters of Egypt, and all water turns to blood. All fish died.	^{22a} Then the magicians of Egypt did so with their enchantments			^{22b} and Pharaoh's heart grew hard, and he did not heed them, as the LORD had said.
Frogs	8:1-15	Aaron stretches his rod over the water ways, and frogs cover the land of Egypt.	⁷ And the magicians did so with their enchantments, and brought up frogs on the land of Egypt.	⁸ Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron, and said, "Entreat the LORD that He may take away the frogs from me and from my people; and I will let the people go, that they may sacrifice to the LORD."		¹⁵ But when Pharaoh saw that there was relief, he hardened his heart and did not heed them, as the LORD had said.
Lice	8:16-19	Aaron stretches out his rod and struck the dust of the earth, and it became lice on man and beast throughout all of Egypt.	¹⁸ Now the magicians so worked with their enchantments to bring forth lice, but they could not. So there were lice on man and beast. ¹⁹ Then the magicians said to Pharaoh, "This is the finger of God."			^{19b} But Pharaoh's heart grew hard, and he did not heed them, just as the LORD had said.
Flies	8:20-32	God sends thick swarms of flies into all the land of Egypt.		²⁵ Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron, and said, "Go, sacrifice to your God in the land." ²⁸ And Pharaoh said, "I will let you go, that you may sacrifice to the LORD your God in the wilderness; only you shall not go very far away. Intercede for me."	²³ "I will make a difference between My people and your people. Tomorrow this sign shall be."	³² But Pharaoh hardened his heart at this time also; neither would he let the people go.
Pestilence	9:1-7	God sends a severe pestilence on the livestock of Egypt, but preserved the livestock of Israel.			⁶ So the LORD did this thing on the next day, and all the livestock of Egypt died; but of the livestock of the children of Israel, not one died.	⁷ Then Pharaoh sent, and indeed, not even one of the livestock of the Israelites was dead. But the heart of Pharaoh became hard, and he did not let the people go.

Sign or Plague	Passage	Description	Magicians	Pharaoh's Request	Effect on Israel	Pharaoh's Heart	
Boils	9:8-12	Moses scatters handfuls of ashes before Pharaoh, which causes boils to break out on the Egyptians.		¹¹ And the magicians could not stand before Moses because of the boils, for the boils were on the magicians and on all the Egyptians.		^{9b} for the boils were on the magicians and on all the Egyptians.	¹² But the LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh; and he did not heed them, just as the LORD had spoken to Moses.
Hail	9:13-35	Moses stretches out his hand, and hail and fire rained on the land of Egypt.		²⁷ And Pharaoh sent and called for Moses and Aaron, and said to them, "I have sinned this time. The LORD <i>is</i> righteous, and my people and I <i>are</i> wicked. ²⁸ "Entreat the LORD, that there may be no <i>more</i> mighty thundering and hail, for <i>it is</i> enough. I will let you go, and you shall stay no longer."		²⁶ Only in the land of Goshen, where the children of Israel <i>were</i> , there was no hail.	³⁴ And when Pharaoh saw that the rain, the hail, and the thunder had ceased, he sinned yet more; and he hardened his heart, he and his servants. ³⁵ So the heart of Pharaoh was hard; neither would he let the children of Israel go, as the LORD had spoken by Moses.
Locusts	10:1-20	Moses stretches out his hand, and the wind blows and brings locusts throughout all the land of Egypt.		¹⁶ Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron in haste, and said, "I have sinned against the LORD your God and against you. ¹⁷ "Now therefore, please forgive my sin only this once, and entreat the LORD your God, that He may take away from me this death only."		^{14a} And the locusts went up over all the land of Egypt and rested on all the territory of Egypt.	²⁰ But the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he did not let the children of Israel go.
Darkness	10:21-29	Moses stretched out his hand toward heaven, and there was thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three days.		²⁴ Then Pharaoh called to Moses and said, "Go, serve the LORD; only let your flocks and your herds be kept back. Let your little ones also go with you."		²³ They did not see one another; nor did anyone rise from his place for three days. But all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings.	²⁷ But the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he would not let them go. ²⁸ Then Pharaoh said to him, "Get away from me! Take heed to yourself and see my face no more! For in the day you see my face you shall die!"
Death of Firstborn (Passover)	11:1-12:51	The LORD passed through Egypt and destroys the firstborn of any household not having blood on the lintel and door posts.		³¹ Then he called for Moses and Aaron by night, and said, "Rise, go out from among my people, both you and the children of Israel. And go, serve the LORD as you have said. ³² "Also take your flocks and your herds, as you have said, and be gone; and bless me also."			