

2014

Session 2

The Summer Reading Challenge



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Tonight's Outline

- Welcome Activities (15 min)
- Reading Discussion (25 min)
- Video (20 min)
- Video Discussion (10 min)
- This Coming Week's Reading
- Closing Prayer

Welcome Activities

- Administrative – next week Weds
Value Meal – 5:15pm – 7pm
 - Fajitas (chicken and beef)
 - All The fixin's
 - Adult \$6, Child \$3, Family Max \$25
- Meet in Fellowship Hall
- Opening Prayer
- A Story
- Another Story

Reading Discussion

- What did you have to modify this last week in order to do your Bible reading?
 - TV? Newspaper? Work?
- What struggles did you have?
- Suggestions for others who might be struggling?
- Is the God you read about the God you know?
 - Did you get mad at him while you were reading? When? Is that OK?

Reading Discussion (cont.)

- What was Eve's real sin?
- What was going on in Isaac's mind as he lay on the alter?
- What mistakes of his parents did Jacob repeat?
- Did you see Christ in your reading this week?
- The plagues were 'God's Big Diss' of Egyptian gods. Anyone know which ones?

Reading Discussion (cont.)

The 10 Plagues - Jehovah Versus the Gods of Egypt

PLAGUE	GODS OF EGYPT	INTERESTING NOTES
1 WATER TURNED TO BLOOD Exodus 7:14-25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Khnum - Guardian of river's source. • Hapi - Spirit of the Nile. • Osiris - Nile was his bloodstream. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Duplicated by the Egyptians. • Occurs in Goshen where Israelites lived. • Dead fish — putrid smell
2 FROGS Exodus 8:1-15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hapi } Frog goddess to Egypt. • Heqt } Both related to fertility 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Duplicated by the Egyptians • Occurs in Goshen where Israelites lived.
3 LICE Exodus 8:16-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seb - The earth god of Egypt 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not duplicated by the Egyptians • Occurs in Goshen where Israelites lived. • Attributed to the "finger of God."
4 FLIES Exodus 8:20-32	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uatchit - The fly god of Egypt. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God now makes a separation between the Egyptians and the Israelites. • No more plagues will come upon the Israelites.
5 DISEASE ON CATTLE Exodus 9:1-7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ptah } Egyptian gods associated • Mnevis } bulls and cows. • Hathor } • Amon } 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affects property. • Death of livestock.
6 BOILS Exodus 9:8-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sekhmet - Egyptian goddess of Epidemics • Serapis } Egyptian gods of healing. • Imhotep } 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affects physical bodies. • Pharaoh's magicians cannot even appear in court.
7 HAIL Exodus 9:13-35	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nut - Egyptian sky goddess. • Isis & Seth - Egyptian agriculture deities. • Shu - Egyptian god of the atmosphere. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Historical uniqueness for such a storm in Egypt. • Pharaoh confesses his sin but later changes his mind.
8 LOCUSTS Exodus 10:1-20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serapia - Egyptian deity protector from Locusts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pharaoh offers a compromise. • The compromise is rejected. • Pharaoh again confesses his sin.
9 DARKNESS Exodus 10:21-29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re } Egyptian sun gods. • Amon-re } • Aten } • Atum } • Horus } • Thoth - Egyptian moon god. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dark in Egypt at midday. • Apparently light was still provided for the Israelites in Goshen.
10 DEATH OF FIRSTBORN Exodus 12:29-36	<p>This plague was a judgment on all of Egypt's gods, including Pharaoh himself. In Exodus 1, Pharaoh had killed the sons of Israel. Now the Lord kills the firstborn sons of the Egyptians (Exodus 11-12). Pharaoh will now let Israel go. He will later loose his army to death in the Red Sea (Exodus 14:4-31).</p>	

Reading Discussion (cont.)

- Which of the 10 Commandments gets the most space and why?
- Do you have a more lame excuse for idolatry than Aaron's?
- Other thoughts, comments, observations, questions?

Video

- Our video teacher is Dr. John Walton



- Professor of Old Testament at Wheaton College in Wheaton, Illinois

Video Discussion

- Thoughts?
- Questions?
- Observations?
- Comments?

This Coming Week's Reading



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- Lev. 1 thru Deut. 22
- Our mission – read (or listen) attentively to every word in 90 days.
- Consider repetition an opportunity to firmly plant important writings in your mind

This Coming Week's Reading (cont.)

- Don't obsess on capturing everything – absorb what you can and move on. Make short notes for future study opportunities.
- If you get behind, spend time on Saturday/Sunday for catch up.

This Coming Week's Reading (cont.)



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- Good to know:
 - Scripture is accepted by many as inspired Word of God.
 - Not everything in the Bible is scripture:
 - Chapter Titles
 - Book Names
 - Chapters
 - Verses
 - All added in 16th and 17th centuries by scholars and printers to facilitate reading, study and reference.
 - Maps
 - Cross-references
 - Footnotes
 - Commentary

This Coming Week's Reading (cont.)

- Intro to Leviticus
 - Rules given to Levite priests
 - Rituals to maintain holiness
 - Some have harsh consequences
 - Earliest command to "love your neighbor as yourself"

This Coming Week's Reading (cont.)



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- Intro to Numbers
 - Census of the Israelites
 - Start out 603,550
 - End up 601,730
 - Lesson in the pitfalls of failing to submit to God and His plans

This Coming Week's Reading (cont.)

- Intro to Deuteronomy
 - Approaching the promised land
 - Revisit the previous 4 books, including the 10 commandments
 - Moses gets to view the promised land but dies before the people enter



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