

# That You May Know

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Exodus 8:20-31

## The Plague Accounts (Exo 7-11)

Focus on one Plague Account (8:20-31)

The Point (6:6-8)

### Real People

In their real situation; With their world-view and assumptions

#### For Us

God interacts with us where we are too

### Contest

Their Setting – Contest between the gods

#### For us

Our Setting – Is there any god?

Alternative 'gods'; God's utter supremacy; Call for utter devotion

### Faith and Miracles

#### A God who Acts

Bible shares God who does act in world

Sometimes miracles response to faith; Often sent to inspire faith

Some convinced, some not

#### For Us

God still acts – Often to bring people to faith

But possible to not respond

### Pharaoh and Hard Heart

From Ignorance to Defiance (5:2; Pharaoh hardening heart)

A consequence of God revealing himself

I don't know è I will not

#### For Us

The Danger of Knowing Better!

# The Plague Accounts

Staff to Snake	7:8-13
Water to Blood	7:14-25
Frogs	8:1-15
Gnats	8:16-19
Flies	8:20-32
Death of Livestock	9:1-7
Boils	9:8-12
Hail	9:13-35
Locusts	10:1-20
Darkness	10:21-29
Death of Firstborn	11:1-10

### Repeated Phrases

Let my people go that they may worship me

Then you will know

Pharaoh hardened his heart / the Lord hardened Pharaoh's heart

### Contest Theme

*As the Story Progresses ...*

Egyptian magicians able → unable to duplicate

Some later plagues removed at Moses prayer

Distinction between Israel and Egypt

Pharaoh confesses that he has sinned by not responding