

Exodus Chapter 7

Verse 1 – You will be like a god to Pharaoh. A divine representative.

- Two witnesses, this story like a prelude to final deliverance in Revelation. Exodus like a picture of God's plan revealed.
- Rev 6-19 has many of the same plagues as in Exodus.
- Verse 4, He refers to Israel as His army.

Verse 4 – Unbeliever response is that they won't heed the word or warning. This gives God the green light to execute judgment.

Verse 5 – How will the world know that He is the Lord....when He brings them out. Rapture? He will come against what they believe in.

Verse 6 – Moses and Aaron obey. Obedience and application of the Word of God you receive is critical to your success and deliverance. Humility without obedience is not going to get you far (step #2). The secret to blessings.

Verse 8 –10: the warfare begins. They obey God's instructions and get the expected results. The rod turns into a serpent.

Verse 11 – Enemy can also do some miracles. But there is a difference.

- Aaron's miracles reveal God's truth; enemy miracles are to resist the truth.
- Aaron's to try and convince people to turn; enemy to keep people blind.
- Enemy miracles only makes things worse...more snakes, more blood, more frogs.
- Anti-Christ will also perform miracles. 2 Tim 3:8-9 – Jannes and Jambres.

Verse 12 – What the enemy conjures up, is defeated and swallowed up by Aaron's rod. Application for today? The enemy can create some scary situations, but it won't overcome you in the Lord.

Verse 13 – Don't be surprised when people you are trying to reach just don't get it the first time around. God is really showing His mercy here....giving him fair warning before judgment comes.

Verse 14 – Explains the reason why he won't let the people go....because he has a hard heart. An uncircumcised heart. A heart that doesn't know or believe or trust in God. Obedience may not always produce immediate favorable results.

Verse 16 – after further instructions, message to Pharaoh is to let go of what you are holding onto so that they can serve Him. Why doesn't Pharaoh want to let them go? So they can keep serving him. There is an application here.

Verse 17 – purpose of the judgment so that Pharaoh would recognize and know that He is God. The true God.

Verse 19 – key to not getting cursed....obey the word of the Lord. They are to stretch their hands in the direction they want God to move.

Verse 22 – first plague directed against Nile...an object of deity. The plague is against what he is trusting in other than the Lord.

- Pharaoh's magicians could duplicate this miracle.
- All they did was make more bloody water or make things worse.
- (Matthew Henry) – satan's purpose is to trick and not really do you any real kindness.

Verse 23-25 – 7 days pass. People using their own strength in dealing with this plague.