

Monday (July 21 <sup>st</sup> )	<p><b><u>Scripture: Exodus 10:1-11</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The first two verses of Exodus 10 give reasons for the Lord’s actions. The focus is on the Israelites and their generations of children: “...<i>that you may tell your children and grandchildren.</i>” The Lord wanted them to remember the hardening of the Pharaoh’s heart and the signs of Egypt.</li> <li>2. Why is it so important that the Israelites remember these about the Lord? Do you see the Lord as the dangerous and powerful redeemer of the oppressed? Do you acknowledge that God is the Creator of all creation?</li> </ol>
Tuesday (July 22 <sup>nd</sup> )	<p><b><u>Scripture: Exodus 10:12-20</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The eighth plague was locusts that blackened the face of the ground. Still, the Pharaoh is incapable of giving mercy yet he seeks it, “<i>I have sinned against the Lord your God and against you.</i>” Pharaoh remains locked in his pattern of self-serving. Is there a need to confess with true humility in any area of your life today? If so, do it before it’s too late.</li> </ol>
Wednesday (July 23 <sup>rd</sup> )	<p><b><u>Scripture: Exodus 10:21- 11:3</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Thick darkness covers Egypt for 3 days- the ninth plague unveils, “<i>it was darkness that can be felt.</i>” The effect was total. The darkness immobilized everyone psychologically and physically.</li> <li>2. Yet the Lord makes a distinction, “<i>all the Israelites had light in the places where they lived.</i>” A variety of interpretations came out of this from scholars. The Hebrew says that they had light in their dwellings, which meant their homes. The Hebrew’s lamps worked in their homes while, by implication, the unnatural darkness kept Egyptian lamps from functioning.</li> <li>3. Light during unnatural darkness is a miracle, which the Lord gave them through ordinary lamps. Has the Lord shown you a ‘miracle’ within your own ordinary life or day? Through someone? Give thanks and praise the Lord.</li> </ol>
Thursday (July 24 <sup>th</sup> )	<p><b><u>Scripture: Exodus 11:4-10</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Verse 4 continues with Moses’ conversation with the Pharaoh and the description of the tenth plague (death of every firstborn in Egypt). God’s next move was to institute a meal of lamb bread. Also, to give the Israelites the blood protection from death, signaling the element of serving the Lord and not Pharaoh.</li> <li>2. What lesson can we learn from Moses’ consistent refusal to compromise where God’s command was concerned? What was the source of Moses’ great courage (ref. Heb.11:27).</li> </ol>

Friday (July 25 <sup>th</sup> )	<p><b><u>Scripture: Exodus 12:1-14</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Lord gave specific instructions for the first Passover that was to occur. This was not a celebratory feast.</li> <li>2. The important issue was the attitude in which they ate. The people were not indifferent to the suffering outside the walls of their homes, even the suffering of their enslavers. They should eat with the haste of alarm, since their deliverance was purchased at the cost of human and animal life.</li> <li>3. “<i>The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you live.</i>” The blood was sign for the people. This was not a blood ritual that fended off an angry God. The people received the miracle when they accepted the Lord’s offer of grace, protection, and lordship.</li> <li>4. Is there a person in your life today that needs God’s offer of grace, protection, and lordship? Can you pray for that person and share the gospel with them through these chapters?</li> </ol>
Saturday (July 26 <sup>th</sup> )	<p><b><u>Scripture: Exodus 12:15-20</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread event and observance as a feast have constitutional force for God’s people. Anyone who does not participate cannot be part of Israel. This participation shapes the life of the people.</li> </ol>
Sunday (July 27 <sup>th</sup> )	<p><b><u>Scripture: Psalm 61</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Consider David’s circumstances- a fugitive, his throne occupied by another, his life sought. What were his heart’s chief desires, as expressed in his prayers (verses 1-4)?</li> <li>2. Observe also his confident hope and his whole-hearted devotion (verses 5-8). Is he not in this a ‘type’ of our Lord?</li> </ol>

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