He That Regarded Not the Word of the LORD

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Good morning, Lighthouse! Are you ready for the Word of God this morning?

In the book of Exodus, the Lord sent Moses to bring the Israelites out of Egypt to return them to their own land after 400 years, much of which their 10 generations had spent in bondage and slavery to the Egyptians.

The Bible says that the Lord heard their groanings and remembered the covenant he had with Abraham to give them the land of Canaan.

God told Moses up front that Pharoah was not going to just let Israel go free; all of it part of God's plan that His glory and might be known throughout the whole earth.

God brought ten plagues upon Pharoah and all his people while sparing all the Hebrews.

Beginning with the first plague of turning all their water sources into blood.

Egypt suffered seven days under this grievous plague.

After this, while sparing the Hebrews, God then brought a plague of frogs upon the land.

Judging by the description in Scripture, there must have been tens of thousands of frogs, likely millions; enough of them to cover the whole land - and Egypt is a big place!

Then Pharoah's magicians did their enchantments and brought up even more frogs upon the land.

I can just hear it in the palace, "Pharoah says, Hey, where did all these new frogs come from?"

Something tells me the magician that had that idea did not get a promotion!

By now, all of Egypt knows what is going on.

When Pharoah sought Moses to entreat the Lord
that He remove the frogs, God hearkened to Moses and all the frogs died.

Pharaoh had promised to let the Hebrews go if God would remove the frogs, but he lied.

Next God sends lice. Some translations say gnats. The Hebrew word "Kane" is also used for gnat, but describes an insect that fastens itself like a tick, or lice, as the King James states.

The interesting thing about this third plague is there is no mention of God ever taking the lice away.

Without removing the lice, now the Lord sends swarms *of flies* filling their houses and even covering the ground.

This fourth plague is interesting as well because the words "*of flies"* following swarms, are italicized, meaning they are helper words and not actually in the text.

The Hebrew word "arobe" is used for various forms of flying insects, but primarily for mosquitoes.

They are already covered in lice and now are engulfed in swarms of some kind of fly, probably mosquitoes.

The Karankawa Indians that once lived in southern Texas and Louisiana used to cover themselves with mud in an effort to protect themselves from the swarms of mosquitoes in the swampy areas near the coast where they lived and hunted.

Again, Pharaoh promised to let them go upon which God removed the swarms (there is still no mention of removing the lice).

As before, Pharoah lied.

Plague five was the epidemic called a "murrain" that devastated the livestock of the Egyptians that was in the field, but did not touch the stock of the Hebrews.

Plague six was boils; one of the most painful maladies that humankind can experience.

Plague seven is the plague of hail.

God sends out a decree and even warns the Egyptian people ahead of time.

Exodus 9:18-21

18 Behold, to morrow about this time I will cause it to rain a very grievous hail, such as hath not been in Egypt since the foundation thereof even until now.

19 Send therefore now, *and* gather thy cattle, and all that thou hast in the field; *for upon* every man and beast which shall be found in the field, and shall not be brought home, the hail shall come down upon them, and they shall die.

20 He that feared the word of the LORD among the servants of Pharaoh made his servants and his cattle flee into the houses:

21 And he that regarded not the word of the LORD left his servants and his cattle in the field.

I. What's it going to take already?!!

A. The warning went out.

1. I'm sure that with the great size of Egypt and the communication systems employed in those days, that probably everyone in the country did not get the word of what was going to happen.

2. But…all the servants of Pharoah surely did.

3. They all saw the blood; the land is still stinking from all the dead frogs!

4. They are still being chewed on by the lice, their mosquito bites are still itching and bleeding and now they are covered in boils!

B. I get this crazy picture in my head.

1. I'm picturing two of Pharoah's farm hands leaning on a fence trying to scratch their bug bites without touching a boil; they're wearing their straw hats made by one of the Hebrews and chewing on a barley straw from last year's crop because there isn't one this year!

(I looked up some common Egyptian names so we'll call these guys Lateef and Saadah).

2. So Lateef says to Saadah, "Did y'all finally get all those dead cows buried that died out in the fields last week.?"

3. Saadah says, "Yeah, all we got left over here is about two dozen that were still penned up when all that were out in the field got sick and died".

4. Lateef says, "Same over here, we don't even have enough left for breeding stock…did you hear about this new plague of killer hail that is supposed to come tomorrow?"

5. Saadah says, "Yeah, I heard".

6. Lateef says, "I don't know, you think He really means it?"

7. Saadah says, "I don't know either, I guess we'll find out tomorrow."

C. Another day of great tribulation is coming.

1. We also have been warned.

2. **Matthew 24:29-31**

29 Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:

30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

31 And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

3. **Matthew 24:37-39**

37 But as the days of Noe *were,* so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

38 For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark,

39 And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

II. Some things never change.

A. Now fast-forward something over a thousand years from now.

1. I know we're all thinking, "How could anyone see all those plagues come to pass exactly like the Prophet of God said they would and still regard not the Word of the Lord."?

2. It gets worse, there are three more plagues to come!

3. In **Matthew 7:13-14** Jesus said:

13 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide *is* the gate, and broad *is* the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:

14 Because strait *is* the gate, and narrow *is* the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

4. There is a picture painted for us in **Revelation 20:11-12**

11 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.

12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is *the book* of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

B. There are things you need to know.

1. The Book of Life contains the names of all the saved. My name is there.

2. The books out of which the dead are judged according to their works are the 66 books of the Bible, the Word of God.

3. The dead that are raised does not mean everyone who has died, it includes only those “dead in sins”, the unsaved.

4. Those who died in Christ were resurrected 1,000 years previous to this.

Revelation 20:5-6

5 But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This *is* the first resurrection.

6 Blessed and holy *is* he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

5. If you do some Googleing you will find that all the people who have ever lived on earth is estimated by some at around 70-80 billion souls; most of which according to Jesus did not find life eternal in Christ.

6. The picture painted for us in Revelation chapter 20 is a sea of souls reaching as far as the eye can see in every direction.

7. A sea of men and women, every color; young and old; even teenagers; virtually every age except the babies and the very young…all about to be judged according to their works, based on what is written in these 66 books - and that does not mean if their good outweighs their bad!

8. This will be the saddest day in the history of mankind; nobody will make it.

9. **Revelation 20:15** And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

C. Why?

1. Each and every one of those billions of souls facing the lake of fire are there because of the same foolish reason.

2. Because they regarded not the word of the LORD!

3. No doubt there had to be a few on the morning of the hail screaming to the rest; “Run! Get inside while you can!”

4. “What’s wrong with you? Judgment is coming, you’re going to die out there!”

5. And all those people who died in the hail and all those people who laughed at the preaching of Noah and all the people who have stood in this building, heard the gospel and done nothing about it…will be standing in that sea of souls facing the lake of fire, having already spent more than a thousand years in hell.

6. They can't go back; they can't fix it; they had numerous opportunities and they threw them all away because **they regarded not the Word of the Lord!**

7. Over and over the Word of God declares the message we read in
Acts 4:12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

8. To every believer in this place, staying lost just doesn't make sense!

9. What's wrong with you? Are you crazy?

Conclusion:

Don't you know that every one of the hundreds and hundreds of prophecies that God's Word has promised would happen, has happened, exactly as He said it would?

If you are not saved you ought to run down this aisle and beg us to show you how to be saved,

Instead of us standing here begging you not to perish.

2 Corinthians 6:1-2
1 We then, *as* workers together *with him,* beseech *you* also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain.
2 (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now *is* the accepted time; behold, now *is* the day of salvation.)

Jesus went to the cross for you!
He died and was buried and rose from the dead, having paid your debt in full.

Every last one of those standing before the
White Throne could have had their name in the Book of Life…

Will you again disregard the Word of God?