"PLAGUES? PLAGUES!"

EXODUS CHAPTERS 7-9

Genesis 15:12-14

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell on Abram. And behold, dreadful and great darkness fell upon him. Then the LORD said to Abram, "Know for certain that your offspring will be sojourners in a land that is not theirs and will be servants there, and they will be afflicted for four hundred years. But I will bring judgment on the nation that they serve, and afterward they shall come out with great possessions.

Genesis 15:15-16 ESV

As for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried in a good old age. And they shall come back here in the fourth generation, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete."

MAIN TRUTH:

God is making his name known throughout all the earth. He does not tolerate any rivals to His glory.

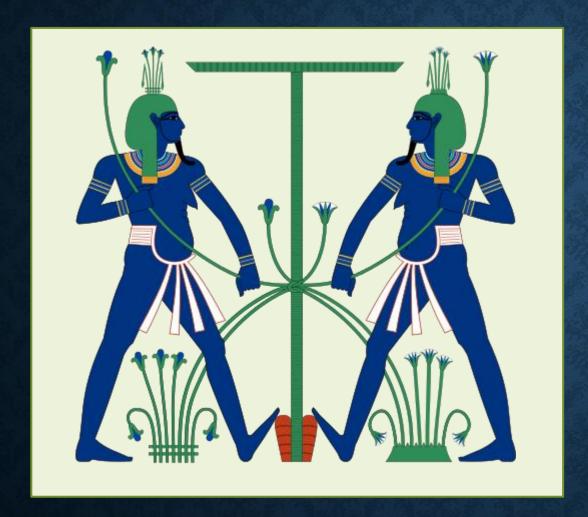
Yet even in judgment, God gives people the opportunity to come to Him.

Exodus 7:16-17 ESV

And you shall say to him, 'The LORD, the God of the Hebrews, sent me to you, saying, "Let my people go, that they may serve me in the wilderness." But so far, you have not obeyed. Thus says the LORD, "By this you shall know that I am the LORD: behold, with the staff that is in my hand I will strike the water that is in the Nile, and it shall turn into blood.

Isaiah 42:8–9 ESV

lam the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols. Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them."



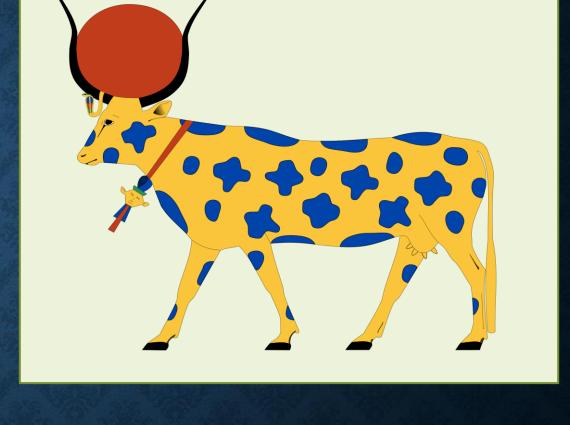
Hapi- Egyptian god of the inundation of the Nile.

- Has hermaphrodite features- beard and breasts
- Symbolized life and fertility

TWO ASPECTS OF GOD'S GLORIOUS JUDGMENTS:

1. God judges thoroughly, and sometimes in increasing severity.





 Hathor- depicted with cow horns and a sun disk. She was a sky deity, and mother of the sky god Horus

Hesat- closely related to Hathor.
 Provides humanity with milk, and in particular Pharaoh

TWO ASPECTS OF GOD'S GLORIOUS JUDGMENTS:

2. In the midst of calamity, The LORD- Yahwehgraciously gives people opportunity to turn to him.

Exodus 8:8 ESV

Then Pharaoh called Moses and Aaron and said, "Plead with the LORD to take away the frogs from me and from my people, and I will let the people go to sacrifice to the LORD."

Exodus 8:18-19 ESV

The magicians tried by their secret arts to produce gnats, but they could not. So there were gnats on man and beast. Then the magicians said to Pharaoh, "This is the finger of God." But Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he would not listen to them, as the LORD had said.

Isaiah 45:21b-22 ESV

And there is no other god besides me, a righteous God and a Savior; there is none besides me.

Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other.

Revelation 16:3-4 ESV

The second angel poured out his bowl into the sea, and it became like the blood of a corpse, and every living thing died that was in the sea.

The third angel poured out his bowl into the rivers and the springs of water, and they became blood.

How does God get our attention?

- 1. General revelation-Romans 1:19-20
- 2. Common Grace- Matthew 5:44-46
- 3. Common Brokenness & Calamity- Luke 13:1-5
- 4. Special Revelation-Jesus Christ & His word.

"To you it was shown, that you might know that the LORD is God, there is no other beside him."

Deuteronomy 4:35 ESV