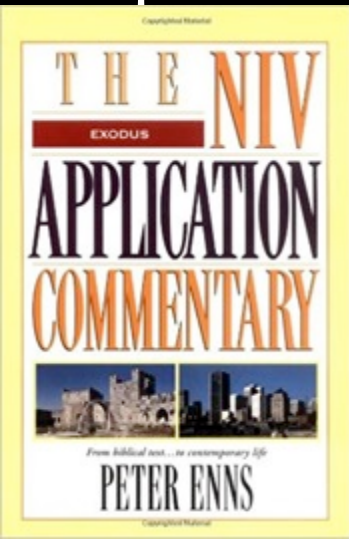
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The Gospel
According to
Moses
a study of exodus

It may be helpful here to understand this through Pharaoh's eyes. In Egyptian royal ideology, the pharaoh was considered to be a divine being. So by calling Moses God, Yahweh is beating Pharaoh at his own game. It is not the king of Egypt who is god; rather, it is this shepherd and leader of slaves who is God.



Enns, P. (2000). (p. 181). Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan.



Christian Marvel Memes



Waters Turn to Blood
Exodus 7:14-25



Amphibians (Frogs)
Exodus 7:26-8:11



Gnats (Lice)
Exodus 8:12-15



Flies
Exodus 8:16-28



Disease on Livestock
Exodus 9:1-7

The Ten Plagues of Egypt



Unhealable Boils
Exodus 9:8-12



Hail and Fire
Exodus 9:13-35



Locusts
Exodus 10:1-20



Darkness
Exodus 10:21-29



Death of First-Born
Exodus 11:1-12:36

Previous Plagues:

Blood, Frogs, Gnats, Flies, Livestock, Boils

Exodus 7:14-9:12

Apep: Snake – Chaos



Hapi - Nile

Homage to thee, O Hapi, thou appearest in this land, and thou comest in peace to make Egypt to live. Thou art the Hidden One, and the guide of the darkness on the day when it is thy pleasure to lead the same. Thou art the waterer of the fields which Ra has created, thou givest life unto all animals, thou makest all the land to drink unceasingly as thou descendest on thy way from heaven.

-- Spence, L. 2008, Myths & Legends of Ancient Egypt, p.



Heqet – Frogs

She was thought to be the wife of Khnum, the god who created men on his potter's wheel, and she gave the newly created being the breath of life before the child was placed to grow in the mother's womb. She was also regarded as the wife of Horus the Elder in the myths of Osiris – she was represented at the funeral as a frog, symbolic of life and fertility after death.



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Geb - Gnats/Lice: Land

...the first sound was the honking of the Primeval Goose as it laid the world egg. The creator hatched from this egg and the two halves of the shell became the earth and the sky.

-Geraldine Harris, Delia Pemberton & Vincent Douglas (2000), *Illustrated Encyclopedia of Ancient Egypt*, p. 37



Khepri – Morning/Swarms - Flies



Hathor – Love & Protection – Livestock



Isis – Medicine & Magic - boils



Today's Message:
More Compromising:
Hail, Locusts
Exodus 9:13-10:20

Nut - Sky - Hail



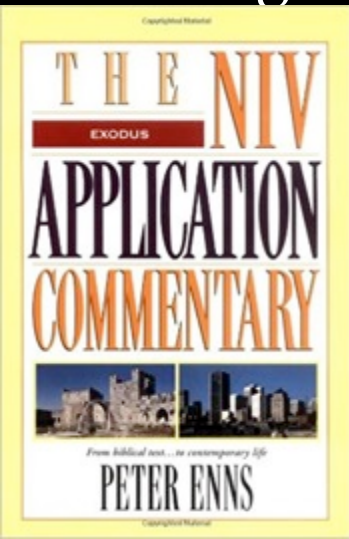
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This plague is recounted in greater length than any of the other nine and acts as a climax of sorts for what has heretofore transpired. Now Pharaoh is to feel the “full force” of God’s power. The Hebrew of verse 14 reads literally: “I am about to send *all (kol)* my signs to your heart.” As we have seen elsewhere, “all” clearly cannot mean each and every, and the niv translation (“full force”) seems a good way to get the thought across.⁶³ The narrative is reaching a higher plateau of devastation. The heavens themselves are to be unleashed against Egypt. The elements are obeying their Creator, even to the point where God can specify the target of his destruction (see v. 26).

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Matthew 4:1

¹ Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

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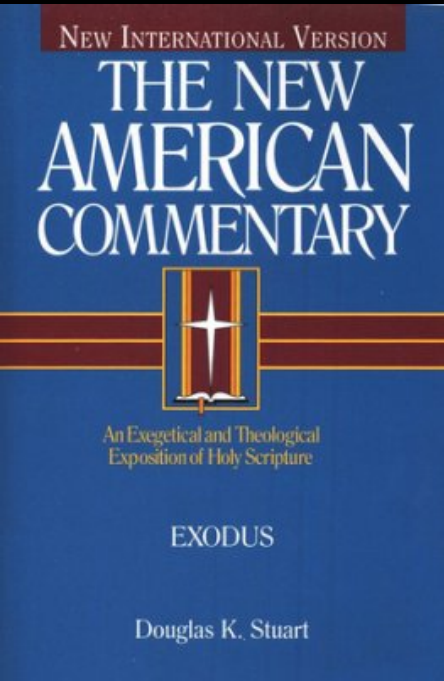
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¹⁸ Therefore, at this time tomorrow I will send the worst hailstorm that has ever fallen on Egypt, from the day it was founded till now. ¹⁹ Give an order now to bring your livestock and everything you have in the field to a place of shelter, because the hail will fall on every person and animal that has not been brought in and is still out in the field, and they will die.' "

²⁰ Those officials of Pharaoh who feared the word of the LORD hurried to bring their slaves and their livestock inside. ²¹ But those who ignored the word of the LORD left their slaves and livestock in the field.

This is the first plague announcement in which the prediction is made that Egyptian lives would actually be lost. Those who would die would be those who failed to hear the warning; thus the biblical principle that people's *choices* do them harm – not merely what they cannot control.



Stuart, D. K. (2006).
(Vol. 2, p. 234). Nashville: Broadman & Holman Publishers.

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²² Then the LORD said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand toward the sky so that hail will fall all over Egypt—on people and animals and on everything growing in the fields of Egypt.” ²³ When Moses stretched out his staff toward the sky, the LORD sent thunder and hail, and lightning flashed down to the ground. So the LORD rained hail on the land of Egypt; ²⁴ hail fell and lightning flashed back and forth. It was the worst storm in all the land of Egypt since it had become a nation. ²⁵ Throughout Egypt hail struck everything in the fields—both people and animals; it beat down everything growing in the fields and stripped every tree. ²⁶ The only place it did not hail was the land of Goshen, where the Israelites were.

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³³ Then Moses left Pharaoh and went out of the city. He spread out his hands toward the LORD; the thunder and hail stopped, and the rain no longer poured down on the land. ³⁴ When Pharaoh saw that the rain and hail and thunder had stopped, he sinned again: He and his officials hardened their hearts. ³⁵ So Pharaoh's heart was hard and he would not let the Israelites go, just as the LORD had said through Moses.

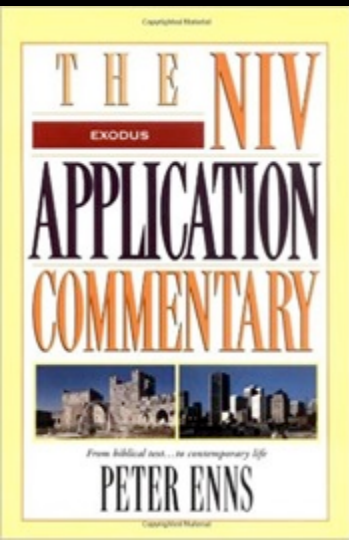
Set – Storms/Wind – Locusts



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Pharaoh is a rag doll in God's hands, and he is about to witness the irrevocable finale. The process is proceeding as Israel's God has designed it, and Pharaoh is helpless to do anything about it.



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Here I raise my Ebenezer
Hither by Thy help I've
come
And I hope, by Thy good
pleasure
Safely to arrive at home



Exodus 9:13-10:20

³ So Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and said to him, “This is what the LORD, the God of the Hebrews, says: ‘How long will you refuse to humble yourself before me? Let my people go, so that they may worship me. ⁴ If you refuse to let them go, I will bring locusts into your country tomorrow. ⁵ They will cover the face of the ground so that it cannot be seen. They will devour what little you have left after the hail, including every tree that is growing in your fields. ⁶ They will fill your houses and those of all your officials and all the Egyptians – something neither your parents nor your ancestors have ever seen from the day they settled in this land till now.’ ” Then Moses turned and left Pharaoh.

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⁷ Pharaoh's officials said to him, "How long will this man be a snare to us? Let the people go, so that they may worship the LORD their God. Do you not yet realize that Egypt is ruined?"

⁸ Then Moses and Aaron were brought back to Pharaoh. "Go, worship the LORD your God," he said. "But tell me who will be going."

⁹ Moses answered, "We will go with our young and our old, with our sons and our daughters, and with our flocks and herds, because we are to celebrate a festival to the LORD."

Exodus 9:13-10:20

¹⁰ Pharaoh said, “The LORD be with you – if I let you go, along with your women and children! Clearly you are bent on evil.

¹¹ No! Have only the men go and worship the LORD, since that’s what you have been asking for.” Then Moses and Aaron were driven out of Pharaoh’s presence.

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¹² And the LORD said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over Egypt so that locusts swarm over the land and devour everything growing in the fields, everything left by the hail.”

¹³ So Moses stretched out his staff over Egypt, and the LORD made an east wind blow across the land all that day and all that night. By morning the wind had brought the locusts; ¹⁴ they invaded all Egypt and settled down in every area of the country in great numbers. Never before had there been such a plague of locusts, nor will there ever be again. ¹⁵ They covered all the ground until it was black. They devoured all that was left after the hail — everything growing in the fields and the fruit on the trees. Nothing green remained on tree or plant in all the land of Egypt.

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¹⁶ Pharaoh quickly summoned Moses and Aaron and said, “I have sinned against the LORD your God and against you. ¹⁷ Now forgive my sin once more and pray to the LORD your God to take this deadly plague away from me.”

¹⁸ Moses then left Pharaoh and prayed to the LORD. ¹⁹ And the LORD changed the wind to a very strong west wind, which caught up the locusts and carried them into the Red Sea. Not a locust was left anywhere in Egypt. ²⁰ But the LORD hardened Pharaoh’s heart, and he would not let the Israelites go.

Gospel Implications:

Do we Keep our Word?

Matthew 5:33-37

³³“ Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘Do not break your oath, but fulfill to the Lord the vows you have made.’ ³⁴ But I tell you, do not swear an oath at all: either by heaven, for it is God’s throne; ³⁵ or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King. ³⁶ And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black. ³⁷ All you need to say is simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.

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