

Sermon Notes for Young People

March 29, 2020 | Exod. 8:16-32 | Ground Assault

I. **Introduction: Which group of gods has the Lord vanquished and which group is He targeting now?**

II. **Main Argument**

A. **Defeat of the Magicians (vv. 16-19)**

1. No Warning (v. 16): how does the format of the third plague differ from the first two?
2. The Extent of the Plague (v. 17)
 - a. What animals might this be?
 - b. What does the idiom, *dust of the earth*, mean?
3. No More Magic (vv. 18-19)
 - a. What both *amplified* and was *necessary* for the magicians' magic to work?
 - b. **Application**: Why should the limits on Satan's power encourage and strengthen us?
 - c. What is meant by *the finger of God* here?
 - d. **Application**: What are some reasons God moves slowly to free His people?

B. **Ruin of the Land (vv. 20-24)**

1. Stand Against Pharaoh (vv. 20-21): What sorts of insects are these?
2. God's Choice Displayed (vv. 22-23)
 - a. What will God demonstrate by exempting Goshen from this plague?

- b. Why does God exempt Israel from the Plague, and what doctrine is illustrated here?
 - c. What does God mean by a "redemption" between Israel and Egypt?
 - d. How are God's election and God's redemption related and linked?
3. God's Timing (vv. 23b-24): how is this a miracle?

C. **God's Word Vindicated (vv. 25-32)**

1. Pharaoh Buckles (v. 20): What concessions does Pharaoh offer to Moses and Israel?
 - a. Why are Pharaoh's concessions enticing?
 - b. How is Pharaoh following Satan's tactics?
2. Concessions Refused (vv. 26-27): What two reasons does Moses offer?
 - a. **Application**: how does this refusal show Moses' spiritual growth and maturity?
 - b. **Application**: how does this teach us about the nature of our own salvation struggles?
3. Pharaoh Surrenders (vv. 27-31): how does pharaoh try to sound magnanimous?
4. Heavy heart (v. 32): how does Pharaoh's refusal vindicate God's word?

III. **Questions**: for my parents or the pastor