

MONDAY

1. Moses was called to liberate the people of Israel from Egypt and lead them to the Promised Land; however, he did not feel capable of assuming such a great responsibility. God then appeared to him and performed a great sign with his staff. When Moses threw it to the ground, it turned into a serpent. Through this, the Lord wanted to show him that what he relied on could become an obstacle to carrying out his very important task. We can never trust in our own skill, knowledge, or achievements to accomplish the Lord's work (Exodus 4:1-3).

2. God, then, commanded Moses to stretch out his hand and take the serpent by the tail. The word of the Lord is always fundamental to the accomplishment of His will. Moses promptly obeyed, took the animal by the tail, and it became a staff again. After this experience, this object would be a sign of the authority that the Lord had given him to fulfill such an important mission (Exodus 4:4-5).

3. The staff that belonged to Moses became God's staff. In the Lord's work there is a chain of command, and when we follow it, we can exercise His authority and carry out His word. Initially, we see that Moses had the staff in his hand; later, however, God Himself said that He had it in His hand. When we faithfully exercise the authority He has entrusted to us, we come to have a strong identification with Him (Exodus 4:20b; 7:1-2, 15-17).

4. "Today God needs this kind of steward in His house. He needs someone who understands His longing, someone sensitive to the desire of His heart, so that the word may be quickly put into action. Because His work is vast, there are many things that need to be managed in God's house [...]. For this reason, we must be willing to be good stewards in God's house" (Daily Food, book 12, week 4, Monday, p. 56).

TUESDAY

1. When God commissioned Moses to deliver the people, He told him that He would be with his mouth. Moses, however, did not trust that promise. So, the Lord transformed the staff he was using into the staff of God, thereby conferring His authority upon him. God also said He would be with Aaron's mouth. He did not speak directly to Aaron but through Moses. When Aaron followed the word of God transmitted by Moses, the Lord also used his mouth. Under God's authority, everyone is capable of carrying out His work (Ex. 4:1-5, 10-17).

2. After forty years of preparation in Egypt, Moses thought the people of Israel would understand that he was prepared to lead them; however, that did not happen because he lacked God's authority. Only after the Lord gave him His staff did Moses receive that authority. The staff was in Moses' hand, but he passed on the word and authority represented by that staff to those who would carry out the Lord's work. Everyone who receives a task must hold the staff in hand to fulfill it. Without the staff, nothing is accomplished; with it, we see miracles and signs, and God's work is accomplished (Ex. 4:17; 7:19; Acts 7:22-25).

3. Just as it happened with Moses, today God speaks His word through His servant. Those he sends serve as his representatives wherever they are. By conveying the word with life and exercising the authority conferred by God, they become instruments through which the work is fulfilled in many places and through many people. God desires to raise up an army in the midst of His people because there is much land left to conquer. All who hold the staff of God in their hands will be able to carry out His work (Ex. 7:1-4).

4. "The Lord was with Joseph, and He is with you as well. He does not take care of you by chance, but God is with those who seek Him, just as He was with Joseph. So, if you closely follow His word, maintain fellowship with God, walk in the Spirit, and seek to do His will, you can be sure that He is with you" (Gen. 39:2). (Daily Food, book 12, week 4, Tuesday, p. 60).

**DO YOU WANT
TO BE A
MISSIONARY?**



WEDNESDAY

1. The fifth plague was the plague upon the livestock. The animals mentioned were used for food and transportation—two essential elements in this world. However, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life draw us to these things in an unhealthy way. The Word shows us that nothing in the world comes from the Father, but from the world itself, and it can enslave us. There are many things we need, yet acquiring them must not become our ultimate goal. Our goal is to do the will of the Lord (Ex. 9:2-3; 1 John 2:15-16).

2. Drunkenness and gluttony dull a person's spiritual discernment, causing that person to lose awareness of the judgment that will accompany the coming of the Lord. Although many signs point to the nearness of this day, this age will not end until the kingdom is preached throughout the world. No other cause is worth living for. We live to serve the Lord and preach the gospel of the kingdom. We must not love the things of the world; rather, we should be thankful for what the Lord has given us and serve Him (Gal. 5:19-21; Matt. 24:6-8, 14, 37-39).

3. In the great tribulation, a remnant of the people of Israel will be saved, just as there will be a group of overcomers among Christians. The overcomers are those who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. Following Him is the only cause worth living for. Just as it happened in Egypt, everything always unfolds according to what God has spoken. Let us follow the Lord closely and live according to His word (Ex. 9:4-7; Rev. 7:3-8; 14:1).

4. "Being wise is not something we are born with, nor does it come from literature; rather, wisdom comes from the Lord (Prov. 2:6), for He Himself is wisdom. This means that to be wise, you need to walk closely with the Lord, that is, to closely follow God's present speaking. If you obey the word and practice it, rest assured that the Lord will give you wisdom, because He is with you." (Daily Food, book 12, week 4, Wednesday, p. 61).

THURSDAY

1. The sixth plague was the severe boils, which arose from the ashes thrown up toward the sky. Ashes are what remains after burning organic matter, leaving only mineral residues. Yet even this can cause sores in mankind and animals. Nothing in this world is pure, not even what has passed through fire. Nothing in the world comes from the Father but from the world, and it can harm mankind. The world passes away, but whoever does the will of God abides forever (Ex. 9:8-9; 1 John 2:15-17).

2. Our goal is not to accomplish a great work but to do the will of God. When Jesus lived on the earth, He spoke and did only what came from the Father. Upon cooperating with the Lord, we need to seek the same faithfulness. He had the ability to accomplish great works, but He limited Himself to doing and conveying only what He received from the Father. It is important to believe that God has a sent one—someone who does not seek self-promotion or act on their own initiative but lives for the One who sent him (John 17:6-8).

3. The authority to do the will of God comes from holding His staff in our hands; it does not come from anything within ourselves. There is no place for those who seek to build their own legacy. Each one must diligently follow the word of the Lord, take up his role, and make room for others to labor alongside them in the Lord's work (Ex. 4:17).

4. "God needs someone who is quick to discern His heart's desire, someone sensitive to the desire of His heart when He speaks a word. We must be ready, as stewards of the house of God, to put that word into operation" (1 Chr. 11:17-18). (Daily Food, book 12, week 4, Thursday, p. 64).

FRIDAY

1. In 2 Timothy, Paul mentions Jannes and Jambres, two magicians of Egypt who resisted Moses and were unable to escape the boils. Likewise, today there are those who resist the truth, men of depraved minds, disqualified regarding the faith. They will not prosper, for their folly will become evident to everyone (Ex. 9:10-12; 2 Tim. 3:8-9).

2. On the one hand, Pharaoh hardened his own heart; on the other, God hardened Pharaoh's heart. This indicates that God is sovereign and uses even those with hardened hearts to demonstrate His great power. If we serve the Lord with a pure heart, it is simply because He had mercy on us. We are not better than others; the Lord sees our heart. Yet we have obtained His mercy (Rom. 9:14-18).

3. In everything He did in Egypt, the Lord displayed His great power. At the crossing of the Red Sea, the people were struck with fear and complained; Moses then told them to stand firm and see the salvation the Lord would work for them. It is the Lord who fights for us. Even the inhabitants of Canaan were struck with fear when they heard of the wonders He had performed. Everything that happens to us has a purpose; the Lord allows certain situations to display His great power and sovereignty (Ex. 9:16; Rom. 9:17-18).

4. "Let us always rejoice! Thanks be to the Lord! The countenance of those serving in this new rhythm—according to the word—has been transformed! They are always joyful. This cannot be hidden. Whoever lives close to the word, in the presence of the Lord, always lives joyfully" (1 Thess. 5:16). (Daily Food, book 12, week 4, Friday, p. 65).

SATURDAY

1. The seventh plague was the hail. When God sends rain, it is to water the earth, enabling it to yield seed and food for mankind. Rain, therefore, is established by God to sustain life. Likewise, when we receive with faith the word that proceeds from the mouth of God, it must bear fruit within us by transforming our soul and moving us to carry out His work according to His will (Gen. 1:29; Ex. 9:18-19; Isa. 55:10-11; 1 Thess. 2:13).

2. Before the hail, the merciful God warned the people to bring in their livestock and servants from the fields. Those who feared the word of the Lord brought them indoors; those who disregarded it, however, left them in the open field, where they perished. May we never lose our reverence for the word of the Lord (Ex. 9:19-26).

3. Pharaoh and his officials represent Satan, as well as negative aspects such as our ego and the old nature. Although they acknowledge the existence of God and His power, they persist in defying His demands and refuse to let us go to serve Him. What Satan fears most is seeing us serve the Lord. Once freed from the world, we go out into the streets to preach the gospel and thus reclaim the earth for the Lord. Today, we are expanding the kingdom of God and diminishing the power of darkness (Ex. 9:27-30).

4. "God appointed Jesus to be responsible for His house. 'Who was faithful to Him who appointed Him, as Moses also was faithful in all His house' (Heb. 3:2). Do you know why it insists here on 'all His house'? Because, like Moses, Jesus is the principal Administrator of all the house of God." (Daily Food, book 12, week 4, Saturday, p. 68).

SUNDAY

1. Pharaoh, who refused to let God's people go, represents Satan—an angel who was created in a very special way and whose heart became corrupted when pride took root, causing him to be cast down and become God's adversary. When man fell, Satan injected into him a satanic and sinful nature. Today, he works subtly within our ego and our natural soul-life, striving to keep us under his control (Ex. 9:34-35; Ezek. 28:12, 17; 1 Pet. 5:8; Rev. 12:9).

2. Job was blameless, upright, and God-fearing, but beneath that godly appearance, Satan himself was working in his ego through sin. Both the bad side and the good side of his soul-life were part of that fallen nature Satan injected into the human being at the fall. The only remedy to break free from the slavery of the self is the cross of Christ. Let us humble ourselves, seek divine light, and repent, so that we may experience the salvation that the Lord prepared for us (Job 29:4, 7-11, 18; 40:10-14; 41:33; Matt. 16:24-25).

3. It is worth living to do the will of God. It is the word of God that saves us, and doing His will is what causes us to remain eternally. Let us fight for His kingdom! We are part of God's army, called to reclaim this earth and enthrone Christ, so that He may be Head over all things (1 John 2:17; Eph. 1:9-10).

4. "We believe that gaining the entire earth for the Lord is no longer a distant dream or an impossible goal. We need only to persevere and be steadfast pillars in the Lord's work. We need to be willing to be the good stewards God needs in His house. Can the Lord count on you?" (Daily Food, book 12, week 4, Sunday, p. 72).

DAILY IMMERSION IN THE PROPHETIC WORD

EXODUS

A KINGDOM OF PRIESTS AND A HOLY NATION

MESSAGE

09

THE FIFTH, SIXTH, AND SEVENTH PLAGUES

EXODUS 9:1-35



May I
PRAY
for
YOU?



SCAN ME