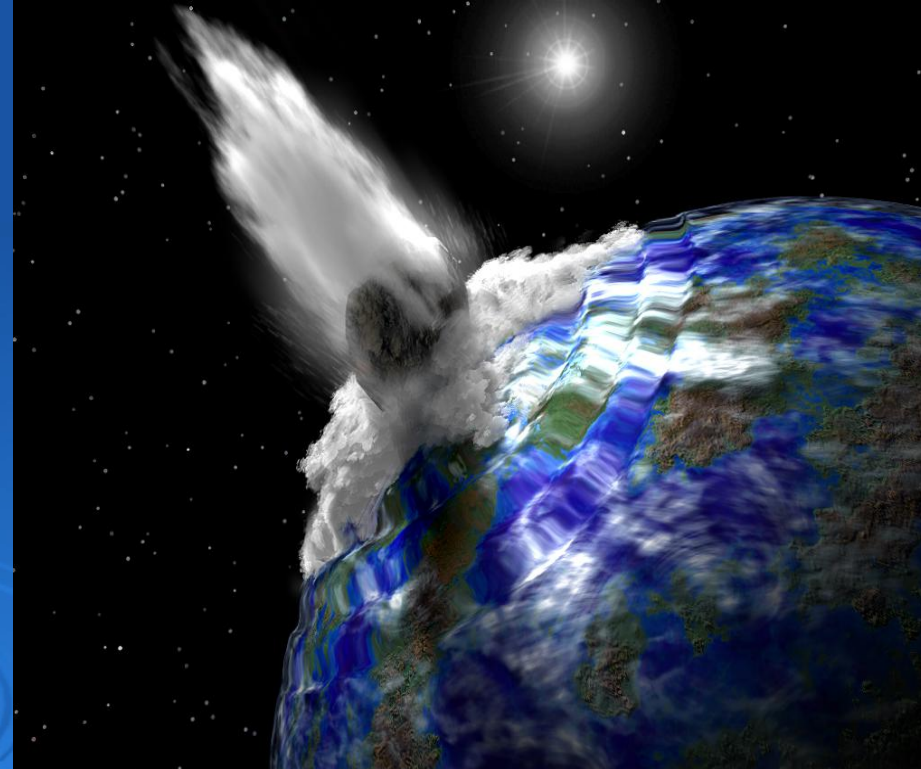


STROKES AGAINST EGYPT

- First, the Nile River turns blood-red
- All water turned red and rancid
- Hebrews equally affected
- Putrid water killed fish and drove the frogs inland
- As a result of the frogs dying, insects came to feed on the decay
- God uses natural phenomena in extraordinary ways to achieve His purposes



THE 3RD PLAGUE



- No warning to Pharaoh
- Pattern: 2 warnings, 3 plagues
- Moses strikes the dust of Egypt with his staff
- Gnats, Mosquitoes, or NoSeeUms
- Tiny, blood-sucking insects
- Not deadly, but terribly irritating

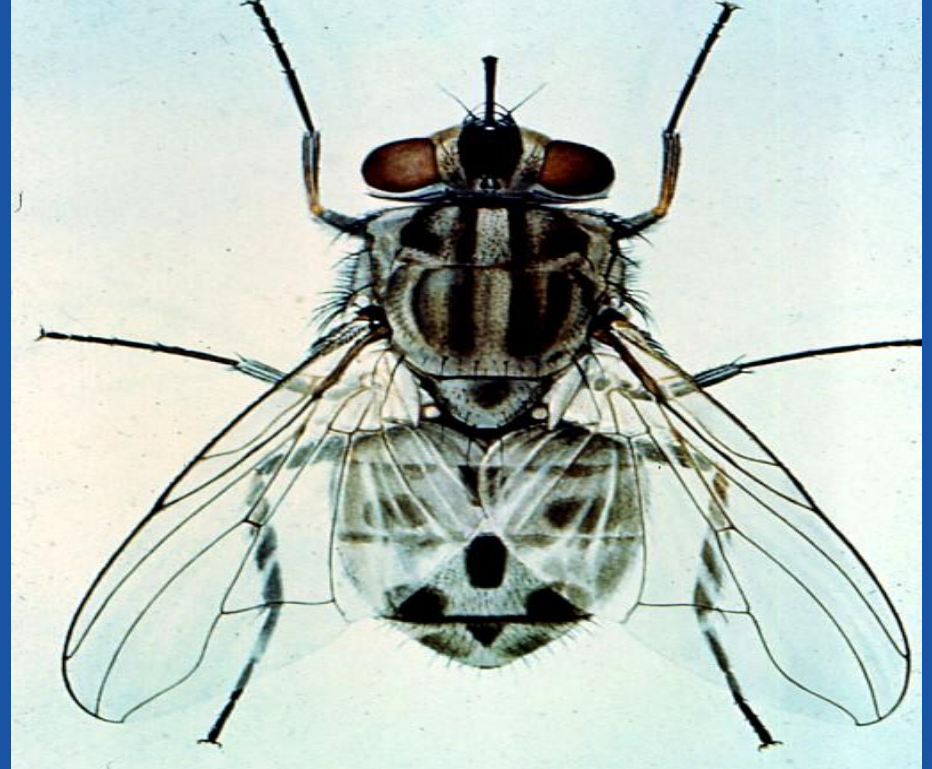
PHARAOH'S MAGICIANS FAIL



- THANKFULLY Pharaoh's men couldn't reproduce the tiny insects and make things worse
- All they had been able to do was mimic, not stop or undo
- Magicians say the cause is ***“surely this is the work of elohim...”***
- Elohim = god
- Pharaoh was not concerned with the welfare of the Egyptians, only his own prestige and power

4TH STROKE: DOG FLIES

- First plague that Hebrews will NOT be affected
- God separates “MY people” from “Pharaoh’s people”
- Dog flies attack animals and cause disease
- People get very upset when one group suffers, but another doesn’t

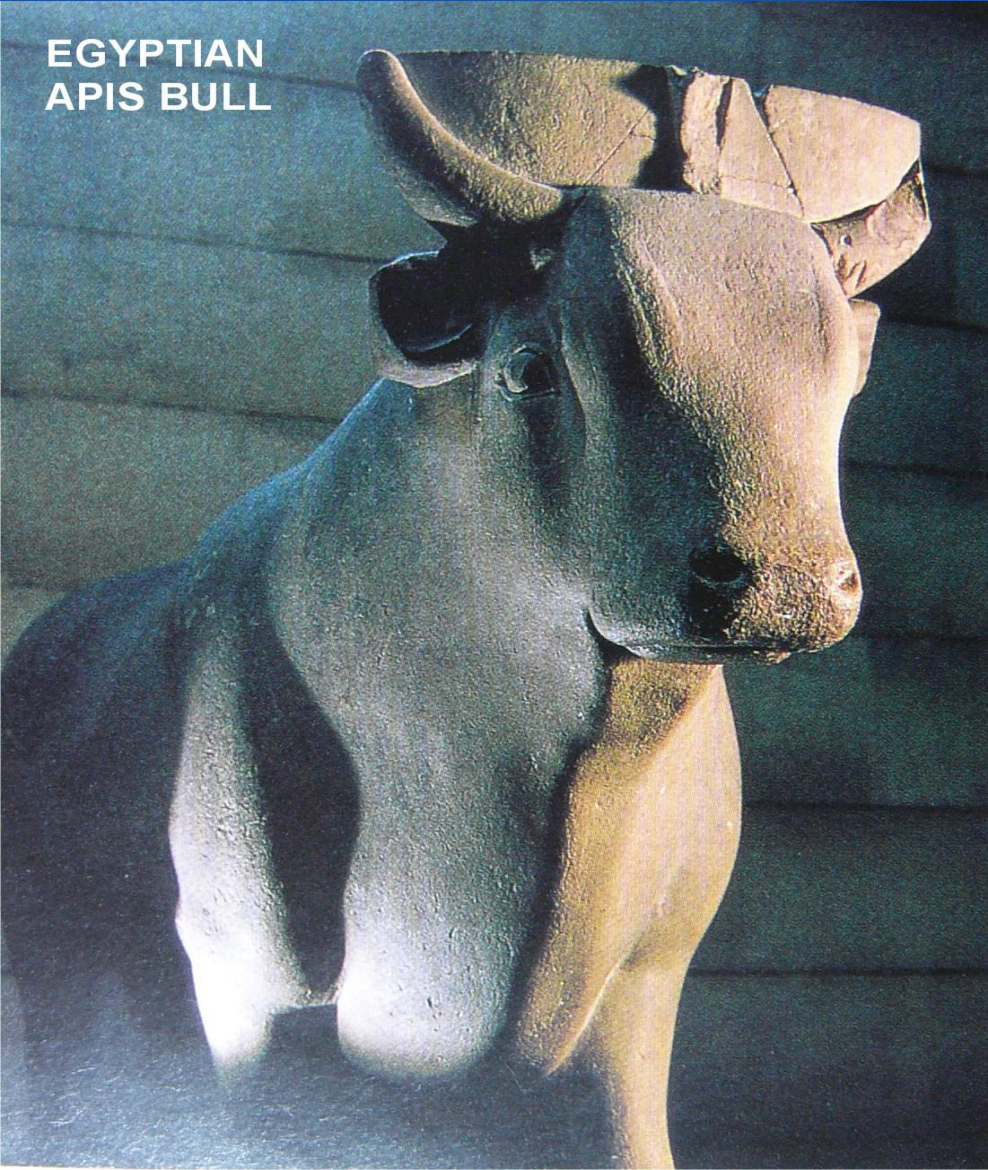


THE LORD MAKES DISTINCTIONS

- Christians and Jews are often looked at as “arrogant” because we have a special place with God
- Yet, it is the LORD who has done the dividing and separating
- It is for this reason that the world hates Israel and the Church, and always will
- Distinction and tolerance are seen as mutually exclusive concepts
- Therefore, much of the Church now says that any worship of any god is actually worship of Yehoveh
- **THIS IS A LIE!!**

PHARAOH AGREES TO LET THE ISRAELITES GO FOR 3 DAYS

EGYPTIAN
APIS BULL



- Pharaoh insists that Israel can gather and worship, but NOT leave Egypt
- Moses says if they don't, that the Egyptians will be offended because of what the Hebrew sacrificial offerings must be
- Cattle were divine to the Egyptians
- A Bull is one of the MOST divine (Apis Bull god)
- Once the plague of Dog flies stopped, Pharaoh retracted his promise

STROKE #5: PLAGUE ON THE LIVESTOCK



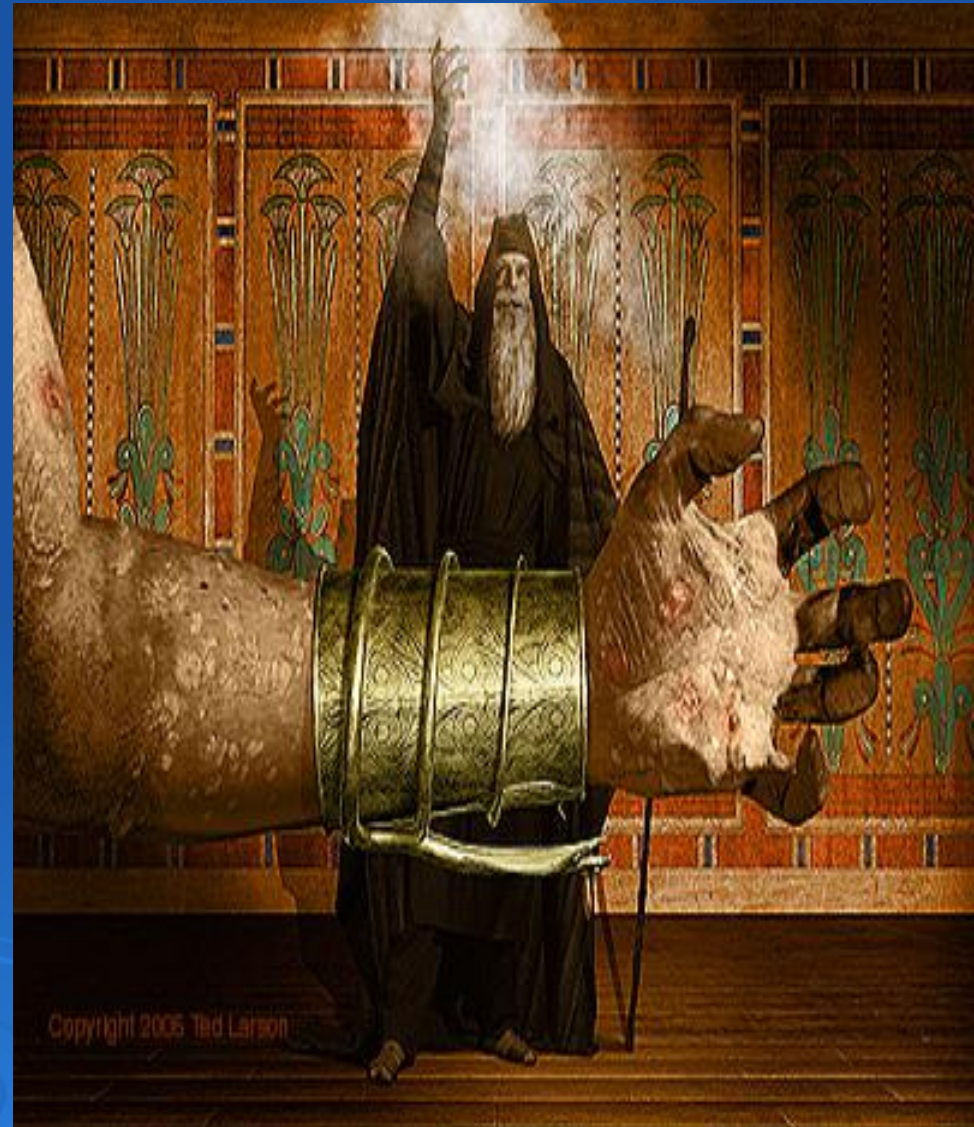
- ONLY on Egyptian animals
- It was important to God for all the common people to see who He is, and His power and glory
- ***Ammim*** = MY people
- ***Goyim*** = gentile nations
- ***Baqar*** = cattle
- ***Tso'n*** = small livestock
- Wild animals
NOT included

DID ALL THE LIVESTOCK DIE?

- Despite the reports to Pharaoh, he would not relent
- All doesn't always mean "all" in the Bible
- This time is probably does mean ALL
- Egyptians likely confiscated many animals from the Hebrews, and bought more from foreigners

THE UNANNOUNCED 6TH PLAGUE: BOILS

- We're now at the 3rd plague of the 2nd set of 3 plagues
- Patterns of 3
- We must take the New Testament in context of these patterns established in Torah
- **Behemah** = all kinds of animals
- Moses and Aaron threw soot into the air, and the result was painful boils
- Even Pharaoh and his magicians were afflicted!



BOILS A NATURAL EVENT

- Blisters and poxes also occur for reasons unknown from time to time
- But, this was UNNATURAL in it's range, effect, and in avoiding the Hebrews
- The soot thrown in the air reminds one of the mustard gas, or the fine powders used to gas the Kurdish people
- Despite this horror, Pharaoh remained hardened and unmoved at his people's plight



PLAGUE #7: HAIL

- By now, every aspect of Egyptian life had been attacked by God
- However, it was about to get worse
- Leb = the inner man, the man's soul
- Hail in the desert? YES!
- It had occurred in Egypt before, but nothing like this
- Lightning (fire) accompanied it



ABBA DID NOT WANT TO DESTROY EGYPT

- Rather, He wanted Egypt to submit, and to “remember Him”
- 35 years ago (mid 1970’s) Egypt was a majority Christian nation! Now, thoroughly Muslim.
- Egypt was, for centuries, a center of Jewish learning and education (Alexandria)
- Egypt is wary of the God of Israel to this day
- Vs. 20, many Egyptians started to believe Yehoveh’s power, and moved their livestock into caves before the hail struck

LAND OF GOSHEN UNAFFECTED

The Land Of Goshen



- Goshen was where most of the Hebrews lived
- Hail was so devastating that Pharaoh said: “I have sinned...”
- Pharaoh BELIEVED in the god of the Hebrews, but he did not trust him or take Him into his heart
- The hailstorm occurred during the time the barely crop was near ready for harvest
- But, the wheat was in it's early stages, so it survived

THOSE WHO CURSE ISRAEL WILL BE CURSED...

- Today's Middle Eastern nations who hate Israel have been dealt terrible blows
- Iraq is an occupied territory
- The Palestinians have 70% unemployment
- Syria is a police state
- Destroying Israel is all they live for
- Americans AND THE CHURCH are NOT exempted from God's curse upon those who do not bless Israel
- There is NO NEUTRALITY on this issue