

20 Second Thought



What types of things might you do to celebrate Confirmation, a birthday or wedding?

Big events call for big celebrations! Balloons, food, people invited over, parties, games, fancy clothes, music, dancing etc. God also makes a big deal when it comes to the big events of he carried through on his promise to send the Savior of the world. Remember what God had promised! He had said that from the nation of Israel, the Savior of the world would one day come. How was that going to be possible if the Israelites were still slaves in Egypt! Last time we heard how God chose Moses to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. This was a really big deal! Let's see the big things God did to mark this big event.

## Read & Review

Read Exodus 6:28-7:7 and answer the next three questions.

1. Who went with Moses and how was he related to Moses?

**Answers**

1. Aaron was Moses' brother
2. Pharaoh would harden his heart and refuse to let the Israelites go
3. 80 and 83 years old

2. What did God say was going to happen when they told Pharaoh to let the Israelites leave Egypt?

3. How old were Moses and Aaron when they left for Egypt?

**Match the Bible reference with plague it describes**

1. Exodus 7:14-21 \_\_\_\_\_

A. Boils

2. Exodus 8:1-6 \_\_\_\_\_

B. Flies

3. Exodus 8:16-17 \_\_\_\_\_

C. Darkness

4. Exodus 8:20-24 \_\_\_\_\_

D. Frogs

5. Exodus 9:1-4 \_\_\_\_\_

E. Hail

6. Exodus 9:8-9 \_\_\_\_\_

F. Gnats

7. Exodus 9:13-19 \_\_\_\_\_

G. Locusts

8. Exodus 10:3-5 \_\_\_\_\_

H. Blood

9. Exodus 10:21-23 \_\_\_\_\_

I. Livestock

Answers: 1H;2D;3F;4B;6A;7E;8G;9C



Which of the plagues would you have most dreaded and why?

**His Word in Your Life**

1. Go back to Exodus 7:5. Why did God send all these plagues on the Egyptians?

**Answers**

1. They would know that the God of the Israelites was the one and only true God. It also helped the Israelites to know that they could trust the God who was asking them to leave Egypt and go to the Promised Land

2. Sometimes you might feel like you're living through a plague! Someone in your family is sick or dies. A parent loses a job or a friend ghosts you. Look at the following Bible passages to remember why God might allow these things into our lives.

**Romans 8:18** I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.

☝ *Hardships remind us that God has something so much better for us. We have heaven to look forward to.*

**Hebrews 12:7** Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as his children. For what children are not disciplined by their father?

☝ *God can use hardships to teach us to trust him and to help us remember that his ways are always best.*

**Romans 8:17** Now if we are children, then we are heirs -- heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

☝ *Hardships are opportunities to show others that we are followers of Christ headed to heavenly glory.*

## Catechism Connection



Some of the plagues the Israelites experienced along with the Egyptians and other plagues only the Egyptians experienced. God promises special protection for his people. How does God protect us from the bad things of this world and who does God use? Read about God's protecting his people and angels on pages 138-140 in your Catechism. What promises does God make as we face the hardships of this world and why is it so good to know God's angels are watching over you?

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