



THE EXODUS

And he called for Moses and Aaron by night, and said, Rise up, and get you forth from among my people, both ye and the children of Israel; and go, serve the Lord, as ye have said. (Exodus 12:31)

PLAGUES OF EGYPT

- Waters to blood (Ex 7:19–21, 24)
- Frogs (Ex 8:2–4, 6, 13–14)
- Lice (Ex 8:16–17)
- Flies (Ex 8:21–24)
- Grievous murrain (Ex 9:3, 6)
- Boils with blains (Ex 9:9–11)
- Hail (Ex 9:22–26; 31–32)
- Locust (Ex 10:4–6; 12–15, 19)
- Thick darkness (Ex 10:21–23)
- Death of firstborn (Ex 11:4–6; 12:29)

1. Noisome and grievous sore
2. Sea become as blood of dead man
3. Rivers and fountains of water became blood
4. Sun scorches men with fire
5. Darkness and gnawing tongues for pain
6. River Euphrates dried up
7. Great voice out of the temple saying it is done, great earthquake, Babylon came in remembrance before God, every island fled away, mountains were not found, a great hail

- **Frogs** were sacred animals to the Egyptians. One of their deities, Heqa, was a frog-headed goddess thought to possess creative power.
- **Lice.** *Kinnam*, probably derived from the Egyptian *chenemeś*, “gnats” or “mosquitoes.” The rendering “lice” follows the opinion of the Jewish historian Josephus and Talmudic writers, but has no linguistic basis. The Egyptian gnats were so small as to be barely visible to the eye but had a sting which, according to Philo and Origen, caused a most painful irritation of the skin.
- **Flies.** From *‘arob*, a word of uncertain meaning. The translators of the LXX, who themselves lived in Egypt, took it to be the dog fly. This large and venomous insect is described by ancient and modern writers as a severe scourge, for when enraged it often fastens itself to the human body, particularly to the edges of the eyelids. This accounts, in part, for the fact that eye diseases are found so commonly in Egypt.
- **Murrain.** The usual Hebrew term for “plague,” and so rendered in the RSV. Inasmuch as the particular disease here mentioned affected animals only, the word might be rendered “animal plague.”

- **A boil.** Perhaps an “abscess,” or a “boil breaking forth in blisters.” The exact nature of this disease is not clear. Boil (*šĕhîn*)—an ulcer, an inflamed spot, an eruption; blains—blisters or pustules. Deuteronomy 28:35; Job 2:7
- **Sore.** Gr. *helkos*, “ulcer,” “sore,” “suppurating wound.” In the LXX *helkos* is used of the boils that befell the Egyptians (Ex. 9:9, 10,) of a “botch” that could not be healed (Deut. 28:27), and of the boils that came upon Job (Job 2:7). **Noisome and grievous** means “painful and severe” or “troublesome and annoying.”

- These [seven last] plagues are not universal, or the inhabitants of the earth would be wholly cut off. Yet they will be the most awful scourges that have ever been known to mortals. All the judgments upon men, prior to the close of probation, have been mingled with mercy. The pleading blood of Christ has shielded the sinner from receiving the full measure of his guilt; but in the final judgment, wrath is poured out unmixed with mercy. (*GC 628.2*)

The nations are now getting angry, but when our High Priest has finished His work in the sanctuary, He will stand up, put on the garments of vengeance, and then the seven last plagues will be poured out.

(Christian Experience & Teachings of Ellen G. White 100.2)

I saw that the four angels would hold the four winds until Jesus' work was done in the sanctuary, and then will come the seven last plagues. These plagues enraged the wicked against the righteous; they thought that we had brought the judgments of God upon them, and that if they could rid the earth of us, the plagues would then be stayed. (*CET* 100.3)

A decree went forth to slay the saints, which caused them to cry day and night for deliverance. This was the time of Jacob's trouble. Then all the saints cried out with anguish of spirit, and were delivered by the voice of God. The one hundred and forty-four thousand triumphed. Their faces were lighted up with the glory of God. (*CET* 100.3)

Our own course of action will determine whether we shall receive the seal of the living God, or be cut down by the destroying weapons. Already a few drops of God's wrath have fallen upon the earth; but when the seven last plagues shall be poured out without mixture into the cup of His indignation, then it will be forever too late to repent, and find shelter. No atoning blood will then wash away the stains of sin. (*CET* 187.3)

When this time of trouble comes, every case is decided;
there is no longer probation, no longer mercy for the
impenitent. The seal of the living God is upon His people.

(CET 187.4)

This small remnant, unable to defend themselves in the deadly conflict with the powers of earth that are marshaled by the dragon host, **make God their defense.**

The decree has been passed by the highest earthly authority that they shall worship the beast and receive his mark under pain of persecution and death. May God help His people now, for what can they then do in such a fearful conflict without His assistance! (*CET* 188.1)

The Lord shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your
peace. (Exodus 14:14)

And it came to pass, that in the morning watch the Lord looked unto the host of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and of the cloud, and troubled the host of the Egyptians, **And took off their chariot wheels**, that they drave them heavily: so that the Egyptians said, Let us flee from the face of Israel; for the Lord fighteth for them against the Egyptians. And the Lord said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand over the sea, that the waters may come again upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen. And Moses stretched forth his hand over the sea, and the **sea returned to his strength** when the morning appeared; and the Egyptians fled against it; and **the Lord overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea.** (Exodus 14:24–27)

Then sang Moses and the children of Israel this song unto the Lord, and spake, saying, I will sing unto the Lord, for he hath triumphed gloriously: The horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea. The Lord *is* my strength and song, And he is become my salvation: He *is* my God, and I will prepare him an habitation; My father's God, and I will exalt him.

(Exodus 15:1–2)

And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous *are* thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true *are* thy ways, thou King of saints. (Revelation 15:3)

Upon the crystal sea before the throne, that sea of glass as it were mingled with fire,—so resplendent is it with the glory of God,—are gathered the company that have “gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name.” [Revelation 15:2.]

With the Lamb upon Mount Zion, “having the harps of God,” they stand, **the hundred and forty and four thousand** that were redeemed from among men; and there is heard, as the sound of many waters, and as the sound of a great thunder, “the voice of harpers harping with their harps.”

[Revelation 14:1–5; 15:3; 7:14–17] (*GC88* 648.3)

And they sing “a new song” before the throne, **a song which no man can learn save the hundred and forty and four thousand.** It is the song of Moses and the Lamb,—a song of deliverance. None but the hundred and forty-four thousand can learn that song; for it is the song of their experience,—an experience such as no other company have ever had. (*GC88 648.3*)

“These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth.” These, having been **translated** from the earth, from among the living, are counted as “the first-fruits unto God and to the Lamb.” “These are they which came out of great tribulation;” [Revelation 14:1–5; 15:3; Revelation 7:14–17.] they have passed through the time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation; they have endured the anguish of the time of Jacob’s trouble; they have stood **without an intercessor** through the final outpouring of God’s judgments. (*GC88* 648.3)

But they have been delivered, for they have “washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.” “In their mouth was found no guile; for they are without fault” before God. “Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.” [Revelation 14:1–5; 15:3; Revelation 7:14–17.] (*GC88* 648.3)

They have seen the earth wasted with famine and pestilence, the sun having power to scorch men with great heat, and they themselves have endured suffering, hunger, and thirst. But “they shall hunger no more; neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat; for the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters; and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.”

[Revelation 14:1–5; 15:3; 7:14–17.] (*GC88* 648.3)

Courage, fortitude, faith, and implicit trust in God's power to save, do not come in a moment. These heavenly graces are acquired by the experience of years. By a life of holy endeavor and firm adherence to the right, the children of God were sealing their destiny. Beset with temptations without number, they knew they must resist firmly or be conquered. They felt that they had a great work to do, and at any hour they might be called to lay off their armor; and should they come to the close of life with their work undone, it would be an eternal loss. (*CET* 188.2)

They [the small remnant] eagerly accepted the light from Heaven, as did the first disciples from the lips of Jesus. When those early Christians were exiled to mountains and deserts, when left in dungeons to die with hunger, cold, and torture, when martyrdom seemed the only way out of their distress, they rejoiced that they were counted worthy to suffer for Christ, who was crucified for them. **Their worthy example** will be a comfort and encouragement to the people of God who will be brought into the time of trouble such as never was. (*CET* 188.2)

Not all who profess to keep the Sabbath will be sealed. There are many even among those who teach the truth to others who will not receive the seal of God in their foreheads. They had the light of truth, they knew their Master's will, they understood every point of our faith, but they had not corresponding works. These who were so familiar with prophecy and the treasures of divine wisdom, should have acted their faith. They should have commanded their households after them, that by a well-ordered family they might present to the world the influence of the truth upon the human heart. (*CET* 189.1)

Not one of us will ever receive the seal of God while our characters have one spot or stain upon them. It is left with us to remedy the defects in our characters, to cleanse the soul-temple of every defilement. Then the latter rain will fall upon us as the early rain fell upon the disciples on the day of Pentecost. (*CET* 189.2)

In this life we must meet fiery trials and make costly sacrifices, but the peace of Christ is the reward. There has been so little self-denial, so little suffering for Christ's sake, that the cross is almost entirely forgotten. We must be partakers with Christ of His sufferings, if we would sit down in triumph with Him on His throne. So long as we choose the easy path of self-indulgence, and are frightened at self-denial, our faith will never become firm, and we cannot know the peace of Jesus, nor the joy that comes through conscious victory. (*CET* 189.4)

The most exalted of the redeemed host that stand before the throne of God and the Lamb, clad in white, know the conflict of overcoming, for they have come up through great tribulation. Those who have yielded to circumstances rather than engage in this conflict, will not know how to stand in that day when anguish will be upon every soul, when, though Noah, Job, and Daniel were in the land, they could save neither son nor daughter, for everyone must deliver his soul by his own righteousness. (CET 189.4)

It is now that we must keep ourselves and our children unspotted from the world. It is now that we must wash our robes of character and make them white in the blood of the Lamb. It is now that we must overcome pride, passion, and spiritual slothfulness. It is now that we must awake, and make determined effort for symmetry of character. “Today if ye will hear His voice, harden not your hearts.” Hebrews 4:7. (*CET* 190.3)

We are in a most trying position, waiting, watching for our Lord's appearing. The world is in darkness. "But ye, brethren," says Paul, "are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief." 1 Thessalonians 5:4. **It is ever God's purpose to bring light out of darkness, joy out of sorrow, and rest out of weariness, for the waiting, longing soul. (CET 190.3)**

THE CHASE



Exodus 14 narrates the deliverance of the Israelites at the Red Sea and the destruction of Pharaoh and the Egyptian army.

Then the magicians said unto Pharaoh, This *is* the finger of God: and Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he hearkened not unto them; as the Lord had said.

(Exodus 8:19)

And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, that he shall follow after them . . . (Exodus 14:4)

And the Lord hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt . . . (Exodus 14:8)

It is unsafe to cherish doubt in the heart even for a **moment**. The seeds of doubt which Pharaoh sowed when he rejected the first miracle were allowed to grow, and they produced such an abundant harvest that all subsequent miracles could not persuade him that his position was wrong. He continued to venture on in his own course, going from one degree of questioning to another, and his heart became more and more **hardened** until he was called to look upon the cold, dead faces of the first-born. (*5T* 274.2)

EXODUS 14:3, 5-18

- And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the Lord caused the sea to go *back* by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea dry *land*, and the waters were divided. And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry *ground*: and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left. (Exodus 14:21-22)



EXODUS 14:23-31



And Moses said unto the people, **Fear ye not, stand still,** and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will shew to you to day: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to day, ye shall see them again no more for ever. **The Lord shall fight for you,** and ye shall hold your peace. (Exodus 14:13–14)