

THE SEVEN LAST PLAGUES

Egypt and the Death of Jesus

Vs#	Plague Type	Egypt (judgments on the gods & Passover)	Death of Christ	Meaning: Judgments on the Legal Gods
15:7	Seven bowls of divine wrath		Jesus drank the cup (Matt 26:39, 42)	
2	Foul and evil sores	Plague 6: boils (Ex 9:8-12)	They struck him and slapped him (Matt 26:67)	Brutalization result of legal view; body; externals
3	Sea becomes blood	Plague 2: Nile becomes blood (Ex. 7:14-24)	They scourged him (Matt. 27:26) "His blood be on us and on our children" (Matt 27:25).	Hemaioloty: worship of Jesus' blood as though literal and appeasement
4	Rivers and fountains become blood	Plague 2: the wells of water become blood	Nails in hands and feet; Jesus' side is pierced	Jesus' blood as magic: legal means of forgiveness
6	Deserve blood to drink	Passover Lamb celebrated kosher	Jesus given wine-gall to drink (Matt. 27:34)	Drinking blood literally (John 6)
8	Sun scorches men with fire		Jesus says, "I'm thirsty" (John 19:28)	Sun anciently represented god of justice (Shamash)
10	Kingdom of Beast thrown into darkness	Plague 9: Darkness (Ex. 10:21-29)	Darkness envelops the cross	Minds become totally darkened with error
12	Euphrates River dries up preparing way for kings from the east	Red Sea opened?	Jesus' side is pierced: two streams of water and blood	Euphrates River viewed as god of judgment; allusion to Cyrus the Great; real justice disappears when legal justice is in control
13-14	Frogs from dragon, beast and false prophet perform signs to assemble kings of the world	Plague 3: frogs	Three persons led to the friendly assembling of Pilate and Herod: Annas, Caiaphas, and Judas	A legal religion always leaves a vacuum in which spiritualism may enter
16	Battle of Armageddon	Pharaoh decides	Judgment of Jews; Jesus' decision: "Father, into Your hands, I commit my spirit"	Har Megiddo: Mt. Carmel and Elijah—the moment to decide
17	Loud voice from temple: "It is finished!"	Pharaoh lets the people go upon the death of the firstborn	Jesus cried with a loud voice: "It is finished!"	Everyone has made up his/her mind about which view of Jesus' death to hold
18	Lightning Voices Thunder Great Earthquake		Lightning Earthquake	All nature turns out of order; chaos is the result
19	City Split into 3 Parts Parallel to 3 frogs		Temple image: veil rent Jerusalem comprised of three factions: Sadducees (priests); Pharisees, Radicals	The legal view of atonement comes to an end: the people recognize its failure
7c	All islands disappear No mountains left		Jesus death brought justice to all: no one rules (mountains) and no one is excluded (islands) (Eph. 2:13-22)	Chaos ensues: the two balances of the legal model, individualism and kingly power, that keep superficial order are at an end.
7d	Giant hailstones fall	Plague 7: Hail destroys cattle (Ex. 9:13-35)	Jerusalem falls to Titus' armies in A.D. 70	The world is left cold and dark: devoid of the love of God

NOTE: The events of Jesus' death are not in order here, but neither are the plagues of Egypt!

The plagues of Egypt left out are #4 Gnats; #5 Flies; #8 Locusts. #1 serpents could be included here, but there may be a subtle illusion to this in the frog coming from the Dragon, which in Rev. 12 is "that ancient serpent." In total, only a little over half of the Egyptian plagues are represented by the final plagues.