

Study Guide for May 19, 2013. The Darkness Deepens. Exodus 10:1-29

Introduction: What have you observed a scene of wide scale destruction? How did it impact you?

I. Locusts: Ex. 10:1-20:

- A. Summarize the purposes God reveals to Moses for his hardening of Egyptian hearts. (vs. 1-2)
- B. Through Moses and Aaron, God warns Pharaoh (vs. 3-6) what will happen with this plague.
 - 1) Describe Pharaoh's attitude:
 - 2) Describe the predicted extent and the effect of the locust invasion:
 - 3) What role do locusts play in ... a) Deut. 28:38,42: b) II Chron. 7:13: c) Joel 1:2-12:
- C. How do Pharaoh's officials respond after Moses departs (vs. 7)? How do they advise Pharaoh?
- D. What do you make of Pharaoh's proposal (vs. 8), blessing (vs.10), and final answer (vs.11)?
- E. What does God instruct Moses (vs. 12)? What does God use? What is the final result?
Note the use of the "East wind" at Ex. 14:21. What conclusion can you draw from this parallel?
- F. What do you make of Pharaoh's "confession" (vs. 16-17) and the Lord's response (vs. 18-20)?
Where are the locusts driven? How thorough is the removal? Why is this important

II. Darkness: Ex. 10:21-29:

- A. What does God command Moses to do? (Note: no warning with this plague as with #'s 3 & 6)
- B. How is the darkness described? (See vs. 21-23) How long does it persist?
- C. "The Plague of darkness would have been regarded as the humiliation of the sun god. . . A plague of three days of darkness would surely have been taken by the Egyptians as . . . the triumph of demonic and chaotic powers, and as portent of incipient horrors." (Sarna pg. 79)
- D. How will "darkness" be used at . . . Ex. 11:4: Ex. 12:12, 29-31, 42: Ex. 14:20-21:
- E. Evaluate Pharaoh's concession in light of his earlier statements. (See Ex. 8:8, 10:8-11)
- F. What does Moses insist upon? Why? Describe Moses' attitude here.
- G. Taken together, what do these plagues point to? What are the lessons for us today?