



Why do we need
The Armor of God?

Ephesians 6:10-18

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The Four 10's

10 Plagues (1st set of 10)

- The first three impacted both the children of Israel and the Egyptians
 1. Blood - Ex 7 we read that all the water turned to blood and that the fish died and the river Nile didn't smell very good.
 2. Frogs - Ex 8 we see how frogs came into the houses, bedchamber, ovens, beds, and kneading-troughs and how when they died, there were heaps of frogs and the land stunk
 3. Lice - Ex 8 God made the dust of the earth to become lice that came upon the people and beast of the field

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- Distinction between the Egyptians and Israelites.
 4. Flies - Ex 8 God sent a swarm of flies upon the Egyptians (in homes and on the ground).
 5. Mourning of cattle - Ex 9 we read how God killed Egyptian livestock
 6. Boils - Ex 9 Moses threw Ash into the air and all man/beasts of Egypt broke out in boils, grievous sores.
 7. Hail and fire in Ex 9 killed both man and beast and smote all herbs and trees
 8. Locust - Ex 10 we see how God sent locust so thick that the land was darkened. They consumed every herb and fruit remaining from the hail, there was not any green thing left.
 9. Darkness - Towards the end of Ex 10 we read how thick darkness came upon only Egypt for 3 straight days so that the Egyptians couldn't see each other.
 10. Lastly, in Ex 11/12, the death of first born was to impact Egypt if the Israelites would put the blood on their lintel and the two side-posts.

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6 Very Special Events

1. Ex 13:21 - “And Jehovah went before them by day in a **pillar of cloud**, to lead them the way, and by night in a **pillar of fire**, to give them light, ...”
2. Ex 14 - God kept Egypt's army at bay and split the Red Sea
3. Ex 15 - The bitter waters of Marah were made sweet
4. Ex 16 - God provides manna and quail for the children of Israel
5. Ex 17:6 - The rock at Horeb produced water for Israel after it was struck
6. Ex 17:11-12 Battle against Amalek - As long as Moses lifted the rod Israel prevailed

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10 Commandments (2nd set of 10)

Exodus 20

- Don't put any other gods or graven images before Jehovah
- Don't take the name of Jehovah in vain
- Remember of the Sabbath
- Honor thy parents
- Don't kill, commit adultery, steal, bear false witness, or covet

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10 Spies (3rd set of 10)

Numbers 13:31-33 “But the men that went up with him said, We be not able to go up against the people; for they [are] stronger than we. 32 And they brought up an evil report of the land which they had searched unto the children of Israel, saying, The land, through which we have gone to search it, [is] a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof; and all the people that we saw in it [are] men of a great stature. 33 And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, [which come] of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.”

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10 Transgressions (4th set of 10)

Numbers 14:21-23 “but in very deed, as I live, and as all the earth shall be filled with the glory of Jehovah; 22 because **all those men that have seen my glory, and my signs, which I wrought in Egypt and in the wilderness, yet have tempted me these ten times**, and have not hearkened to my voice; 23 surely they shall not see the land which I swear unto their fathers, neither shall any of them that despised me see it:

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10 Transgressions (4th set of 10)

1. Ex 14 Pharaoh comes after Israel - v12 "...For it were better for us to serve the Egyptians, than that we should die in the wilderness."
2. Ex 15: The bitter waters at Marah - v24 "And the people murmured (that is to complain) against Moses, saying, What shall we drink?"
3. Ex 16: 45 days after leaving Egypt as they were in the wilderness of Sin, v3 "for ye have brought us forth into this wilderness, to kill this whole assembly with hunger."
4. Ex 16: Given instruction on the manna: v19 "And Moses said, Let no man leave of it till the morning. 20 Notwithstanding they hearkened not unto Moses;"
5. Ex 16: Rules regarding manna on the sabbath - v27 "And it came to pass, [that] there went out [some] of the people on the seventh day for to gather, and they found none"

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6. Ex 17: In the land of Rephidim they had no water, v3 "...Wherefore hast thou brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our cattle with thirst?"
7. Ex 32-34 We all remember the Idolatry committed at Mt Sinai where Aaron made the golden calf
8. Num 11:1-3 After Mt. Sinai, just 3 days (10:34) the people complained God sent fire to consume those outside the camp.
9. Num 11:4-35 Lusted after food other than manna, God sent quail in abundance and then sent plagues killing many
10. Num 13 and 14: Wilderness of Paran (on the boarder of Canaan) the 10 spies that don't rely upon God, begin to elect a captain to return to Egypt, sought to kill Joshua and Caleb

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The life of Peter

- Peter in Matthew 14:28-29 left the boat to **walk on the water** like Jesus
- **Peter professes** that “Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. Matthew 16:16
- Jesus proclaims that Peter is given the **keys to the Kingdom** Matthew 16:19
- Peter draws his sword and **cuts the ear** of the high priest’s servant. John 18:10
- In Luke 5 when Jesus teaches the multitude from Peter’s boat, he tells Peter to cast his net. Peter obeyed and their nets filled two boats. Peter responded in v8 “...when he saw it, fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord.”
- In Acts 4, after the death of Christ it was Peter and John being questioned and threatened. Peter boldly states in v10 “be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, *even* in him doth this man stand here before you whole.”

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The life of Peter

- Peter was rebuked Jesus in *Matthew 16:22* for talking about his death and Jesus responded, “Get behind me Satan.”
 - This was right after his proclamation that Jesus was Christ the son of the living God and the praise that Jesus had for him
- Peter in *Galatians 2:11-14* was a hypocrite and wouldn't eat with the Gentiles when the Jews came around. It took Paul directly and publicly rebuking him.
- *John 18:13-27* Peter denied Christ three times where in *John 13:37* he said that he would lay down his life for Christ.
 - We saw him at the betrayal take out his sword to fight. But in the court area, he did deny Christ and wept for his sin.

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Ephesians 6:11 “Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.”

- “...stand against the wiles of Satan”
 - cunning arts, deceit, craft, and trickery
- verse 12 “wrestle”
- verse 17 “and the sword of the Spirit”

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Consider:

- Adam and Eve
- The thoughts of man before the flood
- The tower of Babel after the flood
- Ananias and Sapphira
- David and Bathsheba
- Uzzah the priest 2 Sam 6:7
- Pharisees and their hypocrisy

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Joshua 24:15 “And if it seem evil unto you to serve Jehovah, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve Jehovah.”

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Choose a different path

- God's ways are foolishness to the world
 - 1 Corinthians 1:25, 27 "Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness (feeble) of God is stronger than men. ... 27 but God chose the foolish things of the world, that he might put to shame them that are wise; and God chose the weak things of the world, that he might put to shame the things that are strong;"
- 2 Timothy 3:12 "Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus **shall suffer persecution.**"
- Titus 2:14 "Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a **peculiar** people, zealous of good works."

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Ephesians 6:18 “praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints”

- Matthew 26:40-44 “Then He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, “What? Could you not watch with Me one hour? 41 “Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed [is] willing, but the flesh [is] weak.” 42 Again, a second time, He went away and prayed, saying, “O My Father, if this cup cannot pass away from Me unless I drink it, Your will be done.” 43 And He came and found them asleep again, for their eyes were heavy. 44 So He left them, went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words.”

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Ephesians 6:13-18 “Therefore take up the **whole armor of God**, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. 14 Stand therefore, having **girded your waist with truth**, having put on the **breastplate of righteousness**, 15 and having shod your **feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace**; 16 above all, taking the **shield of faith** with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. 17 And take the **helmet of salvation**, and the **sword of the Spirit**, which is the word of God; 18 **praying always** with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints--