

iii. Divine means of deliverance (5-13)

a. Plagues (5-11)

1) Exodus 5

- i) Moses and Aaron go to see Pharaoh and tell him to let the people of Israel go.
- ii) What does Pharaoh say?
 - a) "Who is the Lord that I should obey him and let Israel go? I do not know the Lord and I will not let Israel go."
 - b) Those words would come back to haunt Pharaoh.
- iii) Pharaoh drew the conclusion that the Israelites were lazy.
 - a) He said, "If they have got time to go out on a three day journey to sacrifice to their God, they can do more work for me."
 - b) So he says, "I have been providing the straw for them to make the brick. Well, if they have go so much time, they can get their own straw, but they still have to produce the same number of bricks. The quotas aren't going to change."
 - c) They were to go out and get straw and they were made to produce the same number of bricks.
 - d) The Israelite foremen were responsible for them to do it.
 - e) If the Israelite foremen didn't produce, they were beaten.
- iv) The foremen go to Pharaoh and ask why he is doing this.
 - a) Pharaoh says, "Because you are lazy. If you've got time to worship your God, you've got time to do more work."
- v) So they go back to Moses and say, "Moses, You've made things worse for us. Things were bad enough before, but they are terrible now."
- vi) Moses then goes to the Lord and says, "Lord, is this why you sent me to make things worse for Israel?"
- vii) The Lord says, "Take it easy Moses. I want you to watch. You will see what I will do to Pharaoh and when I finish Pharaoh, he will not only let the people go, but he'll drive them out."

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2) Exodus 6

- i) The Lord wants Moses to go give a message to the people of Israel.
- ii) The Lord says, "Now before I have been known to the people of Israel as God Almighty and I've made a covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. And I am going to give them so ^{we'll} many descendants that they ~~haven't~~ ^{haven't} been able to count them."