



The Plagues of Egypt- Blood

The Pastor 's Bible Study-Wednesday September 29, 2021-
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Homework Review



1

What did God mean when He told Moses that he would make him a god to Pharaoh?

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What does the Bible mean when it says God will harden Pharaoh's heart?

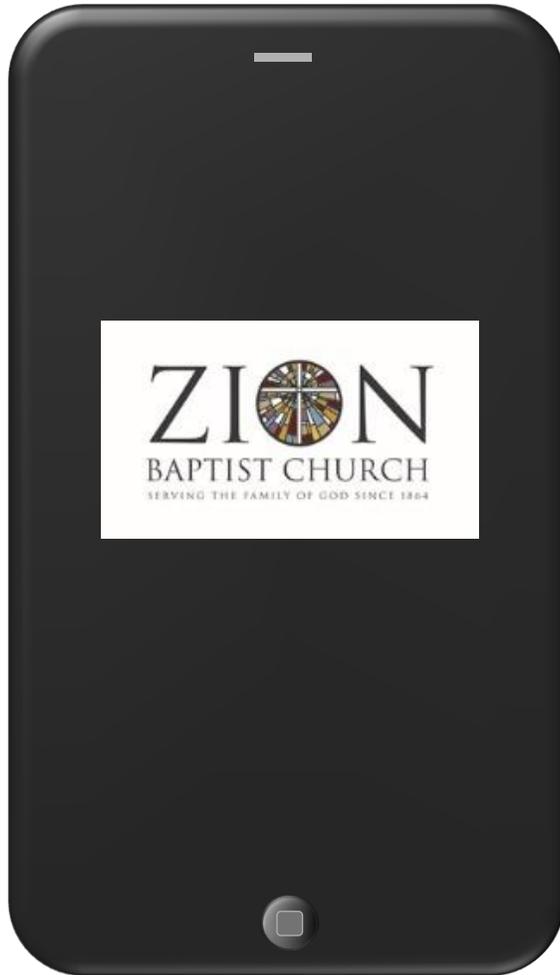
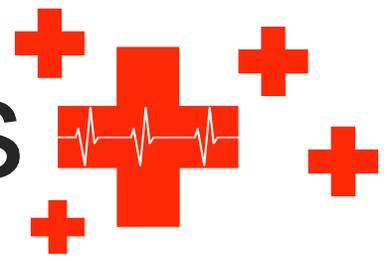
3

How old were Moses and Aaron when God sent them to Pharaoh? What do you think the significance of their age was, if any?

4

Why were the magicians able to perform the same miracles as Aaron did with his staff?

An illustration of the Ten Plagues





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The First Plague: Waters Become Blood

¹⁴ So the LORD said to Moses: “Pharaoh’s heart *is* hard; he refuses to let the people go. ¹⁵ Go to Pharaoh in the morning, when he goes out to the water, and you shall stand by the river’s bank to meet him; and the rod which was turned to a serpent you shall take in your hand. ¹⁶ And you shall say to him, ‘The LORD God of the Hebrews has sent me to you, saying, “Let My people go, that they may serve Me in the wilderness”; but indeed, until now you would not hear! ¹⁷ Thus says the LORD: “By this you shall know that I *am* the LORD. Behold, I will strike the waters which *are* in the river with the rod that *is* in my hand, and they shall be turned to blood. ¹⁸ And the fish that *are* in the river shall die, the river shall stink, and the Egyptians will loathe to drink the water of the river.” ’ ”

¹⁹ Then the LORD spoke to Moses, “Say to Aaron, ‘Take your rod and stretch out your hand over the waters of Egypt, over their streams, over their rivers, over their ponds, and over all their pools of water, that they may become blood. And there shall be blood throughout all the land of Egypt, both in *buckets of wood* and *pitchers of stone*.’ ”

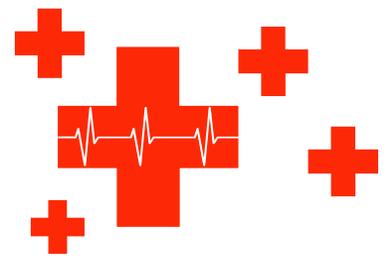
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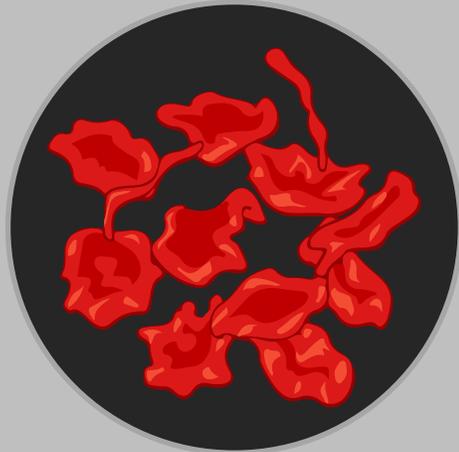
The First Plague: Waters Become Blood (Continued)

²⁰ And Moses and Aaron did so, just as the LORD commanded. So he lifted up the rod and struck the waters that *were* in the river, in the sight of Pharaoh and in the sight of his servants. And all the waters that *were* in the river were turned to blood. ²¹ The fish that *were* in the river died, the river stank, and the Egyptians could not drink the water of the river. So there was blood throughout all the land of Egypt. ²² Then the magicians of Egypt did so with their [\[1\]](#)enchantments; and Pharaoh's heart grew hard, and he did not heed them, as the LORD had said. ²³ And Pharaoh turned and went into his house. Neither was his heart moved by this. ²⁴ So all the Egyptians dug all around the river for water to drink, because they could not drink the water of the river. ²⁵ And seven days passed after the LORD had struck the river.

Significance of “Blood” in the Bible

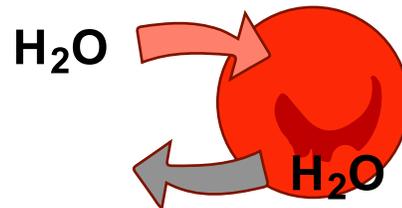
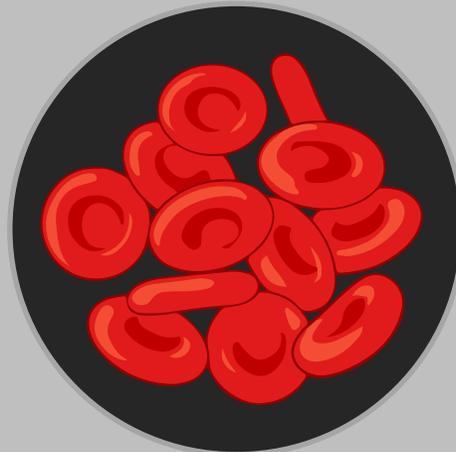


Life



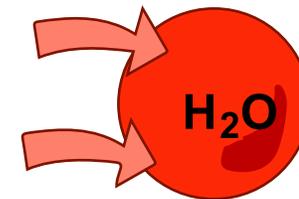
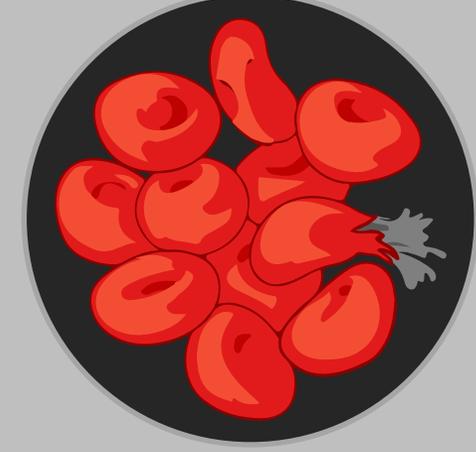
Blood represents life
(physical and spiritual)

Sacred



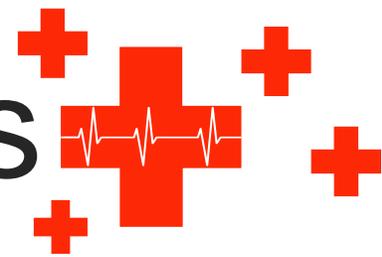
Blood is sacred and requires
accountability, justice, and
equal treatment based on
God’s standard

Appointed



Blood is divinely appointed and
accounted for

Blood Scriptural References



Genesis 9:4-7

⁴ But you shall not eat flesh with its life, *that is*, its blood. ⁵ Surely for your lifeblood I will demand a *reckoning*; from the hand of every beast I will require it, and from the hand of man. From the hand of every man's brother I will require the life of man. ⁶ "Whoever sheds man's blood, By man his blood shall be shed; For in the image of God He made man. ⁷ And as for you, be fruitful and multiply; Bring forth abundantly in the earth And multiply in it."

Genesis 4:8-12

⁸ Now Cain talked with Abel his brother; and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him. ⁹ Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where *is* Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know. *Am I* my brother's keeper?" ¹⁰ And He said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood cries out to Me from the ground. ¹¹ So now you *are* cursed from the earth, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. ¹² When you till the ground, it shall no longer yield its strength to you. A fugitive and a vagabond you shall be on the earth."

Acts 17:23(b)-28

TO THE UNKNOWN GOD.

Therefore, the One whom you worship without knowing, Him I proclaim to you: ²⁴ God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. ²⁵ Nor is He worshiped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things. ²⁶ And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, ²⁷ so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; ²⁸ for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, 'For we are also His offspring.'

Exodus 20:13

¹³ "You shall not murder.

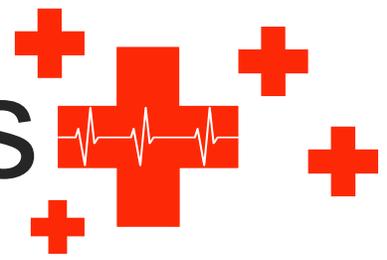
I John 5:6-8

The Certainty of God's Witness

⁶ This is He who came by water and blood— Jesus Christ; not only by water, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is truth. ⁷ For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one. ⁸ And there are three that bear witness on earth: the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree as one.



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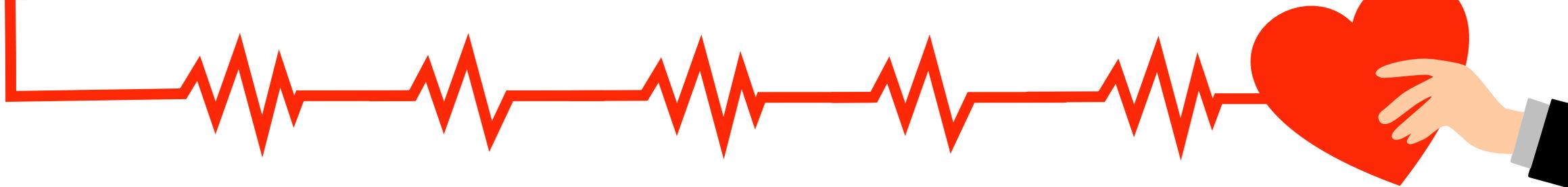


Romans 6:23

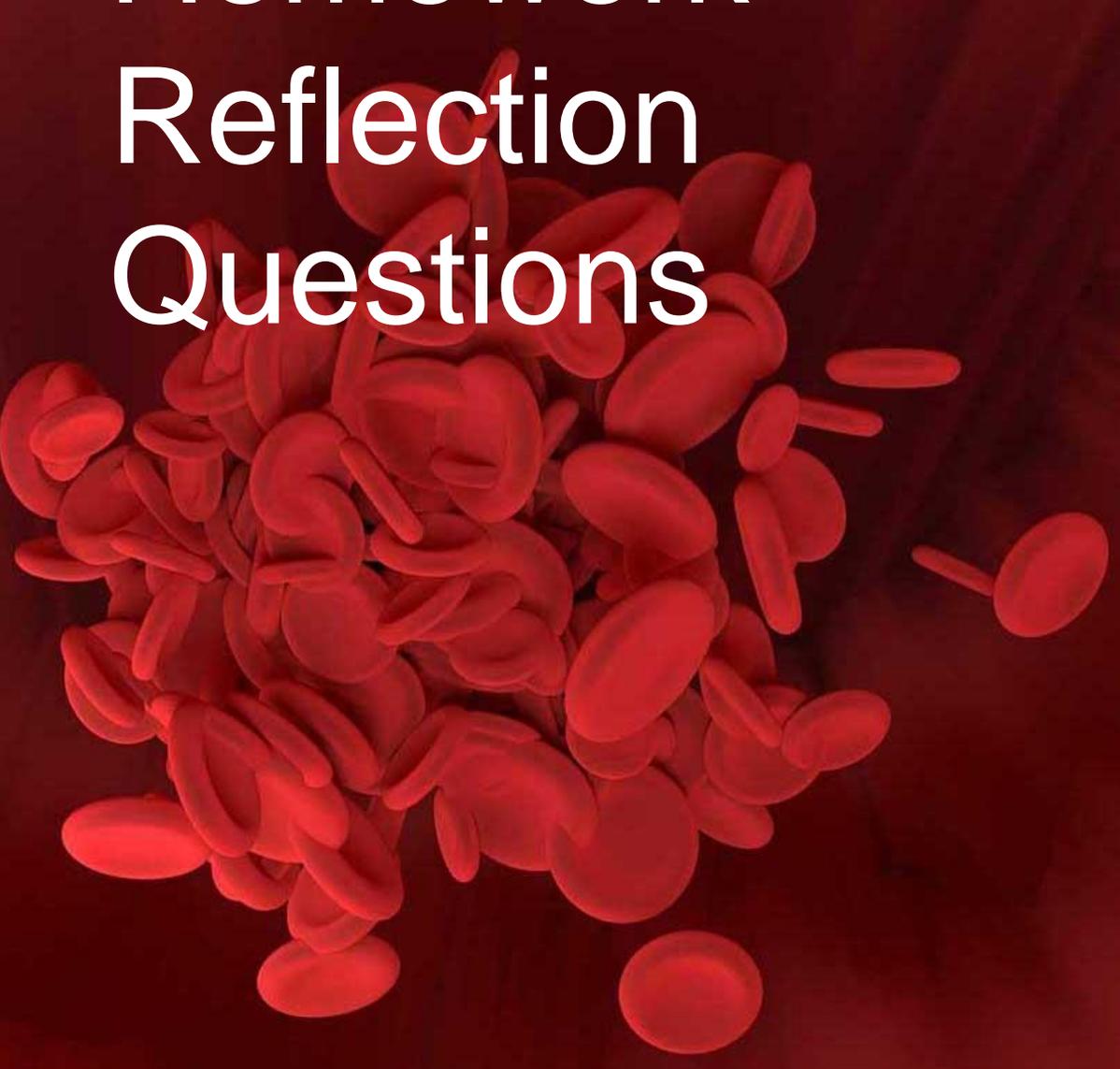
²³ For the wages of sin *is* death, but the gift of God *is* eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord..

Romans 5:8-9

⁸ But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.



Homework Reflection Questions



1

What parallels can be drawn between the lack of justice for the Hebrews during biblical times and people in contemporary times?

2

Do you feel there is real accountability for the blood that is shed in many of our communities? Why or why not?

3

How can believers strive to help those in power be more accountable for the lives of people and the overall sanctity of life?