



Spiritual
Lessons from
the life of
Moses

Lesson 4- The
Ten plagues

Exodus 7-10

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(1) Moses and Aaron went to see Pharaoh for the release of the Israelites.

(2) Watch video Chap 7, Bible Movie app:

<https://biblemovie.subspla.sh/74c5b1b>

Watch video Chap 8, Bible Movie app [skip]:

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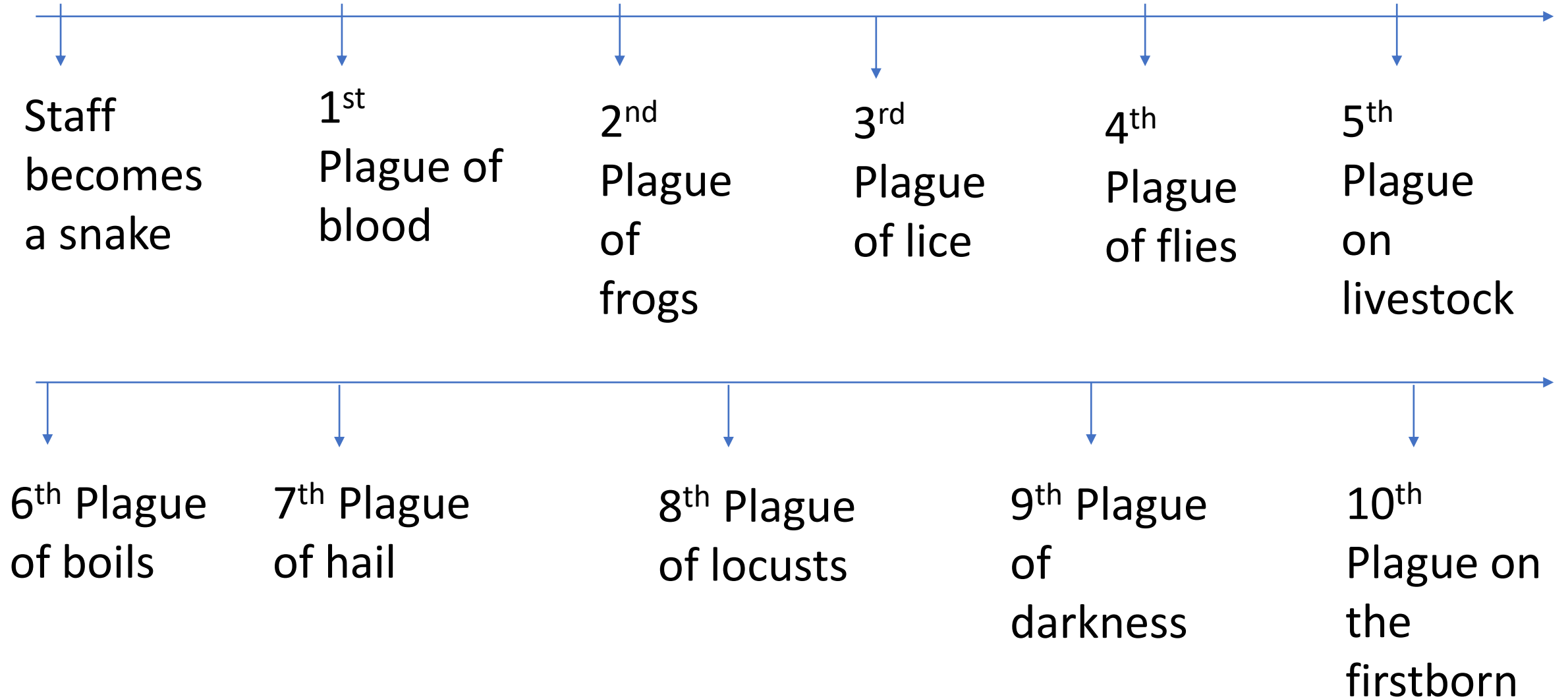
Watch video Chap 10. Bible Movie app:

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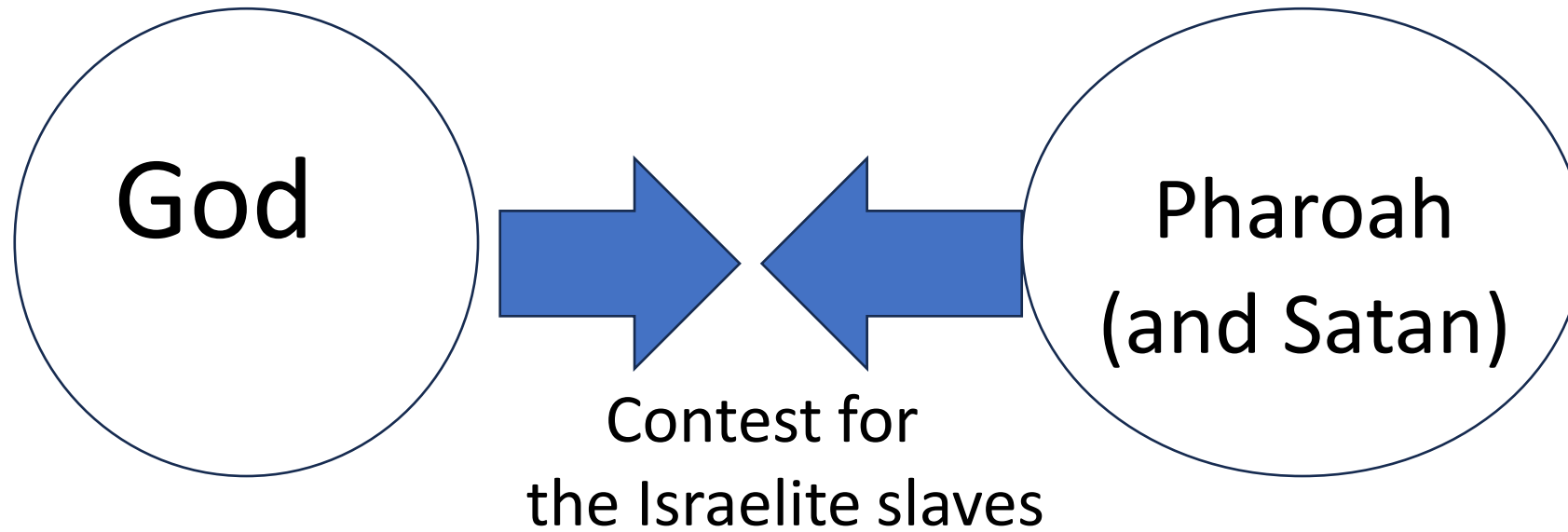
Watch the videos with discernment as parts may be inaccurate.

Question: From the video, what are some of the negative characteristics of Pharaoh? (eg. Stubborn)

(4) Timeline for God's 10 plagues



- There was a contest between God and Pharoah (and Satan).



- In the end, needless to say, God won.
- In our lives, we also encounter contest between righteousness (God) and evil (Satan).

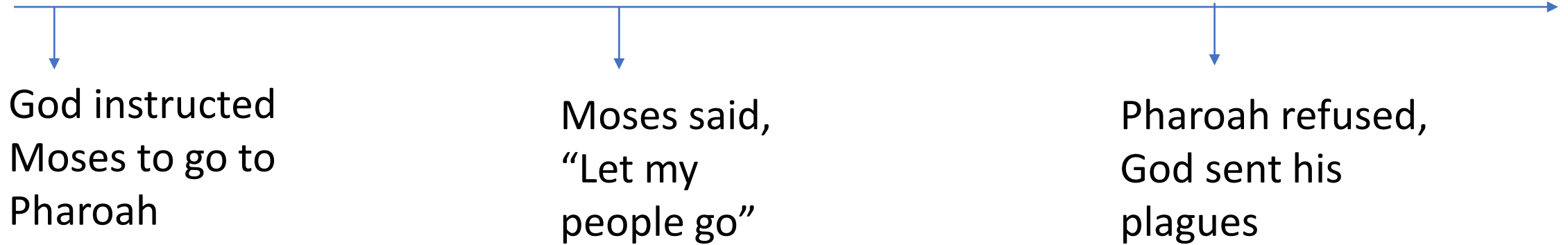
- Some biblical interpreters see the Ten Plagues as directed against ten Egyptian gods, effectively embarrassing and defeating them.

<i>Nile to blood</i>	Hapi (also called Apis), the bull god, god of the Nile; Isis , goddess of the Nile; Khnum , ram god, guardian of the Nile; others
<i>Frogs</i>	Heqet , goddess of birth, with a frog head
<i>Lice</i>	Set , god of the desert storms
<i>Flies</i>	Re , a sun god; Uatchit , possibly represented by the fly
<i>Death of livestock</i>	Hathor , goddess with a cow head; Apis, the bull god, symbol of fertility

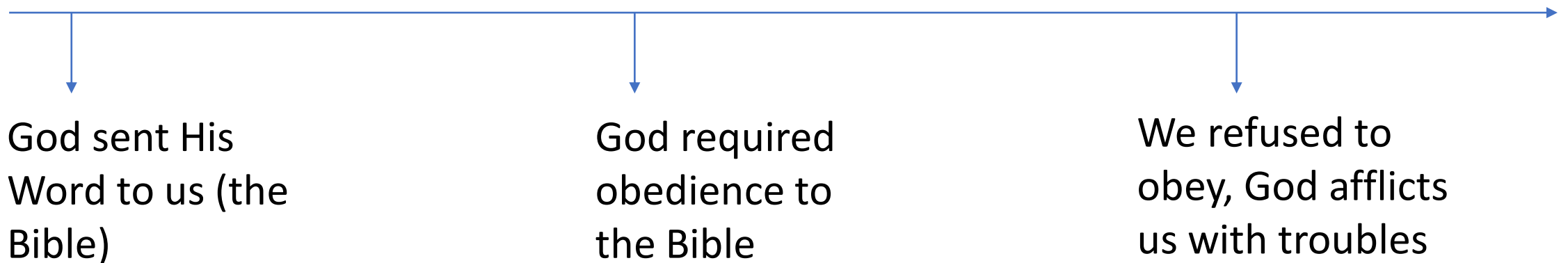
<i>Boils</i>	Sekhmet , goddess with power over disease; Sunu , the pestilence god; Isis , healing goddess
<i>Hail</i>	Nut , the sky goddess; Osiris , god of the crops and fertility; Set , god of the desert storms
<i>Locusts</i>	Nut , the sky goddess; Osiris , god of the crops and fertility
<i>Darkness</i>	Re , the sun god; Horus , a sun god; Nut , a sky goddess; Hathor , a sky goddess
<i>Death of firstborn</i>	Min , god of reproduction; Heqet , goddess who attended women at childbirth; Isis , goddess who protected children; Pharaoh's firstborn son considered a god

(5) Spiritual Lessons: Some of us behave like Pharaoh

(a) Pharaoh's stubbornness



(b) Humans' stubbornness



(e) In what ways are we disobedient? Some common sins to guard against:

(i) Lies (including 'white lies') - <https://apologeticspress.org/did-god-approve-of-rahabs-lie-5437/>

(ii) Pride

(iii) Hatred and unforgiveness

(iv) Greed & materialism

(v) Lust

(vi) Selfishness

(vii) Jealousy

(viii) Etc...

(f) What if we continue to disobey?

Psalm 66

18 If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me:

Psalm 34

15 *The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry.*

16 *The face of the Lord is against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.*

17 *The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.*

(g) If the Lord turns against us for our sin and disobedience, we may face:

(i) Troubles in our lives

(ii) Health issues

(iii) Adversities

(iv) God doesn't answer our prayers

(h) The Lord punishes us because He loves us as a father loves his son.

Hebrews 12

⁶ For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

(i) Why did God hardened Pharaoh's heart? (Exodus 9:12; 10:1, 20, 27; 11:10; 14:4, 8, 17)

Exod 10:1-2:

***10** And the LORD said unto Moses, Go in unto Pharaoh: for I have hardened his heart, and the heart of his servants, that I might shew these my signs before him:*

² And that thou mayest tell in the ears of thy son, and of thy son's son, what things I have wrought in Egypt, and my signs which I have done among them; that ye may know how that I am the LORD.

- Due to God's hardening of Pharaoh's heart, there was waiting time and anxiety before the Israelites were rescued:
 - The Amorites were not deserving of judgment until their wickedness have reached its full measure (Gen 15:16), and
 - Judgement of the 10 plagues
- The waiting taught the Israelites to be patient and to wait upon the Lord. Similarly, we must be patient to wait upon the Lord with our problems:
 - Illness
 - Oppressive boss
 - Relationship problems in the family, colleagues and friends
 - Work problems


- While waiting upon the Lord, what we must do:

Psalm 34:15:

“¹⁵ The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry.”

- We should:
 - Do things pleasing to the Lord
 - Turn away from wickedness and evil

- We should not:
 - Give tit for tat in a conflict situation
 - Take revenge
 - Write anonymous poison pen letters against our superiors
 - Be distressed in our illness
 - Harbour wicked and evil thoughts

A photograph of a desert landscape. In the foreground, there is a large, dark, rectangular stone pedestal with a large, light-colored, rounded rock on top. A wooden signpost with a horizontal sign is visible to the left of the pedestal. The sign has the letters 'NIV' written on it. The background shows a vast, arid desert with sparse, dry vegetation under a blue sky with some clouds.

Even to your old age and gray hairs
I am he; I am he who will sustain you.
I have made you and I will carry you;
I will sustain you and I will rescue you.

ISAIAH 46:4

(vii) Isaiah 46:4:

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I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you.

- When He has heard our cry and helped us, we must thank Him and testify of His goodness to His glory:

Psalm 66:

¹⁶ Come and hear, all ye that fear God, and I will declare what he hath done for my soul.

¹⁷ I cried unto him with my mouth, and he was extolled with my tongue.

¹⁸ If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me:

¹⁹ But verily God hath heard me; he hath attended to the voice of my prayer.

²⁰ Blessed be God, which hath not turned away my prayer, nor his mercy from me.

(15) Discussion

If we want God to help us overcome a difficulty, how should we pray?