

That The World May Know: My Name

(Exodus 9:13-16)

Introduction.

In the business world name recognition is everything. In fact, some products have been so effective, so superior, or such a business leader, that their name has become almost interchangeable with the product.

Jacuzzi
Xerox
Coke

Prior to and immediately following the Eden episode, the world knew only one God –Yahwah or Jehovah. The further made moved away from Eden, the more plentiful became the false gods of the world. People group, after people group added layer after layer of man-made gods.

In order to distinguish Himself and to cause man to realize who the one true God is, Jehovah would often utilize or even cause a circumstance or event to occur in order that HIS superiority and his rightful place as the ONE TRUE GOD would be evidenced.

Some times these situations would be difficulty. Some times these situations would be rescue victory. Sometimes these situations would be miraculaous or unexplainable. Some times these situations would be simple, yet powerful.

Throughout the Scriptures there are a few situations in which God demonstrated his superiority and declared through his servant or by his own declaration that very truth. The Scripture would read something like, “that the world may know there is a God!”

Today, we begin a short series to examine those few, yet overt situations in which God obviously declared that the purpose was “that the world may know!

In the grand scheme of things, we understand that everything happens ultimately, “that the world may know”, however we will examine only the obvious and overt declaration of that truth found in the Scriptures.

Contextualize Exodus 9.

I. The Dire Circumstance of God's People

- A) The Salvation of Israel (Exodus 1:6-7)
- B) The Oppression of Israel (Exodus 1:8-14)
- C) The Persecution of Israel (Exodus 1:15-16)

II. The Demonstration of God's Power (3:7, 5:1-2)

- A) Plague #1 – water to blood (7:16-18)
Hapi (god of the Nile)
- B) Plague #2 – frogs (8:1-14)
Heket (goddess of fertility, water, and renewal)(woman with a frog's head)
- C) Plague #3 – gnats/lice (8:16-18)
Geb – (god of the earth)
- D) Plague #4 – flies (8:20-21)
Uatchit (larve was the manifestation of the god Uatchit)
- E) Plague #5 – livestock plague (9:1-3)
Hathor (goddess of love and protection)
- F) Plague #6 – boils (9:8-10)
Serapis (god of healing), Imhotep (god of medicine)
- G) Plague #7 – hail (9:22-26)
Nut (goddess of the sky)
- H) Plague #8 – locust (10:3-6)
Seth (god of storms and disorder)
- I) Plague #9 – darkness (10:21-23)
Re (sun god)
- J) Plague # 10 – first born (11:4-6)
Pharoah (the ultimate God of Egypt)

III. The Declaration of God's Name

- A) Declare God's Reality
- B) Expose Man's Need for God
- C) Draw Men To God

Conclusion