

The Plague

The Model, How The Bible Reveals to stay the plague.

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- <u>Plagues Defined</u>: The Greek: *plege* (GSN-<<u>G4127></u>), in <u>Rev. 22:20</u> is translated "stripe" (<u>Lk. 12:48</u>; (<u>Lk. 12:48</u>; <u>Acts 16:23,33</u>; <u>2Cor. 6:5</u>; <u>11:23</u>); "wound" (<u>Lk. 10:30</u>; <u>Rev. 13:3,12,14</u>); and "plague" (<u>Rev. 9:18,20</u>; <u>11:6</u>; <u>15:1,6,8</u>; <u>16:9,21</u>; <u>18:4,8</u>; <u>21:9</u>; <u>22:18</u>).
- In the Bible 9 Hebrew and Greek words are translated "plague," meaning in general any calamity, sickness, disease, wound, scourge, stroke, or suffering. Famines, barrenness, boils, sicknesses, terror, failure in crops or business, oppression, destruction, poverty, wars, strifes, and many other human sufferings are considered plagues. See over 60 kinds of plagues listed in Lev. 26 and Dt. 28 alone.
- [plagues] Greek: mastix (GSN-G3148>), whips, scourges. Here it refers to the terrible plagues or scourges of Satan that were destroying the people (Mk. 5:29,34; Lk. 7:21). It is translated scourging (Acts 22:24; Heb. 11:36).

- Plague promised because of sin.
- Lev. 26, Dt. 28, Ps. 89:23

- Plague because of Sin.
- Num. 11:33, 14:37, 16:46-50, 25:8-18, 26:1
- Josh 22:17, 2 Sam 24:21, 25
- 1 Chr. 21:22, 2 Chr. 21:14, Ps. 106: 29-30
- Num. 17:12 Notes a [Behold, we die, we perish, we all perish] So many people died in the plague which was sent because of Korah's rebellion, and in other plagues directed by God from the tabernacle, that Israel was now terrified to approach the tabernacle (Num. 17:12-13). God therefore reassured the Levites of renewed blessings and gave laws for service in the tabernacle (Num. 18:1-32) which would protect the people from bearing any iniquity of the tabernacle. He gave the laws of the red heifer, which were laws of separation for all Israel, enabling them to be made clean so as to approach the tabernacle (Num. 19:1-22).

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7. Walking contrary to God (<u>Lev. 26:21-27</u>)

    Fourteen causes of

  plagues:

    8. Sinning against God (<u>Dt. 28:20</u>)

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• 1. Not listening to God (<u>Ex. 15:26</u>; <u>Lev.</u>
  26:14; Dt. 28:15)

    10. Rebellion against God (Dt. 28:47)

• 2. Failing to do the right (Ex. 15:26)
                                                    11. Refusing to be thankful for all God's
                                                    blessings (<u>Dt. 28:47</u>)

    3. Breaking the commandments (<u>Ex. 15:26</u>;

  Lev. 26:14-15; Dt. 28:15)
                                                  • 12. Refusing to observe all God's laws (Dt.
                                                    28:58-62)

    4. Despising God's statutes (<u>Lev. 26:15</u>)

                                                    13. Adding to God's Word (Rev. 22:18)
• 5. Abhorring God's judgments (<u>Lev. 26:15</u>)
                                                    14. Taking away from God's Word (Rev.

    6. Breaking God's covenants (<u>Lev. 26:15</u>)

                                                    22:19; Dt. 4:2; 12:32; Prov. 30:6)
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Models from the Word

Numbers 16:44-50 (KJV)

44 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

45 Get you up from among this congregation, that I may consume them as in a moment. And they fell upon their faces.
46 And Moses said unto Aaron, Take a censer, and put fire therein from off the altar, and put on incense, and go quickly unto the congregation, and make an atonement for them: for there is wrath gone out from the LORD; the plague is begun.
47 And Aaron took as Moses commanded, and ran into the midst of the congregation; and, behold, the plague was begun among the people: and he put on incense, and made an atonement for the people.

⁴⁸ And he stood between the dead and the living; and the plague was stayed.

⁴⁹ Now they that died in the plague were fourteen thousand and seven hundred, beside them that died about the matter of Korah.

⁵⁰ And Aaron returned unto Moses unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation: and the plague was stayed.

• 1 Chronicles 21:1-8 (KJV)

- ¹And Satan stood up against Israel, and provoked David to number Israel.
- ² And David said to Joab and to the rulers of the people, Go, number Israel from Beersheba even to Dan; and bring the number of them to me, that I may know *it*.
- ³ And Joab answered, The LORD make his people an hundred times so many more as they *be*: but, my lord the king, *are* they not all my lord's servants? why then doth my lord require this thing? why will he be a cause of trespass to Israel?
- ⁴ Nevertheless the king's word prevailed against Joab. Wherefore Joab departed, and went throughout all Israel, and came to Jerusalem.
- ⁵ And Joab gave the sum of the number of the people unto David. And all they of Israel were a thousand thousand and an hundred thousand men that drew sword: and Judah was four hundred threescore and ten thousand men that drew sword.
- ⁶ But Levi and Benjamin counted he not among them: for the king's word was abominable to Joab.
- ⁷And God was displeased with this thing; therefore he smote Israel.
- ⁸ And David said unto God, I have sinned greatly, because I have done this thing: but now, I beseech thee, do away the iniquity of thy servant; for I have done very foolishly.

• 1 Chronicles 21:9-14 (KJV)

⁹ And the LORD spake unto Gad, David's seer, saying,

¹⁰ Go and tell David, saying, Thus saith the LORD, I offer thee three things: choose thee one of them, that I may do it unto thee.

¹¹So Gad came to David, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Choose thee

¹² Either three years' famine; or three months to be destroyed before thy foes, while that the sword of thine enemies overtaketh thee; or else three days the sword of the LORD, even the pestilence, in the land, and the angel of the LORD destroying throughout all the coasts of Israel. Now therefore advise thyself what word I shall bring again to him that sent me.

 13 And David said unto Gad, I am in a great strait: let me fall now into the hand of the LORD; for very great αre his mercies: but let me not fall into the hand of man.

¹⁴ So the LORD sent pestilence upon Israel: and there fell of Israel seventy thousand men.

• 1 Chronicles 21:18-28 (KJV)

- ¹⁸Then the angel of the LORD commanded Gad to say to David, that David should go up, and set up an altar unto the LORD in the threshingfloor of Ornan the Jebusite.
- ¹⁹ And David went up at the saying of Gad, which he spake in the name of the LORD. ²⁰ And Ornan turned back, and saw the angel; and his four sons with him hid themselves. Now Ornan was threshing wheat.
- ²¹And as David came to Ornan, Ornan looked and saw David, and went out of the threshingfloor, and bowed himself to David with *his* face to the ground.
- ²²Then David said to Ornan, Grant me the place of *this* threshingfloor, that I may build an altar therein unto the LORD: thou shalt grant it me for the full price: that the plague may be stayed from the people.
- ²³ And Ornan said unto David, Take *it* to thee, and let my lord the king do *that which is* good in his eyes: lo, I give *thee* the oxen *also* for burnt offerings, and the threshing instruments for wood, and the wheat for the meat offering; I give it all.
- ²⁴ And king David said to Ornan, Nay; but I will verily buy it for the full price: for I will not take *that* which *is* thine for the LORD, nor offer burnt offerings without cost.
- ²⁵ So David gave to Ornan for the place six hundred shekels of gold by weight.
- ²⁶ And David built there an altar unto the LORD, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings, and called upon the LORD; and he answered him from heaven by fire upon the altar of burnt offering.
- ²⁷ And the LORD commanded the angel; and he put up his sword again into the sheath thereof.
- ²⁸ At that time when David saw that the LORD had answered him in the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite, then he sacrificed there.

- Jesus healed.
- a [many] Had healed all He undertook to heal. If there were any in the crowd whom He had not healed it was because they had not yet got through the crowd to touch Him. See note, Mt. 13:58.
- Mark 5:29-34
- Mk 3:10
- Lk 7:21

- There will be no plague among you.
- Ex. 12:13 Passover, 30:12 census,
- Num. 8:19 Atonement,
- Ps. 91:10 No plague nigh thy dwelling.

4 Steps to Stop Plague

Num. 16: 46

- a [Take a censer, and put fire therein from off the altar, and put on incense, and go quickly unto the congregation, and make an atonement for them] b [make an atonement for them]
- 1. Taking a censer in hand
- 2. Putting fire in it from the altar
- 3. Putting incense on the fire
- 4. Making an atonement for sin

- Remedies for the Ten Plagues in Numbers
- 1. Prayer stopped the first plague (Num. 11:1-3).
- 2. Judgment was used in the second plague (Num. 11:33). Manna/Quail Refrain from murruring and accept what God has deemed as good, good.
- 3. Prayer and confession of sin were effective in the third plague (Num. 12:10-16).
- 4. Judgment was used in the fourth plague (Num. 14:28-35). Refrain from Rebellion, be thankful for what God gives us.
- 5. Judgment in the fifth plague (<u>Num. 14:36-37</u>). See the good report, know who God has made you to be, like Joshua and Caleb.
- 6. Judgment in the sixth plague (Num. 16:29-33). Humility and preferring our brothers over ourselves as Moses demonstrated.

- 7. Judgment in the seventh plague (<u>Num. 16:35</u>). Touch not the anointed and kept yourself blameless and pure, what you sow you will reap.
- 8. Atonement halted the eighth plague (<u>Num. 16:46</u>). Stand between the dead and the living applying the shed Blood and prayers as Aaron took the incense.
- 9. A symbol of the sin being atoned for was effective in the ninth plague (Num. 21:6-9; cp. Jn. 3:14). Symbol of snake on pole to heal the bites, as a symbol of Jesus dying on repugnant crucifixion, we must look upon the Cross for salvation. Let us not tempt God.
- 10. Judgment was used in the tenth plague (Num. 25:1-9). They were seduced by prostitution and idol worship of Baal. They broke 6 of 10 commandments. Be Zealous to hate was is evil and follow the ways and commandments of the Lord.
- The remedy for all the plagues on Israel was prayer and atonement, or judgment. The plague experiences were recorded as examples to us that we might profit from them (2Cor. 10:1-14). They teach us that, where mercy was granted, the approach to God was by some spiritual means.