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GENERAL SUBJECT: THE HEAVENLY VISION

Message Five

The Vision of the World

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Scripture Reading: 1 John 2:15-17; James 4:4; Eph. 2:1-3, 12b; Gal. 1:4; Rom. 12:1-2

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- 1 John 2:16 Because all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the vainglory of life, is not of the Father but is of the world.
- 1 John 2:17 And the world is passing away, and its lust, but he who does the will of God abides forever.
- James 4:4 Adulteresses, do you not know that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever determines to be a friend of the world is constituted an enemy of God.
- Eph 2:1 And you, though dead in your offenses and sins,
- Eph 2:2 In which you once walked according to the age of this world, according to the ruler of the authority of the air, of the spirit which is now operating in the sons of disobedience;
- Eph 2:3 Among whom we also all conducted ourselves once in the lusts of our flesh, doing the desires of the flesh and of the thoughts, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest;
- Eph 2:12b ... having no hope and without God in the world.
- Gal 1:4 Who gave Himself for our sins that He might rescue us out of the present evil age according to the will of our God and Father,
- Rom 12:1 I exhort you therefore, brothers, through the compassions of God to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, well pleasing to God, which is your reasonable service.
- Rom 12:2 And do not be fashioned according to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and well pleasing and perfect.

I. The Greek word for *world* in 1 John 2:15-17 and James 4:4 denotes an order, a set form, an orderly arrangement, hence, an ordered system (set up by Satan, the adversary of God), not the earth; the world is an evil system arranged systematically by Satan:

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- James 4:4 Adulteresses, do you not know that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever determines to be a friend of the world is constituted an enemy of God.
- A. God created man to live on the earth for the fulfillment of His purpose, but His enemy, Satan, in order to usurp the God-created man, formed an anti-God world system on this earth by systematizing men with religion, culture, education, industry, commerce, entertainment, etc., through men's fallen nature, in their lusts, pleasures, and pursuits, and even in their indulgence in necessities for their living, such as food, clothing, housing, and transportation.
- B. The whole of such a satanic system lies in the evil one (1 John 5:19; cf. Eph. 6:12); not loving such a world is the ground for overcoming the evil one (cf. 1 Pet. 3:3-4; Rev. 2:12-13a, 17); loving it just a little gives the evil one the ground to defeat and occupy us.
- 1 John 5:19 We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies in the evil one.
- Eph 6:12 For our wrestling is not against blood and flesh but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the world-rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenlies.
- 1 Pet 3:3 Let your adorning not be the outward plaiting of hair and putting on of gold or clothing with garments,

- 1 Pet 3:4 But the hidden man of the heart in the incorruptible adornment of a meek and quiet spirit, which is very costly in the sight of God.
- Rev 2:12 And to the messenger of the church in Pergamos write: These things says He who has the sharp two-edged sword:
- Rev 2:13a I know where you dwell, where Satan's throne is; ...
- Rev 2:17 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, to him I will give of the hidden manna, and to him I will give a white stone, and upon the stone a new name written, which no one knows except he who receives it.
- C. Satan is utilizing the material world, the men of the world, and the things that are in the world to eventually head everything up in the kingdom of Antichrist; at that hour the world system will have reached its zenith, and at that hour every unit of it will be revealed to be anti-Christian; eventually, the kingdom of this world will become “the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ”—11:15; 2 Thes. 2:3-12; Dan. 2:44-45.
- Rev 11:15 And the seventh angel trumpeted; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and He will reign forever and ever.
- 2 Thes 2:3 Let no one deceive you in any way, because it will not come unless the apostasy comes first and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of perdition,
- 2 Thes 2:4 Who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or an object of worship, so that he sits in the temple of God, setting himself forth, saying that he is God.
- 2 Thes 2:5 Do you not remember that while I was still with you, I said these things to you?
- 2 Thes 2:6 And now you know that which restrains, so that he might be revealed in his own time.
- 2 Thes 2:7 For it is the mystery of lawlessness that is now operating, but only until the one now restraining goes out of the way.
- 2 Thes 2:8 And then the lawless one will be revealed (whom the Lord Jesus will slay by the breath of His mouth and bring to nothing by the manifestation of His coming),
- 2 Thes 2:9 The coming of whom is according to Satan's operation in all power and signs and wonders of a lie
- 2 Thes 2:10 And in all deceit of unrighteousness among those who are perishing, because they did not receive the love of the truth that they might be saved.
- 2 Thes 2:11 And because of this God sends to them an operation of error that they might believe the lie,
- 2 Thes 2:12 So that all who have not believed the truth but have taken pleasure in unrighteousness might be judged.
- Dan 2:44 And in the days of those kings the God of the heavens will raise up a kingdom which will never be destroyed, and its reign will not be left to another people; it will crush and put an end to all these kingdoms; and it will stand forever.
- Dan 2:45 Inasmuch as you saw that out of the mountain a stone was cut without hands and that it crushed the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold, the great God has made known to the king what will happen afterward; and the dream is certain, and its interpretation trustworthy.
- D. All the things on the earth, especially those related to mankind, and all the things in the air have been systematized by Satan into his kingdom of darkness to occupy people and frustrate them from accomplishing the purpose of God and to distract them from the enjoyment of God; the world is Satan's mask that he uses to deceive us and cheat us.
- E. The world is against God the Father, and the things in the world are against the will of God (1 John 2:15-17); the world is against God, and those who love the world are enemies of God (James 4:4).
- 1 John 2:15 Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in him;
- 1 John 2:16 Because all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the vainglory of life, is not of the Father but is of the world.
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- James 4:4 Adulteresses, do you not know that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever determines to be a friend of the world is constituted an enemy of God.

- F. “If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in him” (1 John 2:15); ultimately, when we touch the things of the world, the question we must ask ourselves always is, “How is this thing affecting my relationship with the Father?”
1 John 2:15 Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in him;
- G. This evil system, the kingdom of darkness, was judged when its ruler, Satan, was cast out by the Lord’s being crucified in the flesh—John 12:31-32; 16:11.
John 12:31 Now is the judgment of this world; now shall the ruler of this world be cast out.
John 12:32 And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to Myself.
John 16:11 And concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.
- H. Galatians 6:14 reveals that the world has been crucified to us and we to the world; this has taken place not directly but through Christ, who was crucified; verse 15 proves that the world here is mainly the religious world (cf. 1:3-4).
Gal 6:14 But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom the world has been crucified to me and I to the world.
Gal 6:15 For neither is circumcision anything nor uncircumcision, but a new creation is what matters.
Gal 1:3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ,
Gal 1:4 Who gave Himself for our sins that He might rescue us out of the present evil age according to the will of our God and Father,

II. After leaving God’s presence (Gen. 4:16), Cain constructed a city for his protection and self-existence; within this city he produced a worldly culture without God (v. 17):

- Gen 4:16 And Cain went forth from the presence of Jehovah and dwelt in the land of Nod, east of Eden.
- Gen 4:17 And Cain knew his wife, and she conceived and gave birth to Enoch; and he built a city and called the name of the city after the name of his son Enoch.
- A. In the garden God was everything to man—his protection, maintenance, supply, and amusement; when man lost God, he lost everything.
- B. Man’s loss of God forced man to invent a worldly human culture, the main elements of which were cities for existence, cattle-raising for making a living, music for amusement, and weapons for defense—vv. 20-22.
Gen 4:20 And Adah gave birth to Jabal; he was the father of those who dwell in tents and raise cattle.
Gen 4:21 And his brother’s name was Jubal; he was the father of all those who play the lyre and pipe.
Gen 4:22 And Zillah also gave birth to Tubal-cain, the forger of every cutting instrument of bronze and iron; and the sister of Tubal-cain was Naamah.
- C. The godless culture invented in Genesis 4 will continue to develop until it climaxes in the great Babylon—Rev. 17—18.
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III. The book of Exodus reveals that God desires to rescue His chosen people from every form of usurpation and preoccupation in the world so that they may have nothing besides God Himself—Gen. 50:26; Eph. 2:1-3, 12b; Gal. 1:4:

- Gen 50:26 And Joseph died, being one hundred ten years old; and they embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin in Egypt.
- Eph 2:1 And you, though dead in your offenses and sins,
- Eph 2:2 In which you once walked according to the age of this world, according to the ruler of the authority of the air, of the spirit which is now operating in the sons of disobedience;
- Eph 2:3 Among whom we also all conducted ourselves once in the lusts of our flesh, doing the desires of the flesh and of the thoughts, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest;
- Eph 2:12b ... having no hope and without God in the world.
- Gal 1:4 Who gave Himself for our sins that He might rescue us out of the present evil age according to the will of our God and Father,

- A. To be saved is to be brought to a place where there is nothing but God—cf. Mark 9:7-8.
 Mark 9:7 And a cloud appeared, overshadowing them, and a voice came out of the cloud: This is My Son, the Beloved. Hear Him!
 Mark 9:8 And suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone, but Jesus only with them.
- B. In the wilderness, especially at Mt. Horeb, the mountain of God, God was His chosen people's center, their purpose, their life, their home, and their everything—Psa. 90:1.
 Psa 90:1 O Lord, You have been our dwelling place / In all generations.
- C. God's intention in giving His chosen people a revelation of the true nature, meaning, and issue of life in Egypt (the world) is to cause His people to hate and become disgusted with Egypt, to leave Egypt behind, and to be separated to God for His dwelling place—Exo. 5:1; 40:34; Rom. 12:1-2:
 Exo 5:1 And afterward Moses and Aaron came and said to Pharaoh, Thus says Jehovah the God of Israel, Let My people go that they may hold a feast to Me in the wilderness.
 Exo 40:34 Then the cloud covered the Tent of Meeting, and the glory of Jehovah filled the tabernacle.
 Rom 12:1 I exhort you therefore, brothers, through the compassions of God to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, well pleasing to God, which is your reasonable service.
 Rom 12:2 And do not be fashioned according to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and well pleasing and perfect.
1. The plague of the water becoming blood throughout the whole land of Egypt portrays that the nature and result of life in the world with its entertainment and amusement is death—Exo. 7:14-25.
 Exo 7:14 Then Jehovah said to Moses, Pharaoh's heart is stubborn; he refuses to let the people go.
 Exo 7:15 Go to Pharaoh in the morning as he is going out to the water, and stand on the bank of the River to meet him. And you shall take in your hand the staff which was turned into a serpent.
 Exo 7:16 And you shall say to him, Jehovah, the God of the Hebrews, has sent me to you, saying, Let My people go that they may serve Me in the wilderness. But until this very moment you have not listened.
 Exo 7:17 Thus says Jehovah, By this you will know that I am Jehovah. I am now going to strike the water which is in the River with the staff that is in my hand, and it will be turned to blood.
 Exo 7:18 And the fish that are in the River will die, and the River will become foul, and the Egyptians will loathe drinking water from the River.
 Exo 7:19 And Jehovah said to Moses, Say to Aaron, Take your staff, and stretch out your hand over the waters of Egypt, over their rivers, over their watercourses, and over their pools, and over all their reservoirs of water, that they may become blood; and there shall be blood throughout all the land of Egypt, even in vessels of wood and in vessels of stone.
 Exo 7:20 And Moses and Aaron did just as Jehovah commanded; and he lifted up the staff and struck the water that was in the River in the sight of Pharaoh and in the sight of his servants, and all the water that was in the River was turned to blood.
 Exo 7:21 And the fish that were in the River died, and the River became foul, and the Egyptians could not drink water from the River; and the blood was throughout all the land of Egypt.
 Exo 7:22 And the magicians of Egypt did the same with their secret spells; and Pharaoh's heart hardened, and he did not listen to them, just as Jehovah had said.
 Exo 7:23 And Pharaoh turned and went into his house, and he did not take even this to heart.
 Exo 7:24 And all the Egyptians dug around the River for water to drink, for they could not drink of the water of the River.
 Exo 7:25 And seven days passed after Jehovah had struck the River.
 2. The plague of frogs portrays that life in the world is a life of nuisance and unending trouble—8:1-15.
 Exo 8:1 Then Jehovah said to Moses, Go to Pharaoh, and say to him, Thus says Jehovah, Let My people go that they may serve Me.

- Exo 8:2 But if you refuse to let them go, I will now smite all your territory with frogs.
- Exo 8:3 And the River shall swarm with frogs, and they will go up from the River and come into your house and into your bedchamber and upon your bed, and into the houses of your servants and upon your people, and into your ovens and into your kneading bowls.
- Exo 8:4 And the frogs shall come up upon you and upon your people and upon all your servants.
- Exo 8:5 And Jehovah said to Moses, Say to Aaron, Stretch out your hand with your staff over the rivers, over the watercourses, and over the pools, and make frogs come up on the land of Egypt.
- Exo 8:6 So Aaron stretched out his hand over the waters of Egypt, and the frogs came up and covered the land of Egypt.
- Exo 8:7 And the magicians did the same with their secret spells and brought up frogs on the land of Egypt.
- Exo 8:8 Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron and said, Entreat Jehovah to take away the frogs from me and from my people, and I will let the people go to sacrifice to Jehovah.
- Exo 8:9 And Moses said to Pharaoh, May it please you, and not me, as to the time. When shall I make entreaty for you and for your servants and for your people, to cut off the frogs from you and from your houses so that they remain in the River only?
- Exo 8:10 And he said, Tomorrow. And he said, It will be according to your word, that you may know that there is no one like Jehovah our God.
- Exo 8:11 And the frogs shall depart from you and from your houses and from your servants and from your people; they shall remain in the River only.
- Exo 8:12 Then Moses and Aaron went out from Pharaoh. And Moses cried out to Jehovah concerning the frogs which He had brought upon Pharaoh.
- Exo 8:13 And Jehovah did according to the word of Moses, and the frogs died in the houses, in the courts, and in the fields.
- Exo 8:14 And they gathered them together, heap after heap, and the land stank.
- Exo 8:15 But when Pharaoh saw that there was respite, he hardened his heart and did not listen to them, just as Jehovah had said.
3. The plague of the dust becoming lice throughout all the land of Egypt portrays that the source of the supply of our living in the world eventually becomes a great discomfort and a cause of extreme irritation—vv. 16-19.
- Exo 8:16 And Jehovah said to Moses, Say to Aaron, Stretch out your staff, and strike the dust of the earth, that it may become lice throughout all the land of Egypt.
- Exo 8:17 And they did so; and Aaron stretched out his hand with his staff and struck the dust of the earth, and there were lice on man and on beast; all the dust of the earth became lice throughout all the land of Egypt.
- Exo 8:18 And the magicians did the same with their secret spells, to try to bring forth lice, but they could not; so there were lice on man and on beast.
- Exo 8:19 Then the magicians said to Pharaoh, This is the finger of God. But Pharaoh's heart hardened, and he did not listen to them, just as Jehovah had said.
4. The plague of swarms of flies portrays that the moral atmosphere of the world has been polluted, having been filled with all manner of unclean and evil things—vv. 20-32.
- Exo 8:20 Then Jehovah said to Moses, Rise up early in the morning, and present yourself before Pharaoh as he is going out to the water, and say to him, Thus says Jehovah, Let My people go that they may serve Me.
- Exo 8:21 For if you will not let My people go, then I will at once send swarms of flies against you and against your servants and against your people and against your houses; and the houses of the Egyptians will be full of swarms of flies, as well as the ground on which they are.
- Exo 8:22 But on that day I will set apart the land of Goshen, where My people are staying, so that no swarms of flies will be there, so that you may know that I am Jehovah in the midst of the land.
- Exo 8:23 And I will put a redemption between My people and your people. Tomorrow this sign shall occur.
- Exo 8:24 And Jehovah did so; and heavy swarms of flies came into the house of Pharaoh and into his servants' houses, and throughout the land of Egypt the land was ruined because of the swarms of flies.

- Exo 8:25 And Pharaoh called for Moses and for Aaron and said, Go, sacrifice to your God in the land.
- Exo 8:26 And Moses said, It would not be right to do so, for we will sacrifice to Jehovah our God what is an abomination to the Egyptians. If we sacrifice what is an abomination to the Egyptians before their eyes, will they not stone us?
- Exo 8:27 We must go a three days' journey into the wilderness and sacrifice to Jehovah our God just as He commands us.
- Exo 8:28 And Pharaoh said, I will let you go that you may sacrifice to Jehovah your God in the wilderness; only you shall not go very far away. Make entreaty for me.
- Exo 8:29 And Moses said, I am now going out from you, and I will entreat Jehovah that the swarms of flies would depart from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people tomorrow; only do not let Pharaoh deal deceitfully anymore by not letting the people go to sacrifice to Jehovah.
- Exo 8:30 So Moses went out from Pharaoh and entreated Jehovah.
- Exo 8:31 And Jehovah did according to the word of Moses, and He removed the swarms of flies from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people; not one remained.
- Exo 8:32 However Pharaoh hardened his heart at this time also, and he did not let the people go.
5. The plague of a grievous pestilence that came upon all the Egyptian livestock portrays that the means of transportation and the way of eating in the world are judged by God and that His righteous judgment deals with the implications of a sinful situation—9:1-7.
- Exo 9:1 Then Jehovah said to Moses, Go to Pharaoh, and speak to him, Thus says Jehovah, the God of the Hebrews, Let My people go that they may serve Me.
- Exo 9:2 For if you refuse to let them go and still retain them,
- Exo 9:3 Then the hand of Jehovah is going to be on your livestock which are in the field, on the horses, on the donkeys, on the camels, on the herds, and on the flocks with a very severe pestilence.
- Exo 9:4 And Jehovah will make a distinction between the livestock of Israel and the livestock of Egypt, so that nothing will die of all that belongs to the children of Israel.
- Exo 9:5 And Jehovah set an appointed time, saying, Tomorrow Jehovah will do this thing in the land.
- Exo 9:6 And Jehovah did this thing on the next day; and all the livestock of Egypt died, but of the livestock of the children of Israel not one died.
- Exo 9:7 And Pharaoh sent to inquire, and indeed there was not so much as one of the livestock of the Israelites dead. But the heart of Pharaoh was stubborn, and he did not let the people go.
6. The plague of the ashes becoming fine dust to cause boils to break forth upon man and beast portrays that anything remaining of our fallen human life must be dealt with by God—vv. 8-12.
- Exo 9:8 Then Jehovah said to Moses and to Aaron, Take handfuls of ashes from a furnace, and let Moses sprinkle it toward heaven in the sight of Pharaoh.
- Exo 9:9 And it will become fine dust over all the land of Egypt, and will become boils breaking out with sores on man and on beast throughout all the land of Egypt.
- Exo 9:10 So they took ashes from the furnace and stood before Pharaoh; and Moses sprinkled it toward heaven, and it became boils breaking forth with sores on man and on beast.
- Exo 9:11 And the magicians could not stand before Moses because of the boils, for the boils were on the magicians as well as on all the Egyptians.
- Exo 9:12 And Jehovah hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he did not listen to them, just as Jehovah had spoken to Moses.
7. The plague of hail mingled with fire damaging the produce of the earth portrays that if we are stubborn or rebellious, our relationship with God is destroyed, and He alters the spiritual function of the rain by sending hail upon our spirit and fire with the hail to cause severe damage—vv. 13-35.
- Exo 9:13 Then Jehovah said to Moses, Rise up early in the morning, and present yourself before Pharaoh, and say to him, Thus says Jehovah, the God of the Hebrews, Let My people go that they may serve Me.

- Exo 9:14 For this time I am going to send all My plagues against you and on your servants and on your people, so that you may know that there is no one like Me in all the earth.
- Exo 9:15 For if by now I had stretched out My hand and struck you and your people with pestilence, you would have been cut off from the earth.
- Exo 9:16 But indeed for this cause I have made you stand, to show you My power and to have My name proclaimed throughout all the earth.
- Exo 9:17 You are still exalting yourself against My people by not letting them go.
- Exo 9:18 Tomorrow about this time I am going to cause very heavy hail to fall, such as has never occurred in Egypt since the day it was founded even until now.
- Exo 9:19 Now therefore send men and secure your livestock and all that you have in the field; every man and beast that is found in the field and is not brought home when the hail comes down shall die.
- Exo 9:20 He who feared the word of Jehovah among the servants of Pharaoh made his servants and his livestock flee into the houses.
- Exo 9:21 But he who did not pay attention to the word of Jehovah left his servants and his livestock in the field.
- Exo 9:22 And Jehovah said to Moses, Stretch out your hand toward heaven that there may be hail throughout all the land of Egypt, upon man and upon beast and upon all the vegetation of the field in the land of Egypt.
- Exo 9:23 And Moses stretched out his staff toward heaven; and Jehovah sent thunder and hail, and fire came down on the earth, and Jehovah rained hail upon the land of Egypt.
- Exo 9:24 So there was very heavy hail with fire flashing continually in the midst of the hail, such as had not occurred in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation.
- Exo 9:25 And the hail struck everything that was in the field, both man and beast, throughout all the land of Egypt; and the hail struck all the vegetation of the field and shattered every tree of the field.
- Exo 9:26 Only in the land of Goshen, where the children of Israel were, was there no hail.
- Exo 9:27 And Pharaoh sent a messenger and called for Moses and Aaron; and he said to them, I have sinned this time; Jehovah is the righteous One, and I and my people are in the wrong.
- Exo 9:28 Entreat Jehovah, for there has been enough of God's thunder and hail; and I will let you go, and you shall stay no longer.
- Exo 9:29 And Moses said to him, As soon as I have gone out of the city, I will spread out my hands to Jehovah: The thunder will cease, and there will not be any more hail, that you may know that the earth is Jehovah's.
- Exo 9:30 But as for you and your servants, I know that you do not yet fear Jehovah God.
- Exo 9:31 (Now the flax and the barley were ruined, for the barley was in the ear, and the flax was in bud.
- Exo 9:32 But the wheat and the spelt were not ruined, for they had not come up.)
- Exo 9:33 And Moses went out of the city from Pharaoh and spread out his hands to Jehovah; and the thunder and hail ceased, and the rain no longer poured down on the earth.
- Exo 9:34 But when Pharaoh saw that the rain and the hail and the thunder had ceased, he sinned again and hardened his heart, he and his servants.
- Exo 9:35 So Pharaoh's heart hardened, and he did not let the children of Israel go, just as Jehovah had spoken through Moses.
8. The plague of the wind bringing in locusts portrays that Satan eats up the supply of man's life and of everything related to man as he lives in the world under God's condemnation—10:1-20.
- Exo 10:1 Then Jehovah said to Moses, Go to Pharaoh, for I have hardened his heart and the heart of his servants that I may show these signs of Mine in the midst of them,
- Exo 10:2 And that you may recount in the hearing of your son and your grandson how I made a mockery of Egypt and recount My signs which I have done among them, that you may know that I am Jehovah.
- Exo 10:3 And Moses and Aaron came to Pharaoh and said to him, Thus says Jehovah, the God of the Hebrews, How long will you refuse to humble yourself before Me? Let My people go that they may serve Me.

- Exo 10:4 For if you refuse to let My people go, then tomorrow I am going to bring swarming locusts into your territory,
- Exo 10:5 And they will cover the surface of the land, so that no one will be able to see the land; and they will eat the rest of what has escaped—what is left to you from the hail—and will eat up every tree of yours that is sprouting in the field.
- Exo 10:6 And your houses will be filled with them, as well as the houses of all your servants and the houses of all the Egyptians; something that neither your fathers nor your fathers' fathers have seen since the day that they came upon the earth until this day. Then he turned and went out from Pharaoh.
- Exo 10:7 And Pharaoh's servants said to him, How long shall this man be a snare to us? Let the men go that they may serve Jehovah their God. Do you not yet realize that Egypt is destroyed?
- Exo 10:8 So Moses and Aaron were brought back to Pharaoh, and he said to them, Go, serve Jehovah your God. But who exactly are going?
- Exo 10:9 And Moses said, We will go with our young and with our old; we will go with our sons and with our daughters, with our flocks and with our herds, for we must hold Jehovah's feast.
- Exo 10:10 And he said to them, Let Jehovah indeed be with you if I ever let you go with your little ones as well. See here, you are up to some evil.
- Exo 10:11 No! Go now, but the men only, and serve Jehovah, since that is what you are requesting. And they were driven out from Pharaoh's presence.
- Exo 10:12 Then Jehovah said to Moses, Stretch out your hand over the land of Egypt for the swarming locusts, that they may come up upon the land of Egypt and eat all the vegetation of the land, all that the hail has left.
- Exo 10:13 So Moses stretched forth his staff over the land of Egypt, and Jehovah drove an east wind upon the land all that day and all night; when it was morning, the east wind had brought the swarming locusts.
- Exo 10:14 And the swarming locusts went up over all the land of Egypt and settled in all the territory of Egypt in great mass. Before them there had never been so many swarming locusts as they, nor after them will there ever be so many.
- Exo 10:15 And they covered the surface of the whole land, so that the land was darkened. And they ate all the vegetation of the land and all the fruit of the trees which the hail had left, and nothing green remained on the trees or among the vegetation of the field throughout all the land of Egypt.
- Exo 10:16 Then Pharaoh hurriedly called for Moses and Aaron and said, I have sinned against Jehovah your God and against you.
- Exo 10:17 Now therefore, please forgive my sin just this once, and entreat Jehovah your God that He would only remove this death from me.
- Exo 10:18 And he went out from Pharaoh and entreated Jehovah.
- Exo 10:19 And Jehovah changed the wind into a very strong west wind, and it took up the swarming locusts and drove them into the Red Sea; not one locust was left in all the territory of Egypt.
- Exo 10:20 But Jehovah hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he did not let the children of Israel go.
9. The plague of thick darkness over all the land of Egypt portrays that the worldly life outside of God's presence is filled with terrible darkness—vv. 21-29.
- Exo 10:21 Then Jehovah said to Moses, Stretch out your hand toward heaven that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, even a darkness that can be felt.
- Exo 10:22 So Moses stretched out his hand toward heaven, and there was thick darkness throughout all the land of Egypt for three days.
- Exo 10:23 They could not see one another, nor did anyone rise up from his place for three days, but all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings.
- Exo 10:24 And Pharaoh called Moses and said, Go, serve Jehovah; only let your flocks and your herds be detained. Your little ones may also go with you.
- Exo 10:25 And Moses said, You must also let us have sacrifices and burnt offerings so that we may sacrifice to Jehovah our God.
- Exo 10:26 So our cattle also must go with us; not a hoof must be left behind, for we must take some of them to serve Jehovah our God, and we do not know with what we must serve Jehovah until we go there.
- Exo 10:27 But Jehovah hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he was not willing to let them go.

- Exo 10:28 And Pharaoh said to him, Get away from me. Be sure that you do not see my face again, for on the day you see my face you shall die.
- Exo 10:29 And Moses said, You have spoken correctly. I will never again see your face.
10. The plague of God's judgment upon all the firstborn in Egypt portrays that everything that is related to Adam, the first man as the firstborn, is condemned by God—11:1-10.
- Exo 11:1 Then Jehovah said to Moses, One more plague will I bring upon Pharaoh and upon Egypt; after that he will let you go from here. When he lets you go, he will surely drive you out from here completely.
- Exo 11:2 Speak now in the hearing of the people that each man is to ask of his neighbor and each woman of her neighbor for articles of silver and articles of gold.
- Exo 11:3 And Jehovah gave the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians. Moreover the man Moses was very great in the land of Egypt, in the sight of Pharaoh's servants and in the sight of the people.
- Exo 11:4 And Moses said, Thus says Jehovah, About midnight I will go out into the midst of Egypt,
- Exo 11:5 And all the firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sits upon his throne to the firstborn of the female slave who is behind the millstones, and all the firstborn of cattle.
- Exo 11:6 And there shall be a great cry throughout all the land of Egypt, such as has not been or ever will be again.
- Exo 11:7 But a dog shall not bark at any of the children of Israel, at man or beast, that you may know that Jehovah makes a distinction between the Egyptians and Israel.
- Exo 11:8 And all these servants of yours shall come down to me and bow down to me, saying, Get out, you and all the people who follow you; and after that I will go out. And he went out from Pharaoh in hot anger.
- Exo 11:9 Then Jehovah said to Moses, Pharaoh will not listen to you, in order that My wonders may be multiplied in the land of Egypt.
- Exo 11:10 Thus Moses and Aaron did all these wonders before Pharaoh, but Jehovah hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he did not let the children of Israel go out of his land.
- D. It is only by receiving a revelation of the nature, significance, and result of life in the world and a revelation of God's attitude toward such a life that we can truly become detached from the world and hate the worldly life—1 John 2:15-17; James 4:4:
- 1 John 2:15 Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in him;
- 1 John 2:16 Because all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the vainglory of life, is not of the Father but is of the world.
- 1 John 2:17 And the world is passing away, and its lust, but he who does the will of God abides forever.
- James 4:4 Adulteresses, do you not know that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever determines to be a friend of the world is constituted an enemy of God.
1. To God, worldliness is worse than sinfulness; sinfulness is against God's righteousness, whereas worldliness is against God's holiness, which is higher than His righteousness.
 2. If we have a detailed vision of the world, we shall know God's attitude toward it, and we shall spontaneously cease to love it.
 3. If we would be God's dwelling place on the earth, we must know the world in a thorough way, and the element of the world must be purged out of our being—Rev. 2:12-13a, 17.
- Rev 2:12 And to the messenger of the church in Pergamos write: These things says He who has the sharp two-edged sword:
- Rev 2:13a I know where you dwell, where Satan's throne is; ...
- Rev 2:17 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, to him I will give of the hidden manna, and to him I will give a white stone, and upon the stone a new name written, which no one knows except he who receives it.