

"On the Way" 365 Bible Reading Plan

EXODUS 7

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Exodus chapter seven opens with the LORD again answering Moses and his complaints that he is not a good speaker and cannot get the message across to Pharaoh that God wants delivered. God is so tender to Moses that He said to Moses, **"See, I have made you as a God to Pharaoh, and Aaron your brother shall be your prophet."** (7:1) Pharaoh had hardened his heart against God and God's request. God is not allowing Pharaoh to reap his fateful harvest. God is about to send ten (10) plagues upon Egypt to show Pharaoh and the Egyptians that He, YHVH, is the true and living God and that He rules the earth as creator and has control over all aspects of the planet. God begins the confrontation with Pharaoh with miracles designed to allow Pharaoh to see the beginning of the great power of God. Pharaoh is not convinced, and his heart grows harder. So, the LORD unleashes the first of ten plagues, and with each plague the intensity grows in severity and effect upon all the Egyptians, from Pharaoh to the lowest citizen. **The Plague of blood.** God struck the waters of Nile River, the pride and lifeblood of the Egyptian nation. It was a sacred river to the nation and God turned its waters to blood to gain the attention of Pharaoh. Then the Egyptian magicians in Pharaoh's court

took water and did the same thing, so Pharaoh was not impressed. V.23 says, **"And Pharaoh turned and went into his house. Neither was his heart moved by this."** In essence this verse implies that Pharaoh said, "So what!" This is a cheap magician's trick. But for Pharaoh, this was the beginning of sorrows to his household and the land of Egypt. God allowed this first plague to be upon the land for a period of seven days.

Prayer and Action Steps

Sometimes when we read these great stories of the Bible, we fail to see some critical elements of the text and story. At the close of chapter six and the opening of seven, God is showing an amazing insight. God was not only dealing with Pharaoh's heart, but also that of Moses and Aaron. God was patiently working with Moses to convince Moses that He could work in his life and use him, even though he felt inadequate and ill-equipped to do what God called him to do. Has God called you, impressed upon you to do something, serve in some way that you feel totally frightened and inadequate? Pray right now and surrender your fears to God. God can use anyone, even you!

Date _____ Scripture _____

- Read the chapter. If you have time, read it again.
- Highlight, underline or circle the Key Verse or Verses of the chapter.
- Ask yourself these questions as you read through the chapter.

Is this historical narrative, analogy, metaphor, allegory, or some other element of speech or communicating truth?

Does the passage teach a Biblical Precept; that is, tells you something to be, do or act? _____

What is the Context? Old Testament? New Testament? What is the writer speaking or writing about? To whom is he writing? _____

Are there principles in this chapter that if followed, would require me to change my attitudes or actions? _____

Is this a clear passage of Scripture (can only be interpreted one way)? Or could the passage be interpreted legitimately, in two or more ways, according to grammar and context?

Does the passage give a Biblical Pattern that is followed here and other places in the Bible? _____
