

Miracles of Divine Judgment

Miracle of the plagues: (Exodus 7:20- 11:10)

1. Water turned to blood
2. The plague of frogs
3. The plague of lice
4. The plague of flies
5. The plague of cattle
6. The plague of boils
7. The plague of hail
8. The plague of locusts
9. The plague of darkness
10. The plague of the death of the first-born

These plagues were visited upon Egypt as punishment for its wickedness and its cruel treatment of God's people, Israel

Uzziah (2 Chronicles 26:16-21)

16 But when he was strong his heart was lifted up, to his destruction, for he transgressed against the Lord his God by entering the temple of the Lord to burn incense on the altar of incense.

17 So Azariah the priest went in after him, and with him were eighty priests of the Lord--valiant men.

18 And they withstood King Uzziah, and said to him, "It is not for you, Uzziah, to burn incense to the Lord, but for the priests, the sons of Aaron, who are consecrated to burn incense. Get out of the sanctuary, for you have trespassed! You shall have no honor from the Lord God."

19 Then Uzziah became furious; and he had a censer in his hand to burn incense. And while he was angry with the priests, leprosy broke out on his forehead, before the priests in the house of the Lord, beside the incense altar.

20 And Azariah the chief priest and all the priests looked at him, and there, on his forehead, he was leprous; so they thrust him out of that place. Indeed he also hurried to get out, because the Lord had struck him.

21 King Uzziah was a leper until the day of his death. He dwelt in an isolated house, because he was a leper; for he was cut off from the house of the Lord. Then Jotham his son was over the king's house, judging the people of the land.

Korah (Numbers 16:1-50) Ground opened up, Fire came from heaven & Plague spread among people

Numb 16:31 Now it came to pass, as he finished speaking all these words, that the ground split apart under them,

32 and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up, with their households and all the men with Korah, with all [their] goods.

33 So they and all those with them went down alive into the pit; the earth closed over them, and they perished from among the assembly.

34 Then all Israel who were around them fled at their cry, for they said, "Lest the earth swallow us up [also]!"

35 And a fire came out from the Lord and consumed the two hundred and fifty men who were offering incense.

Numb 16:41 On the next day all the congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and Aaron, saying, "You have killed the people of the Lord."

Numb 16:47 ...; and already the plague had begun among the people. So he put in the incense and made atonement for the people.

Lesson: Every means of persuasion was used, and divine judgment came as a last resort. Sometimes God uses supernatural discipline to restore order.

Fire from heaven (Ahaziah) (2 Kings 1:9-10)

2 Kings 1:9-10 Then the king sent to him a captain of fifty with his fifty men. So he went up to him; and there he was, sitting on the top of a hill. And he spoke to him: "Man of God, the king has said, 'Come down!' "

10 So Elijah answered and said to the captain of fifty, "If I am a man of God, then let fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty men." And fire came down from heaven and consumed him and his fifty.

Elisha mocked by youths

2 Kings 2:23-24 Then he went up from there to Bethel; and as he was going up the road, some youths came from the city and mocked him, and said to him, "Go up, you baldhead! Go up, you baldhead!"

24 So he turned around and looked at them, and pronounced a curse on them in the name of the Lord. And two female bears came out of the woods and mauled forty-two of the youths.

Herod (Acts 12:20-23)

23 Then immediately an angel of the Lord struck him, because he did not give glory to God. And he was eaten by worms and died.

Ananias, with Sapphira (Acts 5:1-16)

11 So great fear came upon all the church and upon all who heard these things ...

13 Yet none of the rest dared join them, but the people esteemed them highly.

14 And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women,

Elymas the Sorcerer (Acts 13:6-12)

Acts 13:6-12 Now when they had gone through the island to Paphos, they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew whose name was Bar-Jesus,

7 who was with the proconsul, Sergius Paulus, an intelligent man. This man called for Barnabas and Saul and sought to hear the word of God.

8 But Elymas the sorcerer (for so his name is translated) withstood them, seeking to turn the proconsul away from the faith.

9 Then Saul, who also is called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked intently at him

10 and said, "O full of all deceit and all fraud, [you] son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, will you not cease perverting the straight ways of the Lord?"

11 "And now, indeed, the hand of the Lord is upon you, and you shall be blind, not seeing the sun for a time." And immediately a dark mist fell on him, and he went around seeking someone to lead him by the hand.

12 Then the proconsul believed, when he saw what had been done, being astonished at the teaching of the Lord.

How to avoid Divine judgment

1. Walk in Mercy, not judgment

Luke 6:36-38 "Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.

37 "Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.

38 "Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you."

2. Speak blessing, not cursing

Luke 9:53-55 But they did not receive Him, because His face was set for the journey to Jerusalem.

54 And when His disciples James and John saw this, they said, "Lord, do You want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them, just as Elijah did?"

55 But He turned and rebuked them, and said, "You do not know what manner of spirit you are of.

3. Never oppose or hinder the gospel through your attitude or doctrine

4. Keep rebellion out of your life

1 Samuel 15:23 For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft,

5. Never mock a man of God

6. Never mock God with your sin and lifestyle

Galatians 6:7 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.

Romans 5:20 Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more,

Romans 6:1-2 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound?

2 Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?

7. Always give the glory to God

Isaiah 42:8 I am the Lord, that is My name;

And My glory I will not give to another,

Nor My praise to carved images.

8. Be quick to repent

1 Samuel 15:23 And stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry.

“Rebellion is not a gift and stubbornness is not a fruit of the Spirit”