

EXODUS 9; February 28; God's Use of Pharaoh

ANALYSIS:

1. What would the 5th plague of murrain, meaning “any highly infectious and malignant disease of domestic plants and animals,” affect?

2. God told Moses to sprinkle ____ toward heaven to become ____ on man and beast which resulted in blains which are skin swellings or sores.

3. The LORD told Pharaoh that His plagues would show Pharaoh that _____.

4. For what reason did God raise up Pharaoh?

5. What evidence can you find in this chapter to prove Pharaoh was speaking the truth or was insincere when he said, “I have sinned this time ... “ (v 27)? _____

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

In Romans 9 the Apostle Paul teaches God makes choices between people that determines their eternal destiny. He illustrates the absolute sovereignty of God by His choice to love Jacob and hate Esau before they were born or had done any good or evil (Rom 9:11-13). He further explains that God's mercy does not rest on man's efforts (willing or running), but is entirely due to God's will. Paul then quotes Ex 9:16 “For the scripture saith unto Pharaoh, Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up, that I might shew my power in thee, and that my name might be declared throughout all the earth” (Rom 9:17). Paul saw Pharaoh as an example of God using a man to show His power and declare His name. The Potter has total power over all the clay!

In every situation of life, including unexpected surprises, let us be quick to reverence God's sovereign dealings, humbly pray for His mercy and our understanding, trust Him to guide us in His chosen way for us and obediently serve Him according to His revealed will.

HELP:

1. Cattle, horses, asses, camels, oxen, sheep (v 3).

2. Ashes of the furnace (v 8), boils with blains (v 10).

3. Thou mayest know that there is none like me in all the earth (v. 14).

4. To shew thee my power, and that my name may be declared throughout all the earth (v 16).

5. I judge that he was insincere because: (a) Moses told Pharaoh, “I know that ye will not yet fear the LORD God (v 30); (b) Pharaoh sinned yet more and hardened his heart (v 34).