

## The Great Duel

Exodus 7:1-7 (Exodus 7-12:36)

Introduction: 2 tom cats meeting!

Text: The great duels going on:

Aaron/Moses vs wisemen and sorcerers

Moses vs Pharaoh                  God vs Pharaoh

God vs gods                          God vs satan

The Plagues

Nile    Frogs    Gnats    Flies                  Livestock

Boils    Hail            Locusts    Darkness    The Death of the Firstborn

Death in the Red Sea

The reason for the plagues: (9:6 “That My Name may be declared throughout all the earth.”)

1. Public manifestation of the mighty power of the LORD God.
2. Punishment of Pharaoh and the Egyptians for the cruel treatment of the Hebrews
3. Judgement on the gods of Egypt

WE KNOW GOD BY WHAT HE DOES, NOT BY CONTEMPLATING WHAT HE IS!

1. We know Him in Salvation
2. We know Him in Judgment

I. In the Great Duel, Pharaoh found God’s Judgment Personal.

ILL. Strengths and weaknesses are found in numbers.

Pharaoh:

1. He had to dig for water!
2. He had frog problems.
3. He had gnat problems.

4. He had fly problems.
5. He lost cattle.
6. He got boils.
7. He lost his crops.
8. He got hammered with hail stones.
9. He was stuck in darkness.
10. He lost His Firstborn.
11. He lost his army.

It couldn't happen to him, BUT IT DID!

ILL. As personal and certain as death.

## II. In the Great Duel, Pharaoh found God's Judgment the only one available.

1. The Nile was a god, but was turned to blood.
2. The frog goddess, heki, couldn't control her frogs.
3. Osiris, the bull, couldn't save his cattle.
4. Isis couldn't save the crops.
5. Re, the sun was blotted out for 3 days.
6. Pharaoh, the #1 god couldn't save his firstborn.  
Couldn't protect his own family or anyone else's.

"Epic of Moses" by Wilkinson

*We blindly worship as a god the Nile,  
The true God turns his water into blood,  
Therein the fishes and crocodiles,  
Fondly held sacred, welter till they die.  
Then the god heki is invoked in vain  
To save us from the frogs supposed in her care.  
The fly-god is condemned to mockery,  
Unable to deliver us from flies.*

God today vs. Satan. Calvary was the last stand!

### III. In the Great Dual, Pharaoh found God's Judgement patiently delayed.

Water turned to blood – then 7 days.

Plagues took 8 months!

Time between each for Pharaoh and all to decide.

Magicians duplicated the first 2.

They called #3 the finger of God.

By #6, they got boils on their faces and could not face Moses.

ILL. Paul's thorn (Stephen's stoning)

### IV. In the Great Dual, Pharaoh found God's Judgement ultimately sever.

1. His god's were dethroned.
2. He was stripped of power and embarrassed.
3. He lost his firstborn.
4. He lost his army.
5. Ultimately, he had to face God unprepared.

ILL. Like driving on ice. The faster you go the worst it is. No feeling of security.

### Conclusion:

Isaiah 45:23b "Before Me every knee will bow; by Me every tongue will swear."

Romans 14:11 " 'As surely as I live,' says the LORD 'every knee will bow before Me; every tongue will confess to God.' "

Philippians 2:10 "That at the Name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is LORD."