

# Pt. 9: The Plagues of Egypt - The Plague of Lice

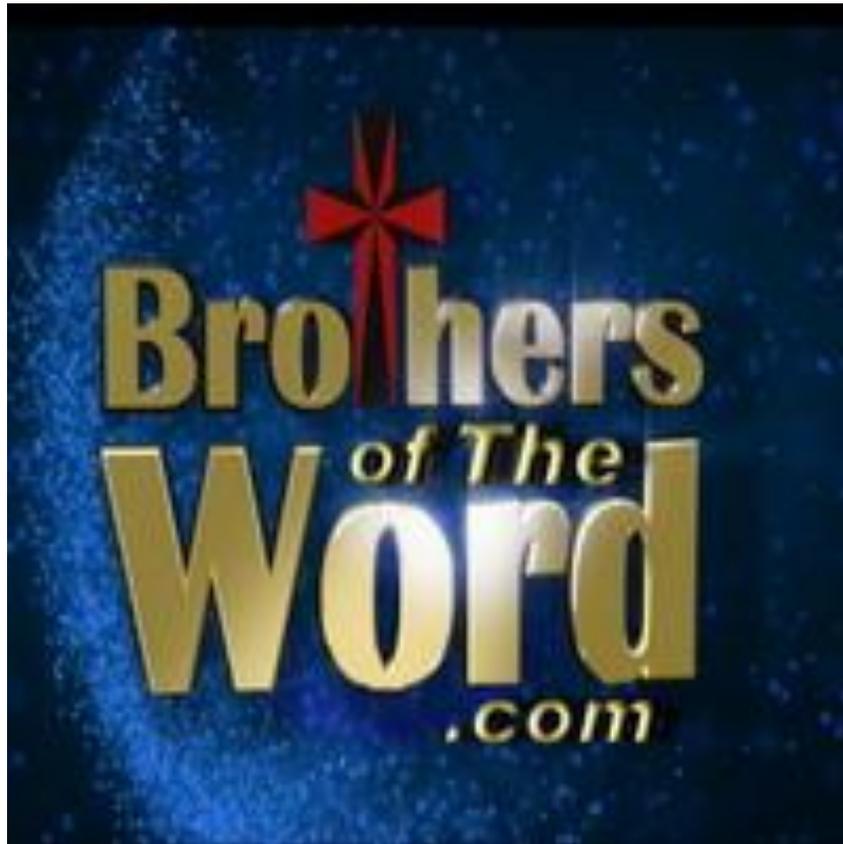
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Female: And now for, The Plagues of Egypt, Part 9, The Plague of Lice.

Nathaniel Bronner: This is Pastor Nathaniel and I am actually streaming from my backyard. I live on a lake so I'm out here on the dock and I'm going to talk to you and bring God's message for today actually from home.

Now, we are here in Atlanta under a shelter-in-place rule which basically says unless you have an essential business, you need to stay at home and churches are not considered under the law as an essential business. Now, personally, I think it's essential. I think the word of God is absolutely essential and to teach the people, it's absolutely essential. But the government does not consider churches to be essential.

Now, I first of all, fully understand why we don't need to assemble because people are getting sick. There's just no two ways about it and churches have had some of the highest amount of infection because of people are close together, grouped together, hugging, shaking, all that kind of stuff and it's simply not healthy.

So, I understand that. But we're not even allowed to go the church to talk to stream. So, I'm doing this from my backyard. So, here comes a different kind of message, you can't stop God's word. It's going to go forth no matter what. So, I'm coming to you from my backyard, standing out here on the dock and that's just fine.

The key is regardless of circumstances, do not fail to get your word in. And another thing, the last message, I didn't even mention anything about an offering, which I maybe the only pastor in the whole country who forgot to mention the offering. You know, I'm not really focused on that.

I believe, as long as you do what God has instructed you to do, He will take care of you. But I do need to let you know, yes, we do

need to continue to support God's house, we do need to donate. So, right now, I want you to bow your heads just as we're in the sanctuary and you ask God; Lord, what shall I give?

Right now, there's work going on at the church, we ripped up all of the tile in the main hall, we're putting down new carpets. So, the expenses are still rolling on. All the lights, all that stuff is still going on. So, the expenses are still going on. We're actually as I mentioned, we're in remodeling phase in the church. So, it's still going on.

Bow your heads right now and just ask God for 10 seconds; Lord, what shall I give? Amen.

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Now, as you know, I am in the middle of a series that God directed me to begin before all of this virus stuff began, called the plagues of Egypt. God knew it was coming. He had me preaching on the plagues of Egypt and right now, we're in the middle of the biggest plague America has faced in modern times. It's not over. The worst of it is not over and it's not the last plague that's coming and there're multiple plagues that even go along with this.

The last message, I talked about the plague of frogs and how it was simply an out-reacher, an out-cropping of the existing turning the water into blood and it changes the environment. You get all these frogs. Again, in Exodus 8:16, which is where we're dealing with today, it is a plague of lice. Now, some versions say lice, some versions say gnats, but regardless, they're basically small insects that had infested the entire land.

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The Lord said to Moses, "Tell Aaron, stretch out your rod and strike the dust of the earth that it may become lice throughout all the land of Egypt." They did so and Aaron stretched out his hand with his rod and struck the dust of the earth and there were lice on man and on animal. All the dust of the earth became lice throughout all the land of Egypt. The magicians tried with their

enchancements to produce lice, but they couldn't. There were lice on man and on animal.

Then the magician said to Pharaoh, "This is God's finger." And Pharaoh's heart was hardened. He did not listen to them as the Lord had spoken.

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Nathaniel Bronner: And I'm not going to talk about today the lice. I want to talk about what the magicians said about the lice. That's really the whole key; what the magicians of Egypt said about the lice. Now, when you understand, first of all, when Moses and Aaron went to see Pharaoh and they had the staff with them and they threw their staff out on the ground, the staff turned into a snake. Well, the magicians of Egypt brought in their staffs and they threw their staffs on the ground and they also turned into snakes. But Moses and Aaron's staff ate up the magicians' staff. God's stuff is always stronger than the impostor. That's one thing for you to always remember; God's stuff is always stronger than the impostor.

So here, we had the staff of Aaron ate up the staff of the magicians. But the magicians did produce the same effect or the same miracle.

Next, we had Aaron along with his brother, Moses, turned the water into blood. The magicians of Egypt duplicated that same thing. They turned water into blood. Then, we had the frogs and Moses and Aaron brought frogs out of the river that covered the land. The magicians of Egypt did the same thing and they brought up frogs out of the river.

But when it got to lice, in Exodus 8:16, it says that when they brought the lice up and the land was covered with lice, the magicians of Egypt could not duplicate that effect; they could not do anything with the lice. And what the magicians of Egypt went to Pharaoh and they told Pharaoh this: "We can't do anything with this. We can't do this. We can't duplicate this. Our arts and our secrets, sorcery stuff won't do anything. We can't do this." But this is the main thing they said. The magicians of Egypt told Pharaoh: "This is God. This is God."

So, when you understand about not just the plague; but when you understand about all of life, about who controls everything, who set the world in motion, who has the sun come up at night and the moon go the phases in the sky, when you understand who breathe the breath of life into your body, who gave you your spirit, your intellect, who gave you your heart, when you understand; this is God.

And that's the point about this plague that's important. This is God. Now, there's a lot of conspiracy theories about who exactly and whether this plague came from a lab or whether it was bio-engineered, you know, there's some stuff China says, the US Military created it in the USA., it came from China -- it's all that. I don't know the truth of that. And I doubt if the public will ever know the truth but one thing I do know; this is God.

You see, God even controlled Pharaoh. It was God who hardened the Pharaoh's heart. It was God who made Pharaoh where he would not let the children of Israel go. This is God hardened Pharaoh's heart.

So, God even influenced and Pharaoh at the time was a Super President. He had absolute authority. He didn't have to go to Congress, in the Senate, in the Supreme Court. What Pharaoh said was law. So, he was essentially a Super President. So, God controlled -- all right, that's a bird just singing. Amen to that.

But God controlled Pharaoh. This is God. And see, when you understand even about this plague, whether it was bioengineered, whether it's straight out of nature, whether it's some mutation, no matter where it came from because God influenced Pharaoh, the King, the President, the Super President, God influenced him.

When you understand that simple point, this is God. So, when you see all this stuff about this virus and all this stuff about this plague and yes it's going to be a whole lot more deaths coming; but when you realize, when you go through that Bible, Oh God caused a lot of death and He is the bringer of life. God is love but in order to correct and to bring balance to some things, God killed a whole lot of people. This is bottom line. God killed a whole lot of people that's why He said, I will put none of these diseases that I put on the Egyptians on you. So, God put some of them diseases on folk. Yes, He did. No question about it. The word says so.

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So, when we understand about all of this stuff, this is God. And that's why I'm not worried about this stuff because I recognize this is God. The worst that can happen to me is that it kills me. That's the worst it can happen to me but if I'm right with God, I'm going home to heaven, I'm going home to be with Jesus. So, if I'm right with God, the worst that could happen to me is I'd go to God and live there (00:10:29). That's the worst it could happen to me.

So, when I understand this is God, I don't walk in fear, I'm not walking in foolishness. I travel, I go a lot of places, I go to work every day even though they have a stay at home order, I work at Bronner Brothers, Bronner Brothers manufactures a hand sanitizer called germless. You can go to the website and see it at [getgermless.com](http://getgermless.com). So, Bronner Brothers manufactures hand sanitizers which makes us an essential business. So I have a legal right, I'm Executive Vice President on the Bronner Brothers. I have a legal right to go back and forth to work every day and I'm fully within my law but even at Bronner Brothers, we don't do foolish stuff.

We maintain a six-foot separation with everybody in the company, most of the people that manufacture, they have a face mask and we have an infrared thermometer where everyone who walks in the business, we put a dot on their head and check their temperature. So, everybody who's in the building, no one has a temperature, everybody has on face mask and everybody is six feet apart. So, we even follow wise medical advice even within business just like it ought to be done within church.

Now, I believe God can protect you with everything but the sermon I preached two weeks ago talked about how God gave us guidelines on dealing with plagues and he told you two things. Wash up real good and put them folk at the camp until they were clean and healed. So, God had social separation and he at hand washes.

So, everything the government is telling you to do is exactly what God told you to do when you're dealing with the plague situation. So, we follow that but I'm not worried about this plague because I understood and I understand what the magicians of Egypt understood and they understood this one thing, this is God!

When you understand this is God, it changes everything about how you feel and how you react and I'm telling you, people, this is no time for you to get out of favor with God.

Now, see, the world would have it when you can't get to church, then you're going watch TV, you may not even watch this stream. It's going to be a whole lot of folks, "I ain't going to get up because I'm not there. The pastor is not going to see me in there. Nobody is going to see me go down and --." Look, this is not the time to get out of favor with God. So, you make sure you get your tithes and offerings in.

Now look, you all know that I don't focus on it a whole lot but I know a lot of people that are going to fall off simply because they're not there and they think the obligation ends and nobody can see them and you become out of favor. So, this thing is an economic thing. That's one of the plagues that's hitting us real hard is the economic disaster. I'm not worried about the economy, I'm really, really not because I believe God controls. I've seen it, I believe it with every fiber of my bean. God controls money. He absolutely does. He talks about the crops at your field and these are the blessing and these are the curses. He will bless the crops at your field.

Look, this has been the worst economic month in literally the history of the United States. This has been the worst month. This month, it's been the worst month in the history of the United States. Do you know our business broke all records? We did nearly double what our normal monthly volume is and everybody around the country want to, how did this happen?

Everybody in my company, they normally get a bonus when they do certain criteria, but anytime we break a record, their bonuses are doubled. Do you know their bonuses were doubled in the month we're just in, in the big plague month, their bonuses were doubled. How did it happen? We don't even know. We don't know why everybody was placing so many orders, why our business went through the roof, they don't know but I do.

Let me tell you why, that was God. That's why. So, God can handle you, He can protect you, He can put his hands around you with God. So, what else in the world is going on? God got you but you have to be right with God. So, this is not the time for you to

walk away from the church, not do what you're supposed to do. This is not the time for it. If anytime, you need to be more on point now than ever because when you understand, this is God.

The reason the magicians of Egypt knew it because you see, they were masters of all of the magical arts like the magicians today.

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You see, you can fool an average person with some illusions of magic but you can't fool a professional magician. You can't fool a professional magician. They know the tricks and see, there are two techniques that magicians use to fool folk. It is the technique of distraction and then there is the technique of illusion. The first technique of distraction, they're always doing something that takes your attention away from what they're really doing. They'll wave a magic wand when they're really doing something with this hand that you don't see and you're watching the wand or they have a beautiful assistant just dressed in this tight little outfit, so you're watching the assistant. You don't even see what the magician is doing. They use a distracting technique to always draw your attention away. They'll use this hand and you're watching his hand right here not realizing what they're doing with his hand over here on the right.

While you're watching the one hand is distraction. The magicians of Egypt knew all of the techniques. Then there is illusion. The magicians of Egypt knew what they were doing and they knew all of the techniques of illusion. So, they understood distraction, they understood illusion. And see, that's what the world is doing to you right now. That's why a lot of the church people, they fall away because they're distracted. And then, you got an illusion and most of that illusion right now is fear.

So, the world got all this illusion but, "Oh, I'm scared. This stuff is going to kill me. This stuff is going to mess me up." So, you under both a distraction and you're under an illusion and you have forgotten the promises of God. If you are faithful to God, God got you. This is God.

So, when you understand, this is God. You're just not worried about this stuff. So, the magicians of Egypt knew. They understood distraction and they understood illusion. So, when they saw Aaron and Moses, they said, "This is not a distraction.

We know, we're professionals. We know. This is not distraction. This is not an illusion. This is real." So, they knew. And they knew if it wasn't distraction and if it wasn't illusion, there was only one other alternative. And that's why they went to Pharaoh. And they see it. This is God!

So, when you understand that, it's going to change how you react. This is God. Every time you see all of the fingers up on the TV, and someone you're sitting there with watching the TV all day, all night and you're seeing these numbers just take up and up and up and how many people infected in the world, how many people died, how many in the US infected, how many died, how much stuff shed down, the economic disasters. You're going to see the stock market go to the floor. So, when you see all of this stuff, remember those three words, this is God.

Jesus said, look, He said don't be afraid of them who can kill just the body. The maximum they can do is kill your body. You mess up your finances, you mess up your body. They can do that. He said, "Don't be afraid of that." He said, "You'll be afraid of what can kill both body and soul." See, this is the point. I'm not afraid of all of this stuff as long as I'm right with God.

I am only concerned about being right with God. Now, I'm going to do what I'm supposed to do in natural wisdom and natural logic. I'm going to keep my body in real good shape, so if the virus does come to me, I'm just going to let it because my immune system's going to be strong. We developed this product called seven shields at [sevenshields.com](http://sevenshields.com). Go there, get you a bottle. It'll help you strengthen your immune system so you'll be laughing at this virus, simple as that because it's not a matter whether you get the virus or not, it's a matter of how strong your immune system is.

Look, the stats are the experts says if governor of California says in two months, 25 million people in California are going to have this virus and there are only 40 million people in the whole state. So, that basically over 60% of the people are going to have this virus. Estimates are the 60% to 70% of people are going to have this virus.

So, it's not a matter if you're going to get the virus. Chances are, you will. What matters is whether you're going to be able to resist this. See, it's not a matter of whether you're going to face

temptations. That's not the question whether you're going to face temptation, the question is, will you succumb to temptation. It's not a matter whether the devil is going to come after you, yeah, he's coming after you. It's not a matter whether the devil is going to come after you, what matters is you got Jesus.

See, these are the real questions and even with the virus, it doesn't matter whether you're going to come in contact with the virus, they're trying to flatten the curve. What that means is they're just trying to keep so many people from getting it all in one time.

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They still know you're going to likely get it. They're just trying to keep them from getting all at one time. So, whenever you do encounter it, you need to make sure you're strong. Whenever you do encounter the devil, you need to make sure you're strong. Whenever you do encounter temptation, you need to make sure you're strong. Simple as that. And when you're weak, that's why you need faith and that's why you need Jesus and that's why you need the power of God, but he gives you wisdom to tell you to get yourself strong.

That's why he told the folk back in the Old Testament when there's a plague among them, putting them folk with the plague or with the disease out of the camp. Separate them and wash them. He told you what to do. He didn't just tell them, just pray. No. He told you do to some wise stuff. So, this is the point what the magicians of Egypt recognized. All of the stuff and they knew it. Pharaoh didn't accept.

See, there will be some people right now just like Pharaoh and they will not accept this is God and they will not do what they should do to relieve the plague and as a result, everybody under them suffered because the leader didn't do what they needed to do and that's the point.

It works that way in a family. It works that way in a business. It works that way in a church. It works that way in a nation. It works that way in a planet. So, we've got to do what God has told us to do because whether you realize it or not, I realize it and I believe it with every fiber of my being, this is God.

And when you know that, and when you believe that and more importantly, when you act on that because if you believe it and you know it and you're going to act on it, you might as well not know it and you might as well not believe it. See, if you believe that cigarette smoking is bad for your health even though you may know it and even though you may believe it, if you see a kid smoking, you might as well not know it and not believe you're actually better off because now you don't have the guilt associated with all smoking. So, if you know something and if you believe it and if you don't act on it, it's actually better for you psychologically and even spiritually that you just don't even know it because at least you're happy and free and you don't have the guilt dealing with.

So, when you know this is God and I know this is God regardless of whether or not it came through a man or men or an organization or a government, regardless of that because God influences and controls the king and the president and the groups and all of that. He knows that he can stop it any of the stuff. He can stop it and he can start it. I just know that. So, I know just like the magicians of Egypt, this is God.

You know this is God, act like you know it. Act like you know. Don't be wearing all this fear. Act like you know this is God, so if you know it, act like it and I'm out here right now and I am enjoying the sun and the beauty of what God has done because I know just like the virus is God, so is all of this, this is God. And the first of the series of the plagues of Egypt had to do with Jacob and it was called bumps over blessings.

The first plague is not recognizing your blessing and focusing on all of the bumps. This virus is a bump, but you're still so blessed regardless of what happened. You're still so blessed. If I contracted a virus and die tomorrow, I'm still blessed. I have had bless like it's been beautiful. I can complain a thing and I'd been going on to live with Jesus.

I focus on my blessing not my bumps and there's going to be a lot of bumps that's going to happen with this, but there's a whole bunch of blessings, but sometimes your joy and your peace and your relationship with God will be on your thankfulness and your obedience and your faith. This is Pastor Nathaniel from his backyard. I'm staying at home but I'm at peace and I'm going to

stay at peace regardless of what happens because I recognize and realize, this is God.

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