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And now for the "The Plagues of Egypt, part 16 - The Blood of the Lamb."

Nathaniel Bronner: Welcome to Brothers of The Word because brother, you need the word. And today, I am still in the midst of a series called the "Plagues of Egypt." It's the longest series that I've ever preached in over 25 years of preaching. And I asked God because today I'm dealing with the 10th plague and the tenth plague is actually the last of the classic 10 Plagues of Egypt.

And I was talking with God and I said "Lord, I'm glad this plague series is over because I want to preach something a little bit more uplifting than all these plagues. And right now, we're in the middle of some of the worst turmoil the world has ever seen on multiple fronts. So, God knew about all this stuff and when he spoke to me. He said "Yeah, this is the 10th plague that you're going to preach today, but you got three more messages in this -- because the plagues did not stop.

There are some other things that happened even after the children of Israel were released from Egypt, the plagues did not stop just because they got out of slavery. They had some stuff, I've got three more messages in this series, but I'm just going to today deal with that last and that final plague in the classic 10 plagues. AV department, go ahead and run the video for today.

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Male: The Lord said to Moses yet, one plague more will I bring on pharaoh and on Egypt afterwards? He will let you go, when he lets you go, he will surely thrust you out altogether. Speak now in the ears of the people and let every man asked of his neighbor and every woman of her neighbor jewels of silver and jewels of gold. The lord gave the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians. Moreover, the man Moses was very great in the land of Egypt in

the sight of pharaoh servants and in the sight of the people. Moses said, “This is what the Lord says, “About midnight, I will go out into the middle of Egypt and all the firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die. From the firstborn of pharaoh who sits on his throne even to the firstborn of the female servants who is behind the mill and all the firstborn of livestock. There shall be a great cry throughout all the land of Egypt such as there has not been nor shall be anymore. But against any of the children of Israel, a dog won’t even bark or move its tongue against man or animal that you may know that the Lord makes a distinction between the Egyptians and Israel. All these servants of yours will come down to me and bow down themselves to me saying get out with all the people who follow you and after that I will go out.”

He went out from pharaoh in hot anger, the Lord said to Moses, “Pharaoh won’t listen to you that my wonders may be multiplied in the land of Egypt.” Moses and Aaron did all these wonders before pharaoh and the Lord hardened pharaoh’s heart and he didn’t let the children of Israel go out of his land.

Male: Soon, there will be a final plague. The angel of death is coming. Every firstborn son will die.

Female: No.

Male: But not us? Why would he punish us?

Male: Death is coming for us all.

Male: Friends, we can be spared God’s vengeance, but only if we do exactly as he tells us.

Male: Don’t spill, every single house must be marked with blood.

Male: The Israelites marked their doorways with lamb’s blood. Identifying them as God’s people.

Male: It’s coming.

Male: Will we be safe?

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Male: Don’t be afraid my son. God have mercy.

Male: At midnight, the lord struck all the firstborn in the land of Egypt from the firstborn of pharaoh, who sat on his throne to the firstborn of the captive who was in the dungeon and all the firstborn of livestock.

Pharaoh rose up in the night, he and all his servants, and all the Egyptians, and there was a great cry in Egypt for there was not a house where there was not one dead. He called for Moses and Aaron at night and said, "Rise up, get out from among my people both you and the children of Israel and go serve the Lord as you have said. Take both your flocks and your herds as you have said and begone and bless me also." The Egyptians were urgent with the people to send them out of the land in haste for they said, "We are all dead men the people took their doe before --

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Nathaniel Bronner: This was the final plague that came upon the Egyptians in that day. It was the most vicious of the plagues and had the most impact. And the Bible says "There was not a house that did not have someone dead in that house."

And God struck the firstborn of Egypt, but there's an interesting thing about it. I want you to actually open your Bibles and I want you to open it to Exodus Chapter 12, and I want you to see this. I've read through this multiple times. I've seen all of the movies dealing with the Ten Commandments and the Exodus but there were four words spoken by pharaoh that I had never realized before.

And in Exodus Chapter 12, beginning at the 31st verse "Then he called from Moses and Aaron by night and said 'Rise, go out from among my people, both you and the children of Israel and go serve the Lord as you have said. Also, take your flocks and your herds. And as you have said and begone.'" but pharaoh says four words after that that I've never heard anybody preach on. Somehow, I never recognized it or realized it.

Do you see those four words in the 32nd verse of that 12th Chapter of Exodus? Those four words, and these are the last four words that pharaoh spoke to Moses and Aaron, what are those four words? "And bless me also." Pharaoh had just lost his firstborn son and the Bible has always placed a distinction on the firstborn.

The firstborn was always -- even of the cattle, the first born had to be dedicated unto God, the firstborn had to be sacrificed even among the sons. The firstborn son always received a double portion of inheritance.

So, there was something unique, there was something favored in God's sight and in God's law about the firstborn. So even with pharaoh, the firstborn son is usually the son that will become king or pharaoh after pharaoh leaves. So, he was not just his son, it was his firstborn son, it was to be the future pharaoh of Egypt and his firstborn son was laying there dead. And it is strange that if a father has lost his dearest son, his firstborn, if a father has lost his son he's going to be filled with anger, he's going to be filled with disgust, he's going to be filled with hate, he's going to be filled with all this stuff.

And you can see it reflected in his first words when he calls for Moses and Aaron's and basically -- "Get out! Get out of this land of Egypt. You get out, take all your stuff with you. Take all your animals all -- all of you get out." But it's those final four words that stands apart and has a different spirit. Pharaoh in the midst of all of his rage, in the midst of all of his fight(ph). In the midst of all of that death, pharaoh in his final words to Moses and Aaron says "And bless me also."

Before you go, "Take all your stuff and get it all out of here. But before you go, bless me also." See, sometimes, God will have to take us through some stuff before we realize it's him. He will have to take us almost to the bottom of the pit sometimes. He will have to strip everything away from us.

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He would have to take all of the comfort, all of the pleasures. He'll just have to take a whole bunch of stuff and we realize this is God. Pharaoh had voted(ph) through all of the other non-plagues. But when it got to the death of his son, he realized this is God. Now see, there are some things that are not in the Bible that I've read in other scriptures.

And they had to do with two of the people of Egypt, who were not killed by the death angel. Pharaoh was a first born and he didn't die because normally it is the firstborn male child who inherits the role of pharaoh after their father passes away. God didn't kill

pharaoh for a reason, the same way he hardened his heart because Egypt had to be taught some stuff and sometimes, to be taught some stuff, you got to go through some stuff.

There were two people -- some of the other books talk about who were not killed, one was pharaoh and the other was pharaoh's daughter who raised Moses. They were spared, but they were spared for God's purpose and here, pharaoh recognizes all of this, he sees the ultimate hand of God and before Moses can get out of the Kingdom, he adds those final four words "And bless me also."

Some of us will never get to the divine destiny where we're supposed to get to until we get to those four words. When you realize your brain, your power, your money, even your work ethic when you realize you cannot get to where you are supposed to go without the blessing of God, "And bless me also." Lord, I pray to you right now that all of the turmoil and all of the stuff that's going over the world, that you'll send your angels of peace, that you send your angels of justice, that you send your angels of correction, that you send your angels of healing over all this stuff Lord.

But even in the midst of all that, I, like pharaoh and bless me also. I want to pray for the world, I really do and I do pray for the world. I pray for the congregation as the whole. I'm not going to sit here and lie about(ph) I pray for each one of you individually, because I don't. I just have to struggle just to remember to pray for the whole congregation. To be honest about it, I have my own -- I'm just -- I get up every morning, just praying all -- no, I don't, I just don't. And bless me also.

Pharaoh understood where his Blessing needed to come from and he understood it, in the midst of all of this death because see, in truth people, God could not deliver or would not deliver the children of Israel until there had been death and a whole series of death. See, the ultimate promise of God only comes after death. This life is not the promise, the ultimate promise is after this life is over. It's not this life where the ultimate promise is. There has to be a death and even for you to move to a certain level of joy in this life. There has to be a death and some stuff in your life.

You can't be attached to some stuff. You can't be dependent upon some stuff. You can't have stuff bringing about all of your joy and sometimes for God to take you to a higher level, some stuff has to

die. For pharaoh to get to the point of saying “And bless me also,” some stuff has to die.

The Book of Revelation tells us there will come a day when God will pour out his judgment on the world for its rebellion. Revelation 16 says that angels from heaven will pour out bowls of wrath, which will include -- I want you to listen to these if you go and read that 16th Chapter of Revelation, you find that the plagues in the end days are exactly the same as the plagues of these plagues of Egypt. Will pour out bowls of wrath, which will include water being turned into blood, that's in Revelation. Painful skin afflictions, that's in Revelation. Darkness, that's in Revelation. Disease and the final one, hail.

Revelation 16:21 even says they curse God for the plague of the hail because the plague was so severe. In other words, those plagues of Egypt coming back. So, when God has me preaching about the plagues of Egypt -- and I'm not sitting here and saying “Revelation and the tribulation -- and all that is coming soon.” I don't know when it's coming. I don't know when it's coming. It may not be coming for another thousand years but what I do know is this, the end of the world may not be coming for a long, long time but (00:14:40) and I plan on living to 116.

I got it on my phone, I got 52 years and hundred some days left. I got a long time but I'm not going to let 52 years by just like that. It's going to be like tomorrow and I will be 115 and say it's almost time. So, no matter how long you live, I can guarantee you, this life, in this body is coming to an end and when that comes to an end, that's when the real promise of God begins, not this life.

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So, don't get all hung -- that's why Jesus said “Look, they're going to be wars, there are going to be rumors of wars, there are going to be earthquakes in diverse places.” Basically, what Jesus said there's going to be conflict, there's going to be war, the earth is going to be shaken. Don't get afraid of all of that stuff.

“Those things must be” is what Jesus said. So, he said when you see all this topic coming, don't let that disturb your spirit. These things must be, but our end, without question, it's coming. They will pour out all of this stuff and just as there was the passing over by the blood on the door post. Revelation says in Revelation

16:2, "The first angel went and poured out his bowl on the land, and ugly and painful sores broke out on the people who had the mark of the beast and worshiped his image."

So, we got to make sure we don't have that mark of the beast, just like the blood on the doorpost stopped him, what's going to stop it when you get to the point where you have to stand before God or if you're still around when this stuff in Revelation comes to pass? So, we got to be really careful of some certain things. There's a legend that goes that there was a young girl, back in the Egypt on the night of the death angel. The young girl heard what was coming and she asked her father. She said "Daddy is there blood on the doorpost?" and he said "Yes, my child. The blood is there on the doorpost," she said, "Did you see it on the doorpost?"

He said "Well, no but I saw them kill the lamb and drain the blood. And I told the servant to put the blood on the doorpost" and she said "Well, did you see it on the doorpost?" And he said "No, but I told the servant to put the blood on the doorpost." She said "Daddy, will you pick me up and take me outside so I can see that blood on the doorpost by myself?" See, she was a firstborn, it was her life on the line. So, she said "Daddy, will you pick me up and take me so I can see that blood on the doorpost myself?" So, the father picked up his little daughter, took her outside and sure enough, the servant had forgotten to put the blood on the doorpost. And she said, "Daddy, get this blood on this doorpost."

See, the thing about this story is this, you got to make sure you got the blood of Jesus on your own life, you can't depend on the pastor, you can't depend on C Elijah. You got to make sure for yourself that that blood is on your life because that's the only thing -- And see, the thing about it, if you don't make sure for yourself, your mama can't make sure, your daddy can't make sure, your sister can't make sure, your husband or your wife can't make sure, nobody can make sure that blood is on your life but you.

You got to know and that little girl, she said "Look, if that blood is not there, I'm going to die." If you're not covered by the blood, I don't know when it's coming, I only know that it's coming. I know sooner or later we're going to stand before the judgment and we're going to have answer to some things. And if we are not covered by that blood, we're going to have some real, real serious problems. So, what do we do? And in this time of so much

turmoil, what do we do? First of all, when you're covered by the blood, you act different, you really do. There is a difference in the way people behave, it's like when the death angel was coming.

There were two groups of people in Egypt, those covered by the blood and those not covered by the blood. Now see, the people who weren't covered by the blood, they had already seen the nine plagues prior to that and they knew it had happened. The Bible doesn't say whether any of the Egyptians went and covered their doorposts with some blood because that's what I would have done. If I had seen nine plagues come to pass, and then this man said "The angel is coming and everybody who's doorpost is not covered with lamb's blood, their firstborn is going to die." I'd say, "Well, shoot, that isn't much for me to risk. Let me go get some lamb's blood and put it on this door just in case because the man has been right 9 out of 10 times."

See, what's going to happen at that time is this, Jesus said it's going to be some folks there who would make it in the kingdom we didn't think are going to make it. And it is going to be some folk we thought who were going to be in there, is not going to be in. He said, you're going to see some harlots, and some tax collectors in the kingdom of heaven; folks we did not think who would make it. And then there are going to be some folks, we were just sure are going to be in heaven, and they're not going to make it. The bible doesn't say this, but I just know how people think because I would have done it. I just know how people think. My guess is that some of them -- just like when they said that the hail was coming. Some of the Egyptians went and put their livestock up --

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-- and then you saw everybody else who left their livestock out, all their livestock is dead and hear the next thing the man said, "You're going to do that next thing." I would have gone and got me some lamb's blood, there's no question about that. I would have gone and got me some lamb's blood and put that lamb's blood all over my door. Actually, C. Elijah preached about this, years ago, about when they put the lamb's blood on -- actually, it went up that post and it crossed -- it was almost in the form of a cross. It went up and across. So that cross of blood was there, even back in that day, we went to Egypt and when we were in Egypt, we were in a deep tomb and we were looking at the hieroglyphics on

the tomb. There, in the middle of the hieroglyphics, there was a cross, not a plus sign, a cross, a Christian cross, not an ankh, it was a cross. And we had a doctor of hieroglyphics leading us on the tour and I remember I said "Look, what does that mean?" And he looked at it and it was a cross, in the midst of all of these hieroglyphics and I asked him I said, "What does that mean?" And he answered me, he said, "I don't know."

But I'm standing there, in a 4000-year-old tomb and there's a cross on the door jamb of that tomb. I would be willing to bet, if I could prove it, some of those Egyptians put their blood on that door jamb because I sure would have. There are going to be some folks who don't even come to church but they're going to accept Jesus. There are going to be some folk and they never tied(ph) but they're going to say "Lord, I invite you into my life and I accept you over my life." And they are going to be saved and there are going to be some folk that have out of what I would call ritualism and just routine come to church but they never really opened their hearts to Christ and they never put the blood on the doorpost.

Blood is painful, but the life is in the blood, blood is painful. Is it on your door post? The death angel is coming, we are seeing all these plagues all around us and I don't know what else is coming down the road, but I can tell you this, whatever's coming, I'm not worried about it. And see, you got two things right now going on. No, I'm not talking about the two big things going on in the world. I'm talking about the two big things -- you got stuff going on in the world and you got stuff going on in your own personal.

See, not only that you have all this stuff going on -- it is not the stuff -- the stuff you got going on in your own house. All that stuff, hadn't stopped the stuff you got going on your own -- inside of your own border(ph). Not to mention about the city or the state, or the world, I'm talking about just in your own personal space, you got stuff going on. It hadn't stopped the stuff going on in your own body and it's not the flu virus.

The flu virus is not cutting down on a bit or your other medical issues. So, you still got your own stuff and it will always be. So, you've got to have a piece of Christ within you. You got to have his healing blood over your mind, body and spirit all of the time and see this thing is real. See, most of us would have so much burden lifted off, if we just forgave. That's why the Oncologist(ph)

a book that I read he said he's never seen a case of cancer where there was not significant unforgiveness.

If we just forgave, we'd be 50 pounds lighter, if we could just do that. Pharaoh was faced with a choice. First of all, the pharaoh was wrong. He had persecuted the folk, kept him in slavery, put him under tremendous hardship, been unfair, been unjust, first of all, pharaoh was wrong. If pharaoh had just had genuine repentance and if he had just told Moses "I have been wrong, bless me, your people are free to go." Pharaoh said "And bless me too," he had a temper -- and sometimes, it's what's happened to us Christians. We'll have a temporary change of heart, we need to calm down to give our life to Christ but Monday morning, we're back in the same mode.

Pharaoh said "And bless me also," in the next day, he said "Gather my army, let me go get these folks." When Monday morning came, Pharaoh was back to his old ways. That night, in the middle of death, in the middle of the destruction, when he saw the power and felt the power of God "And blessed me also." The next day, "Call the army. Let's go get them. Let's go kill them. Let's go bring them back." If pharaoh had had a true change of heart, it would have changed the fate of his entire nation. People, we need a change of heart and we have to go through this renewal a lot because stuff just happened and the world will always -- I don't know about whether the antichrist is a person or a world(ph) spirit.

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The world spirit will always be an antichrist, it will always take you away from Christ. It's going to have you scared and mad that's the world and it will fill you with anger, not compassion and it will fill you with fear, not faith. And we got the constantly have the blood of Jesus over our lives. And Jesus told you, if an enemy slap you on one cheek turn the other cheek. Blood is painful, that's hard to do. I'm a military man, just all the way through. That is hard to do. If somebody slap me, I don't want to slap them back, I really don't. I want to pow! I don't even want slap them back, I really don't.

So, it takes the love of Jesus to turn the other cheek, to deal with this flesh nature, it takes the love of Jesus. It takes the blood of Christ but that's where your peace is. That's where your healing

is, that's where your joy is. See, the death angel is real whether you think of it literally or figuratively. The death angel comes over our lives, it's trying to kill your joy. He comes to steal, to kill and to destroy -- is trying to kill your joy. All this stuff is trying to kill your joy, it's making you scared and mad. And it's not that it's not the virus, it's something to be -- all the numbers you just see on the death toll, just take up and up and up.

You're seeing all this stuff just get your blood boil, just get you angry, it's design to do that. You got to have the love of Christ. You've got to have the love of Christ and when it can live in you, that blood is over your body, but blood is painful and sometimes to kill that human nature is painful, it's painful. But oh, there is so much peace and there's almost like a wave of wet blanket that's lifted off of you when you're able to forgive.

See, because first of all people, you've got to understand the way the world's systems work. So many people are trapped up, so many people are caught up in it. The system is designed to keep us separated, fighting each other, it's not designed for unity. It really is not, because when people get unified, the folk can control or lose control. So, the best way to keep you from bothering them is to keep you fighting among yourselves. It's an old classic principle that has always been.

The devil is like that, that's why when God talked about the things he hates, one of those is those who causes discord among the brethren. All this stuff causing so much discord but it doesn't just get into the world. It comes into your own house. And that's why divorce rates are so high, so much discord in our own homes. And until we can get the blood of Christ on our doorpost, the blood of the lamb on the doorpost, until we can get it there the plagues continue; the death angel continues and we go through life without the fullness of joy.

And I believe God wants us to have the fullness of joy and I just want to open the doors of the church right now, even though we are social separation. So, if you come down, you got to stay six feet apart. And sometimes, the power of God will hit you and just start crying. Don't get your tears on anybody but the power of God has the power to heal. Some of you have gone through some stuff that -- to be honest is horrendous and you ought to be mad in all of the natural sense.

But if the blood of Jesus is over you, you know how rough a crucifixion is? And here, Jesus could stand on his cross and say “Father, forgive them for they know not what they do.” See, the people who have hurt you, the people who have done you wrong, they don’t know what they’re doing. A lot of them are following a system where they have been abused themselves.

They’ve been hurt themselves, and hurt people, hurt people. So, the thing carries on like a domino effect. You got to be the domino that stops it and the way you stop it is with the love of Christ. So, if there’s anyone within the sound of my voice right now. And you want to recommit yourself and you may not be absolutely sure whether the blood is on your door post or not, or if the rains have come and washed it away. Because sometimes, you have to renew that stuff.

I have to constantly go through renewal processes because the flesh nature is strong. That military nature comes back on me strong. So, I have to constantly renew and constantly remind myself stay in the love of Christ. And if there is anyone today, I want to just ask you to come down and we just want to pray over you. And if there’s anybody watching the stream right now, I just want you to just lift your hands, palms up and as we bow our heads right now and just pray for you. Dear heavenly father, we just thank you for sending not just your firstborn but your only.

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And there is a huge difference between “First” and “Only” for you sent your only begotten son to die for our sins. To show us the way to show us how to live, to show us how to forgive to show us dear father how to walk through this life and with every situation in life, we need to ask ourselves “How would your son have handled this? What would he have done? How would your son deal with this?”

And father, we pray right now, that our hearts be opened and that we receive the love of Christ, the salvation of Christ within us all anew. And if we have gone astray, if we have allowed the things of the world to creep in and to control, and to contaminate. Father, we pray right now for a washing clean, for the blood of Jesus washes us clean. And we pray right now, for that blood to cover the doorpost of our lives, that the death angel that kills spirit and joy, and peace and eternal salvation shall not enter.

And thy son Jesus' name, we pray, amen. Amen, amen, amen,
and amen.

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