

1. Why Ten Plagues? Why not one?

- What is the purpose of needed Ten Plagues? Couldn't God have delivered Israel with One Plague?
- 10 = Completeness, Divine Perfection, Order, God's Authority.
- To make it clear to the world that the LORD was more powerful than all other gods.
 - 1 = fluke; 2 = coincidence; 3 = beginning of a pattern...

2. God is Beyond the Cosmos yet interacts with His creation:

- Egypt is a stand-in for the World.
- The whole world worshiped many gods.
- The gods were within – part of - the cosmos.

3. Glory:

- The distinguishing feature between man and the gods was Glory.
- Glory = shining power.
 - Marked by **Awe** and **Fear** at the amount and nature of your power.
- The king's glory (shining power) was represented in the crown, the splendor, and the building projects.
- God is going to reveal HIS glory through the contest with Pharaoh.
- Hebrew = KVD
 - The root word of glory means “heavy” or “weighty.” As a noun, it means the ‘liver.’
 - When used in reference to a person or God, it means “honor, importance, splendor, or power.”
 - There is a bright or shiny nature to glory – God enclosed in light (1 Tim. 6:16); Moses shining face (Ex. 34:29), Jesus' Transfiguration (Matt. 17:2).
 - Human Kings by their gold and jewels.

4. The world shall know that the LORD is God:

- Exodus 5:2 - Pharaoh's question – who is YHVH?
- Exodus 7:5 – “the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD.”
- Exodus 8:8-10 – “so that you will know.”
 - God is outside of time
- Exodus 8:22 – “so that you will know.”
 - God transcends geographical space.
- Exodus 9:14-16 – “no one like me in all the earth.”
- Exodus 9:29 – “so that you may know that the earth is the LORD's.”
- Exodus 10:2 – so that the Hebrew people will know
- Exodus 12:12 – God brings judgment on all the gods of Egypt
- Exodus 18:11 – “LORD is greater than all the other gods.”

5. How does God put his glory on display for the whole world to see?

- Ten plagues
- God transcends time
- God transcends space/geography
- more powerful than all of the gods