

Question: How can I make certain of God's protection when the plagues begin to fall?

Answer: There is only **one** way! The same conditions as prevailed in the Egyptian plagues. By demonstrating faith and loyalty to God as deliverer by sprinkling the blood of a lamb on your doorpost. When we follow God's instructions we make necessary preparations by accepting the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ as our sacrifice **and** allow His blood to cleanse us from all sin.

Friends, by the choices we make today, we demonstrate which side we will be on! God's side or the side of the rebel angel! When the destroying angels begin their work, it will be too late to change sides! *See: Jeremiah 8:20*

But for the genuine child of God, we have no need to fear! *See: Psalm 91:1,4, 5-11* Could anything else be more reassuring? When there is no place to hide, I want to be under His wings, don't you?

Your heavenly Father wants to protect you and save you in the hour of trouble and destruction. The decision is yours. Nobody else can make it for you or me. Indeed, **today**, is the day of salvation.

Praise His Holy name! Amen.

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SURVIVING THE COMING TRIBULATIONS

The Bible clearly identifies Plagues as part of the judgments that will befall rebellious humanity just prior to the 2nd Coming of Christ. The children of Israel were under Egyptian affliction and God heard their cry and "remembered" His covenant with Abraham 400 years before. *See: Exodus 2:23,24; 3:7,8.*

Moses was well educated in the wisdom of Egypt (*Acts 7:22*), But after 40 years in the desert as a shepherd, Moses learned humility, patience and gentleness. Aaron and Moses went to see the Pharaoh requesting that he release the Hebrew slaves from bondage. Pharaoh refused. *See: Exodus 5:2* The Lord's message to Pharaoh is found in *Exodus 7:17*, and then the 10 plagues began to fall! **Notice**, that the first three plagues fell on the Hebrews and Egyptians; however, the last seven fell only on the Egyptians. *See: Exodus 8:22,23* Pharaoh even went out to see for himself if plague #5, the sickness upon the cattle, touched the Hebrew animals or not. *See: Exodus 9:6,7.* But, even Egyptians **who obeyed** the Word of the Lord were spared from the (#6) plague of Hail. *See: Exodus 9:19* **Ques:** "What does this tell you about God? **Ans:** The Egyptians saw clearly that the earth was

under the control of the living God, and that their only safety was in obedience to His mercy!

After all this, Pharaoh still was hard of heart in defiance towards God's people! After exhausting all other options, God was compelled to pour out one more "final" plague! A destroying angel was to pass through the land at midnight and slaughter all the firstborn in Egypt-both man and beast. Each family was instructed to sprinkle blood from a slain lamb over the doorpost of their home as a token of their faith and loyalty to God. *See: Exodus 12:13, 29; 5:2.*

God's people who had chosen Him as their deliverer-were set free and they **had prepared** for that hour with shoes on their feet and coats on their back, ready for the exodus, headed for the Promise Land!

-History Will Be Repeated-

This Old Testament story is an example of what will happen to the earth but on a larger scale. Bible prophecy says that not 10 plagues, but 7 plagues, will culminate in the deliverance of God's people. The prophet Daniel describes this period of trouble in *Daniel 12:1*. The messages of the 3 angels of Revelation 14:6-10, will have been preached to all the earth:

- Everlasting gospel to **all** the world.
- "Come out of Babylon" or false systems of worship!
- Warning of the last plagues to all who worship the beast power **and** his image! Probation doors close here for humanity. The door of mercy is shut. *See: Rev.22:11*

Notice, that God's people are **not** snatched away **until** the plagues are over. They are "protected" right here

on earth until the end, but will not be free from all difficulties and suffering. The apostle John was given a preview of this terrible time of trouble. *See: Rev.15:1; 16:1,2*

Rev.16:3,4 portray an ecological disaster! As ghastly and frightening as the 7 last plagues may be, God's justice is fully vindicated. *See: Rev.16:5-6.* At this time the "wicked" are perishing of thirst but God's people receive this promise "...*Bread shall be given him; his water will be sure.*" Isaiah 33:16

Revelation 16:8-11 shows us that **not** all these plagues are universal, nor are they all immediately fatal, because here we find that those under the 5th plague are **still** suffering from the sores of the 1st plague. Apparently the plagues fall successively instead of simultaneously, as their effects persist from one to another.

It is not until the 6th plague, Armageddon, that **the whole world** is involved in this final conflict! *See: Rev.16:12-16 ; 19:11,14,15.* Then follows the 7th plague, which will be interrupted by the Lord Himself, as He rides forth with the armies of heaven to deliver His people from a planet in rebellion. *See: Rev.16:17-21.*