



Ladies for Jesus Tuesday Bible Study Lesson

Readings for January 30, 2012 – February 5, 2012

Class Discussion: Tuesday, February 7, 2012

Then the Lord answered Job . . .

The Lord Challenges Job (Chapter 38-39)

How did the Lord challenge Job?

How does God challenge us today?

In what subtle ways have you allowed your own wisdom
to overshadow the wisdom of God in your life?
What challenges have come about where the Lord has shown you
He is the all knowing, Almighty God?

Views of suffering (Job)

Throughout the book of Job we see four views of suffering:

Satan's View	People believe in God only when they are prospering and not suffering. <i>This is wrong.</i>
The View of Job's Three Friends.....	Suffering is God's judgment for sin. <i>This is not always the case.</i>
Elihu's View	Suffering is God's way to teach, discipline, and refine. <i>This is true, but an incomplete explanation.</i>
God's View	Suffering causes us to trust God for who He is, not what He does.

What ways have you viewed suffering in your own life?

Then the Lord answered the Israelites . . .

Storyline recall . . . (Exodus 1 – 15)

Keeping up with God's Miracles – What were the magicians thinking? (Exodus 7)

How were these wise men and sorcerers able to duplicate Moses' miracles?

Pharaoh's Harden Heart (Exodus 7-11)

Did God intentionally harden Pharaoh's heart and overrule his free will? (see Romans 1:24-25)

In what ways are you being stubborn about God's ways?

A Song of Deliverance (Exodus 15)

A Recount of God's blessings and miracles.

A Prophetic Proclamation

When we recall the things God has done in our lives it allows us to see how He will be with us in the future.

In what ways do you praise God for what He has done in your life?
How has it helped and strengthened you to depend upon Him?

The Plagues

Scripture	Plague	Pharoah Warned	Magician's Response	People's Response	Pharoah's Response	Not in Goshen
Ex 7:14-25	Water to Blood	Yes, warned by the Nile	Did the same		Didn't care	
Ex 8:1-15	Frogs	Yes	Did the same		Calls Moses to intercede, then changes his mind	
Ex 8:16-19	Gnats		Couldn't do it and said, "This is the finger of God."			
Ex 8:20-32	Flies	Warned of separation of Egypt & Israel			Call Moses to intercede, then changes his mind	First time mentioned
Ex 9:1-7	Livestock dies	Yes			Sends someone to check Goshen	Pharoah's servant finds Israel's livestock healthy
Ex 9:8-12	Boils	Yes, threw soot at him	Also struck with boils		Doesn't listen to Moses	?
Ex 9:13-35	Hail, thunder & fire	Yes		some took warning and hid	Repents, calls Moses to pray, then changes mind	No plague in Goshen
Ex 10:1-20	Locusts	Yes		servants plead Pharoah to let Israel go	Pharoah says he'll let the men go, repents, changes mind	?
Ex 10:21-29	Darkness for 3 days				Says he'll let them go, but no livestock. Banishes Moses	Light in Goshen
Ex 11:1-10	Firstborn	Yes		gave away valuables to Israelites	Calls Moses and says, "Get out!"	No death in Goshen, the passover

Notice: God progressively shows his power over the powers of darkness (the magicians) and progressively intensifies his judgments on Egypt. I would assume that boils and locusts also did not affect Goshen since Moses warned of a separation between Egypt and Israel before the plague of flies. Compare these ten plagues to the 21 end time judgment events.