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I Am Holy

Lesson 5

God Progressively Reveals Himself through the Old Testament



Genesis 1-11

Elohim = "God" The MAJESTIC MAKER who created everything!



El-Shaddai = "God Almighty"

The **MOUNTAIN MOVER** who is able to do anything!



Exodus – Malachi

Yahweh = "I Am" ("LORD")

The **MERCY SHOWER** who is always there to redeem His people!

There Is No One Like Me!

Exodus 5:1–15:21

> Definition of Holiness - Holiness is grounded in God and refers to His UNIQUENESS.

"Who is like You among the gods, O LORD? Who is like You, majestic in holiness, Awesome in praises, working wonders?" Exodus 15:11

> Demonstration of Holiness – The Burning Bush and the Consuming FIRE of God's Holy Presence (Exodus 3:1-6)

How Is God's Holiness Revealed in the Burning Thorn Bush? (Exodus 3:1-6)

"I am the LORD, your HOLY ONE, The Creator of Israel, your King." Isaiah 43:15 "To whom then will you liken Me That I would be his equal?' says the HOLY ONE." Isaiah 40:25

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"I Am Holy" Is Revealed in...

1. The Unique GLORY of Who He Is – His Peerless Name is Holy!

Exodus 5:1–7:13

God rescues Israel and judges Egypt for one gracious purpose to reveal the <u>HOLY GLORY</u> of His Name among all peoples!

To His chosen people Israel. Exodus 6:7; 29:46

"Then I will take you for My people, and I will be your God; and you shall know that I am the LORD your God, who brought you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians." Exodus 6:7

"They shall know that I am the LORD their God who brought them out of the land of Egypt, that I might dwell among them; I am the LORD their God." Exodus 29:46

To the Egyptians and to all people groups through His people! Exodus 7:5; 15:11-15

"The Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I stretch out My hand on Egypt and bring out the sons of Israel from their midst." (7:5)

Why Did the I AM God Strike Egypt with the 10 Plagues and Save Israel by the Blood of the Passover Lamb? "And now, O Lord our God, who have brought Your people out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand and have made a name for Yourself...." Daniel 9:15 ► From the beginning to the end the Ten Plagues took place to answer one question: "WHO is the LORD that I should obey His voice...? I do not know the LORD...!" Exodus 5:1-2

2. The Unique <u>GREATNESS</u> of What He Does – His Powerful Acts Are Holy!

Exodus 7:14–10:29

► God reveals His holiness through the unique greatness of the ten **PLAGUES** on Pharaoh and Egypt.

Or has a god attempted to go and take a nation as His own out of another nation, by trials, signs, wonders, and war, **by a strong hand and an** outstretched arm, by great terrors, as the LORD your God did for you in Egypt before your eyes? You were shown these things so that you would know that the LORD is God; there is no other besides Him. Deuteronomy 4:34–35

The plagues are Yahweh <u>STRIKING</u> His enemies with the judgment they deserve but doing so as a gracious <u>SIGN</u> of His holy greatness that they don't deserve! *Exodus 12:13*

Yahweh STRIKES Pharaoh & Egypt with Plagues	Yahweh CONQUERS the Gods of Egypt	Yahweh MAKES KNOWN the UNIQUE GLORY of His Peerless Name and the UNIQUE GREATNESS of Powerful Acts
#1 NILE TURNS to BLOOD (7:14-25)	Hapi, Khnum	This is what Yahweh says: Here is how you will know that I am Yahweh . Watch. I will strike the water in the Nile with the staff in my hand, and it will turn to blood. (7:17)
#2 FROGS Fill the Land Out of the Nile (8:1-15)	Heqt, Hapi	"Tomorrow," he answered. Moses replied, "As you have said, so you may know there is no one like Yahweh our God ." (8:10)
#3 GNATS SWARM (8:16-19)	Hathor, Nut	NO MENTION but Magicians do say to Pharaoh: "This is the finger of God!" (8:19)
#4 FLIES in Egypt but Not Goshen (8:20-32)	Shu, Isis, Uatchit	But on that day <i>I will set apart the land of Goshen</i> , where My people are living; no flies will be there. <i>This way you will know that I, Yahweh, am in the land. I will put a division between My people and your people.</i> Tomorrow <i>this sign</i> shall occur." (8:22-23)
#5 LIVESTOCK DIE IN EGYPT but Not Goshen (9:1-7)	Apis, Ptah, Mnrvis, Hathor	behold, the hand of Yahweh will come with a very severe pestilence on your livestock But Yahweh will make a distinction between the livestock of Israel and the livestock of Egypt , so that nothing will die of all that belongs to the sons of Israel." Yahweh set a definite time, saying, " Tomorrow Yahweh will do this thing in the land. " (9:3-5)
#6 BOILS IN EGYPT but Not Goshen (9:8-12)	Sekhmet, Serapis	NO MENTION since Moses does not speak to Pharaoh but does it his sight! (9:8)
#7 FIERY HAIL IN EGYPT but Not Goshen or Any Egyptian Who Fears Yahweh and Stays Inside with Livestock. (9:13-35)	Geb, Seth, Nut	Otherwise, I am going to send all My plagues against you, your officials, and your people. <i>Then you will know there is no one like Me in all the earth</i> However, I have let you live for this purpose: <i>to show you My power and to make My name known in all the earth</i> Moses said to [Pahraoh], "When I have left the city, I will extend my hands to Yahweh. The thunder will cease, and there will be no more hail, <i>so that you may know the earth belongs to Yahweh</i> . (9:14, 16, 29)
#8 LOCUSTS SWARM IN EGYPT but Not Goshen (10:1-20)	Serapis, Seth, Isis	and so that you may tell your son and grandson how severely I dealt with the Egyptians and performed miraculous signs among them, and you will know that I am Yahweh. (10:2)
#9 DARKNESS IN EGYPT but Not Goshen (10:21-29)	Ra, Atum	NO MENTION since Moses doesn't say or do this before Pharaoh! (10:21-24)
#10 DEATH OF FIRSTBORN OF EGYPTIANS and EVEN ISRAELITES Who Are Not Covered by the Blood and Don't Eat the Passover Lamb (11:1-15:22)	Osiris, Pharaoh?	Yahweh said to Moses, "Pharaoh will not listen to you, so that My wonders may be multiplied in the land of Egypt." (11:9) "For I will go through the land of Egypt on that night, and will strike down all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments — I am Yahweh. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live; and when I see the blood I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt." (12:12-13)

> The Holy Uniqueness of God's Greatness is seen in His great striking!

- 1) His power over *all* <u>CREATION</u> is second to none.
- 2) His power over *false <u>GODS</u>* is second to none.
- 3) His power over *human* <u>RULERS</u> is second to none.

> The Holy Uniqueness of God's Greatness is seen in His gracious signs! See Rahab in Joshua 2:8-14

3. The Unique <u>GOODNESS</u> of How He Saves: *His Perfect Lamb + Precious Blood Are Holy!*

Exodus 11:1–15:21

The Passover Lamb Reveals God's Holy Goodness for All Peoples

1) Uniquely PERFECT for All Peoples Exodus 13:5-14; John 1:29, 36; 1Peter 1:17-19)

The Passover Lamb pointed forward to the sinless substitute and sacrifice of the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who is the Lamb of God for all peoples!

2) Uniquely PROVIDED for All Peoples Exodus 11:1-10; Genesis 22:8; John 1:29; 1Peter 1:20-21

Anyone who by faith took refuge under the shed blood and ate of the roasted Passover Lamb according to God's promise and command would be saved!

3) Uniquely PICTURED for All Peoples Revelation 5:5-6; 6:9-10; 7:16-17; 14:9-11; 15:3-4; 21:5-8, 22-27; 22:1-4

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, has come to be the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world and will one day rule with the Father over all things!

The Unique <u>GRACE</u> of Yahweh's Purpose Is to Make His NAME Known to All Peoples in All of His Holy Glory!

► I AM the God who uniquely and powerfully fulfills my gracious purposes for the fame of My Name among all peoples!

"For the LORD your God dried up the waters of the Jordan before you until you had crossed, just as the LORD your God had done to the Red Sea, which He dried up before us until we had crossed; that all the peoples of the earth may know that the hand of the LORD is mighty, so that you may fear the LORD your God forever." Joshua 4:23-24

So How Should We Respond?

By Singing the Song of Moses (Exodus 15:1-21) and the Song of the Lamb (Revelation 15:3-4)!

- Live like a people who have been rescued to be on mission with the I AM God, who is the HOLY ONE and whose SON is the LAMB WHO WAS SLAIN but is risen and returning to rule over all peoples.
 - 1) **PRAISE** His HOLY Name: He is the HOLY ONE, there is NO ONE LIKE HIM!
 - 2) **PROCLAIM** His HOLY Name: He is the HOLY ONE, there is NO ONE ELSE who will JUDGE us or SAVE us!
 - 3) **PRACTICE** His HOLY Name: *BE HOLY as I AM HOLY! 1Peter 1:13-16*

"As I live," declares the Lord GOD, "surely with a mighty hand and with an outstretched arm and with wrath poured out, I shall be King over you." Ezekiel 20:33