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Lesson #39---THE GREAT DIVIDE

Scripture: Exodus 8:20-9:12

TO HELP US STUDY:

1. After God had sent the blood, the frogs, and the gnats, what plague did He tell Pharaoh that he would send? _____
2. "But on that day," God said, "I will _____ the land of _____, where my _____ dwell, so that no swarms of flies will be there; that you may know that I am the _____ in the midst of the earth. Thus I will put a _____ between my people and your people."
3. What did the flies do to Egypt? _____
4. Did Pharaoh agree for Israel to leave? _____ Why did he change his mind and harden his heart? _____
5. What plague did God send then? _____
6. Was Israel hurt by this plague? _____
7. Would Pharaoh let Israel go then? _____
8. How did Moses create the dust? _____
9. What did the dust do to the people? _____
10. God protected his people in Egypt; what does he protect us from today? _____

TO HELP US REMEMBER: Young ones - Psalm 121:7, "The Lord will keep you from all evil."

Older ones - Psalm 121:7-8

TO CHALLENGE TEEN THOUGHT: Because the Israelites belonged to God, they escaped the plagues. In a two-page theme entitled, "Because I belong to God," tell what special blessings you receive because you live for the LORD.

TIPS FOR TEACHING PARENTS: What does Moses have to do with Noah? What connection is there between Aaron and Abraham? Is there any?

These questions illustrate one of the greatest disadvantages of studying the Bible by stories. Our children may learn many isolated tales and understand the truths which they teach without ever seeing what the stories have to do with each other. The result is that we teach our children a bunch of disconnected narratives but fail to communicate the most important story of all--the story of God getting the world ready to receive His Son.

Most of our school-age kids are ready to master a connected, total view of the Bible. You review them (and ought to do so often) by starting at the beginning of the Bible asking, "Who was Adam? What did he do? Who was Cain? What did he do? Who was Noah?...." And on you go right up to the present point of study. That way both parents and children finish up with a pretty good grasp of the whole Bible story.

FOR ADULT STUDY: II Chron 16:9; 32:8; Ezr 8:31; Ps 62:2; 91:7; 125:2; Dan 6:22; Lk 21:18; Mt 10:29; Ro 8:28ff; Ps 94:4; 100:3; Ro 9:25; II Pt 2:9.