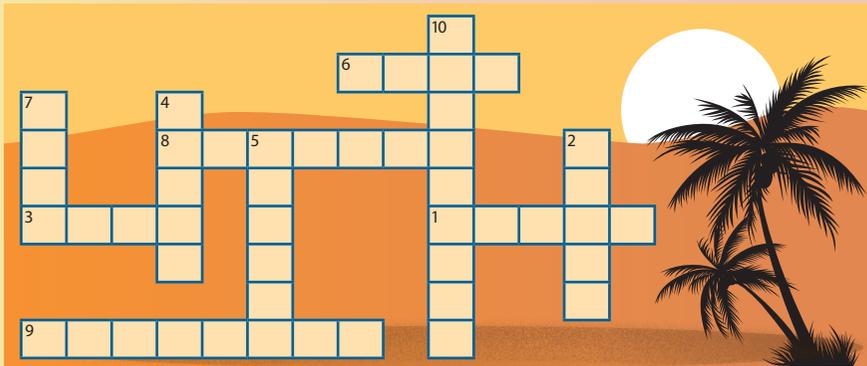


C Puzzle – Exodus: The Ten Plagues

The Lord sent ten plagues to Egypt. You can read about these in Exodus 7–12. Below is a list of plagues. Find the missing words and put them in the crossword.

- 1 All the waters that were in the river were turned to _____. *Exodus 7.20*
- 2 The _____ came up, and covered the land of Egypt. *Exodus 8.6*
- 3 All the dust of the land became _____ throughout all the land of Egypt. *Exodus 8.17*
- 4 The land was corrupted by reason of the swarm of _____. *Exodus 8.24*
- 5 All the _____ of Egypt died *Exodus 9.6*
- 6 It became a _____ breaking forth with blains upon man, and upon beast. *Exodus 9.10*
- 7 The LORD rained _____ upon the land of Egypt. *Exodus 9.23*
- 8 The _____ went up over all the land of Egypt *Exodus 10.14*
- 9 There was a thick _____ in all the land of Egypt three days *Exodus 10.22*
- 10 The LORD smote all the _____ in the land of Egypt *Exodus 12.29*



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A Naaman and the Little Maid

God's Word tells us about a little girl who was kidnapped. The Bible does not tell us her name. It does not say how old she was. However, 2 Kings 5 does tell us that the Lord used her as an instrument in the healing of her master's body and the conversion of her master's soul.

How was she kidnapped? We don't know: the Lord did not think it necessary to tell us. However, we do know that she was kidnapped by the Syrian army when they invaded Israel and took back many captives to Syria. She was taken to be a slave in the home of Naaman, the captain of the Syrian army.

Naaman did not worship the God of Israel. No one knew anything about Him. Did the little girl become a heathen too? Perhaps her mistress or the other

slaves tried to persuade her to worship the gods of Syria. Often, when young people go to a school or work place where no one fears the Lord they also forget about Him. But this little girl does not forget about her God.

Naaman was a great man in Syria, but he had a terrible illness: he was a leper. In those days leprosy was an incurable disease; no one in Syria could treat it. He was an outcast—no one wanted to come close to a leper. Naaman knew that he would soon die.

Does Naaman's sickness make the little maid from Israel happy? After all, he's a Syrian, an enemy of Israel. Does she



say to herself, 'That serves him right?' No, she says to Naaman's wife, 'Would God my lord were with the prophet that is in Samaria! for he would recover him of his leprosy.' We don't know very much about this little girl, but we do know that the Lord gave her liberty to testify of Him. The Lord gave her the courage and conviction to speak of His power and greatness to an enemy captain, to a heathen.

Naaman and his wife were not too proud to listen to the little girl. Naaman travelled to Israel to see the king of Israel. The king was very worried because he could not cure Naaman. But Elisha the prophet heard about it and said that Naaman should come to him.

Naaman travelled with his horses and chariot to Elisha's door, and Elisha sent a message telling Naaman to wash himself in the river Jordan seven times. Naaman was very angry as he expected something more amazing and dramatic to happen, and thought

that the rivers of Damascus were better than the waters of Israel. But his servants wisely came near and said, 'If the prophet had bid thee do some great thing, wouldest thou not have done it? how much rather then, when he saith to thee, Wash, and be clean?' So Naaman went down to Jordan and washed himself seven times, his skin was cleaned and the leprosy was cured.

Naaman returned to Elisha and said, 'Behold, now I know that there is no God in all the earth, but in Israel.' He realised that the God of Israel was the true God.

All of us have spiritual leprosy. Do you understand what this means? It does not mean that each of us has disease and sores on our body. Rather, it means that we are infected by the leprosy of sin. Have you ever seen the sores on your soul? Leprosy would have killed Naaman; and our sins will cast us into eternal death unless our souls are healed by the Lord Jesus Christ.

The River Jordan



B About the Bible – Exodus

Exodus is the second book in the Bible and was written by Moses, as revealed by God to him. Exodus tells of how the Lord delivered the Israelites from slavery in Egypt, of His dealings with them and how He gave them the Ten Commandments. Read Exodus 20, and fill in the missing words in the Ten Commandments below.

- 1 Thou shalt have no other _____ before me.
- 2 Thou shalt not make unto thee any _____ image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.
- 3 Thou shalt not take the _____ of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.
- 4 Remember the _____ day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.
- 5 _____ thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.
- 6 Thou shalt not _____.
- 7 Thou shalt not commit _____.
- 8 Thou shalt not _____.
- 9 Thou shalt not bear _____ witness against thy neighbour.
- 10 Thou shalt not _____ thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.

In the New Testament a Pharisee asked Jesus what the greatest commandment is. Look up Jesus's answer in Matthew 22.37-39 and write it on the lines below:
