

# Lessons of Destruction

## Exodus

August 16, 2020 ♦ Rev. James Chuang ♦ Exodus 9:13-35

### Introduction

1. On the Stage of History (13-19)

2. Lessons Learned and Ignored (20-26)

3. God Is Not Mocked (27-35)

### Conclusion:

The power that God displayed in Egypt can teach us now to fear and respect God above all else; God is still using His power to bring all things in subjection to Himself (1 Corinthians 15:24-26).

## SERMON LATER – REFLECTION

1. Have you ever experienced God tearing down or destroying something in your life? Why do you think God did that? What might God have been trying to say to you? Did you take away any lessons from that experience?
2. Can you think of any scriptural lessons or truths that you found difficult to accept, and that you attempted to ignore? What happened to cause you to finally admit the truth and learn from it?
3. What does the phrase, “God is not mocked,” mean to you? When have you ever tried to keep a secret from God, or get away with doing something in disobedience to God? How did God hold you accountable for your actions?
4. Do you believe that God caused this pandemic to happen? If so, what do you think God’s purpose was in doing that? What are some signs you have seen that God is accomplishing His purpose through this crisis?
5. As we go through the Exodus story, do you identify more with the Israelite slaves or with Pharaoh and the Egyptians? With which group do you share more similarities? How does the way you answer this question change the message of these texts for you?