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FLUTTERETH, FLUTTERS

In the song that Moses taught the Israelites when they were in the wilderness, Moses compared God's care for Israel to the way an eagle **flutters** over her young.

- **Deuteronomy 32:11-12:** "As an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings: So the Lord alone did lead him, and there was no strange god with him."

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When the birds are **flying** above the earth, they're flying in the open firmament of heaven.

- **Genesis 1:20:** "And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven."

The dove that Noah let out of the Ark didn't **fly** back inside on its own. Instead Noah grabbed the dove and brought it back inside.

- **Genesis 8:9:** "But the dove found no rest for the sole of her foot, and she returned unto him into the ark, for the waters were on the face of the whole earth: then he put forth his hand, and took her, and pulled her in unto him into the ark."

The fourth plague that God sent upon Egypt was a plague of **flies**.

- **Exodus 8:21:** "Else, if thou wilt not let my people go, behold, I will send swarms of flies upon thee, and upon thy servants, and upon thy people, and into thy houses: and the houses of the Egyptians shall be full of swarms of flies, and also the ground whereon they are."

In the plague of **flies**, the houses of the Egyptians would be filled with flies.

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In the plague of **flies**, the ground would be covered in flies.

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In the plague of **flies**, swarms of flies would be upon Pharaoh's servants and people.

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God said the reason He wasn't going to send the plague of **flies** upon Goshen was so Pharaoh would know that He was the Lord in the midst of the earth.

- **Exodus 8:22:** "And I will sever in that day the land of Goshen, in which my people dwell, that no swarms of flies shall be there; to the end thou mayest know that I am the LORD in the midst of the earth."

Since the plague of **flies** wasn't sent until the following day, Pharaoh had a chance to free the Israelites and stop the plague from coming. However, he didn't do that.

- **Exodus 8:23:** "And I will put a division between my people and thy people: to morrow shall this sign be."

In the plague of **flies**, there were grievous swarms of flies in all the land of Egypt.

- **Exodus 8:24:** "And the LORD did so; and there came a grievous swarm of flies into the house of Pharaoh, and into his servants' houses, and into all the land of Egypt: the land was corrupted by reason of the swarm of flies."

In the plague of **flies**, the land of Egypt was corrupted by the swarms of flies.

- **Exodus 8:24:** "And the LORD did so; and there came a grievous swarm of flies into the house of Pharaoh, and into his servants' houses, and into all the land of Egypt: the land was corrupted by reason of the swarm of flies."

Pharaoh knew the reason the Lord sent the **flies** upon Egypt was because He wanted Pharaoh to let His people go so they could sacrifice to Him.

- **Exodus 8:28:** "And Pharaoh said, I will let you go, that ye may sacrifice to the LORD your God in the wilderness; only ye shall not go very far away: intreat for me."

Pharaoh promised Moses that he would let the Israelites go if Moses got rid of the **flies** (which was a lie).

- **Exodus 8:28:** "And Pharaoh said, I will let you go, that ye may sacrifice to the LORD your God in the wilderness; only ye shall not go very far away: intreat for me."

Moses told Pharaoh that tomorrow he would ask God to remove the **flies** from the land.

- **Exodus 8:29:** "And Moses said, Behold, I go out from thee, and I will intreat the LORD that the swarms of flies may depart from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people, to morrow: but let not Pharaoh deal deceitfully any more in not letting the people go to sacrifice to the LORD."

When Moses prayed that God would remove the **flies** from Egypt, God removed the flies. Not one remained.

- **Exodus 8:30-31:** "And Moses went out from Pharaoh, and intreated the LORD. And the LORD did according to the word of Moses; and he removed the swarms of flies from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people; there remained not one."

Pharaoh didn't keep his promise to let the Israelites go if God removed the plague of **flies** from the land.

- **Exodus 8:32:** "And Pharaoh hardened his heart at this time also, neither would he let the people go."

Under the Mosaic Law, there were some **flying** insects that crept along the ground, which had legs that were used for leaping, that the Israelites were allowed to eat. (These were

locusts, beetles, and grasshoppers.)

- **Leviticus 11:21-22:** "Yet these may ye eat of every flying creeping thing that goeth upon all four, which have legs above their feet, to leap withal upon the earth; Even these of them ye may eat; the locust after his kind, and the bald locust after his kind, and the beetle after his kind, and the grasshopper after his kind."

Under the Mosaic Law, all **flying** insects that had four feet other than the locust, the beetle, and the grasshopper were unclean.

- **Leviticus 11:23:** "But all other flying creeping things, which have four feet, shall be an abomination unto you."

God forbade the Israelites from creating an idol in the form of any bird that **flew** in the air.

- **Deuteronomy 4:16-17:** "Lest ye corrupt yourselves, and make you a graven image, the similitude of any figure, the likeness of male or female, The likeness of any beast that is on the earth, the likeness of any winged fowl that flieth in the air,"

Under the Mosaic Law, **flying** insects were unclean.

- **Deuteronomy 14:19:** "And every creeping thing that flieth is unclean unto you: they shall not be eaten."

Moses warned the Israelites that if they didn't obey all of God's commandments then He would send a nation against them that was as swift as an eagle **flies**.

- **Deuteronomy 28:49:** "The LORD shall bring a nation against thee from far, from the end of the earth, as swift as the eagle flieth; a nation whose tongue thou shalt not understand;"

After the Israelites defeated the Philistines, they **flew** upon the spoil. (This is because they were starving, because Saul had forbidden them from eating.)

- **1 Samuel 14:32:** "And the people flew upon the spoil, and took sheep, and oxen, and calves, and slew them on the ground: and the people did eat them with the blood."

David didn't want Hushai to join him in his **flight** from Jerusalem (when he fled from Absalom). (Instead he wanted Hushai to remain behind and persuade Absalom not to take Ahithophel's counsel.)

- **2 Samuel 15:32-33:** "And it came to pass, that when David was come to the top of the mount, where he worshipped God, behold, Hushai the Archite came to meet him with his coat rent, and earth upon his head: Unto whom David said, If thou passest on with me, then thou shalt be a burden unto me:"

Cherubs can **fly**.

- **2 Samuel 22:11:** "And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly: and he was seen upon the wings of the wind."
- **Psalms 18:10:** "And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly: yea, he did fly upon the wings of the wind."

David said that when God came to the earth in anger, He **flew** upon a cherub.

- **2 Samuel 22:7, 10-11:** "In my distress I called upon the Lord, and cried to my God: and he did hear my voice out of his temple, and my cry did enter into his ears. ... He bowed the heavens also, and came down; and darkness was under his feet. And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly: and he was seen upon the wings of the wind."
- **Psalms 18:6, 9-10:** "In my distress I called upon the Lord, and cried unto my God: he heard my voice out of his temple, and my cry came before him, even into his ears. ... He bowed the heavens also, and came down: and darkness was under his feet. And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly: yea, he did fly upon the wings of the wind."

The eleven Gadites who joined David in the wilderness put to **flight** those who were in the east and the west.

- **1 Chronicles 12:13-15:** "Jeremiah the tenth, Machbanai the eleventh. These were of the sons of Gad, captains of the host: one of the least was over an hundred, and the greatest over a thousand. These are they that went over Jordan in the first month, when it had overflowed all his banks; and they put to flight all them of the valleys, both toward the east, and toward the west."

Eliphaz claimed that sparks **fly** upward. (This is certainly true of bonfires, where sparks and smoke rises.)

- **Job 5:7:** "Yet man is born unto trouble, as the sparks fly upward."

Zophar compared the disappearance of the wicked to a dream that **flies** away. (The problem with his argument is that Job wasn't suffering because of any sin he had committed. Zophar's basic premise was wrong.)

- **Job 20:5, 8:** "That the triumphing of the wicked is short, and the joy of the hypocrite but for a moment? ... He shall fly away as a dream, and shall not be found: yea, he shall be chased away as a vision of the night."

God used the fact that He gave hawks and eagles the ability to **fly** to illustrate that He was much wiser than Job. (Yet Job claimed that God was wrong, and wanted to correct Him.)

- **Job 39:26-27:** "Doth the hawk fly by thy wisdom, and stretch her wings toward the south? Doth the eagle mount up at thy command, and make her nest on high?"

God can **fly** with great speed.

- **Psalms 18:10:** "And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly: yea, he did fly upon the wings of the wind."

David wished that he had wings like a dove so he could **fly** away and be at rest.

- **Psalms 55:6:** "And I said, Oh that I had wings like a dove! for then would I fly away, and be at rest."

David said that in the past his people had a very humble origin (they had laid among the pots like a common household item). However, in the future they would be glorious and **soar** (like the wings of a dove).

- **Psalm 68:13:** "Though ye have lien among the pots, yet shall ye be as the wings of a dove covered with silver, and her feathers with yellow gold."

The Israelites forgot that God sent a plague of **flies** upon the Egyptians.

- **Psalm 78:11, 45:** "And forgat his works, and his wonders that he had shewed them. ... He sent divers sorts of flies among them, which devoured them; and frogs, which destroyed them."

Moses said that when people die, they **fly** away. (In other words, their souls leave their body and move on.)

- **Psalm 90:10:** "The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away."

The righteous don't have to fear the arrows that **fly** during the day. (This seems to be referring to God sparing His people from His wrath.)

- **Psalm 91:5, 8:** "Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day; ... Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked."

One of the signs and wonders that God sent upon Egypt was the plague of **flies**.

- **Psalm 105:2, 31:** "Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him:

talk ye of all his wondrous works. ... He spake, and there came divers sorts of flies, and lice in all their coasts."

In the plague of **flies**, there were many different types of flies involved in that plague. It wasn't all the same species of fly.

- **Psalm 105:31:** "He spake, and there came divers sorts of flies, and lice in all their coasts."

Flying birds are commanded to praise God.

- **Psalm 148:10, 13:** "Beasts, and all cattle; creeping things, and flying fowl: ... Let them praise the name of the Lord: for his name alone is excellent; his glory is above the earth and heaven."

Solomon compares an undeserved curse to a wandering bird or a **flying** swallow. It won't come to rest.

- **Proverbs 26:2:** "As the bird by wandering, as the swallow by flying, so the curse causeless shall not come."

Agur said the way an eagle **flies** through the air is an amazing and wondrous thing.

- **Proverbs 30:18-19:** "There be three things which are too wonderful for me, yea, four which I know not: The way of an eagle in the air; the way of a serpent upon a rock; the way of a ship in the midst of the sea; and the way of a man with a maid."

An honorable person who engages in foolishness is like

ointment that contains dead **flies**.

- **Ecclesiastes 10:1:** "Dead flies cause the ointment of the apothecary to send forth a stinking savour: so doth a little folly him that is in reputation for wisdom and honour."

The seraphim used two wings to **fly**.

- **Isaiah 6:2:** "Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly."

One of the seraphims **flew** to Isaiah.

- **Isaiah 6:6:** "Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar:"

God said the day was coming when He would hiss at the **fly** that was in the uttermost parts of the rivers of Egypt. (This seems to be a reference to the armies of Egypt.)

- **Isaiah 7:18:** "And it shall come to pass in that day, that the LORD shall hiss for the fly that is in the uttermost part of the rivers of Egypt, and for the bee that is in the land of Assyria."

In ancient times there were fiery **flying** serpents (dragons). Those were real creatures that actually existed.

- **Isaiah 14:29:** "Rejoice not thou, whole Palestina, because the rod of him that smote thee is broken: for out of the serpent's root shall come forth a cockatrice, and his fruit

shall be a fiery flying serpent."

- **Isaiah 30:6:** "The burden of the beasts of the south: into the land of trouble and anguish, from whence come the young and old lion, the viper and fiery flying serpent, they will carry their riches upon the shoulders of young asses, and their treasures upon the bunches of camels, to a people that shall not profit them."

Those who wait upon the Lord will mount up, as eagles **fly** with wings.

- **Isaiah 40:31:** "But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."

God said that the stork who **flies** in the sky knows her appointed times.

- **Jeremiah 8:7:** "Yea, the stork in the heaven knoweth her appointed times; and the turtle and the crane and the swallow observe the time of their coming; but my people know not the judgment of the LORD."

When God spoke against Moab, He said the one who was going to conquer Moab would **fly** as an eagle.

- **Jeremiah 48:40:** "For thus saith the LORD; Behold, he shall fly as an eagle, and shall spread his wings over Moab."

When God spoke against Edom, He said the one who was

going to go up against the Edomites would **fly** as the eagle. (The home of the Edomites was high.)

- **Jeremiah 49:22:** "Behold, he shall come up and fly as the eagle, and spread his wings over Bozrah: and at that day shall the heart of the mighty men of Edom be as the heart of a woman in her pangs."

The throne of God could **fly**.

- **Ezekiel 1:19:** "And when the living creatures went, the wheels went by them: and when the living creatures were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up."

The angel Gabriel could **fly**.

- **Daniel 9:21:** "Yea, whiles I was speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation."

God said that the glory of Ephraim would **fly** away and be gone.

- **Hosea 9:11:** "As for Ephraim, their glory shall fly away like a bird, from the birth, and from the womb, and from the conception."

God compared the Edomites to an eagle who **flew** high over the ground, and compared their home to a nest. No matter how high they flew or where they built their nest, He would bring them down.

- **Obadiah 1:4:** "Though thou exalt thyself as the eagle, and though thou set thy nest among the stars, thence will I bring thee down, saith the LORD."

Zechariah saw a **flying** roll.

- **Zechariah 5:1-2:** "Then I turned, and lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a flying roll. "And he said unto me, What seest thou? And I answered, I see a flying roll; the length thereof is twenty cubits, and the breadth thereof ten cubits."

The last of the four beasts that are around the throne of God looks like a **flying** eagle.

- **Revelation 4:6-7:** "And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind. And the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle."

There are times when angels **fly** through Heaven to announce news.

- **Revelation 8:13:** "And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, Woe, woe, woe, to the inhabitants of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound!"

After the fourth angel sounded (during the tribulation era), a

different angel **flew** through Heaven and announced that the judgments which would be triggered by the remaining three angels would bring great woe to those who lived on the earth.

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When the devil persecutes Israel, the nation will be given wings and will **fly** into the wilderness, into the place that God has prepared for her.

- **Revelation 12:14:** "And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent."

During the second half of the tribulation, everyone in the world will hear the gospel. This is because an angel will **fly** through the sky and preach it.

- **Revelation 14:6:** "And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,"

During the tribulation, the people of this world will see God do many miraculous things. They will see God send terrible judgments, which they will know are from God. They will hear the testimony of the two witnesses, and will witness their

death and resurrection. They will also see an angel **fly** through the sky and preach the gospel. This means that during the tribulation, God will give abundant supernatural evidence to everyone that He is real, He is powerful, and the gospel is true. (Yet people will *still* refuse to believe it.)

- **Revelation 14:6-7:** "And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters."

A second angel **flew** through the sky after the first angel (who preached the everlasting gospel). This angel announced the fall of Babylon.

- **Revelation 14:8:** "And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication."

A third angel **flew** through the sky after the first two angels and warned people not to take the mark of the beast.

- **Revelation 14:9:** "And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand,"