

Sanctuary Studies

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Aaron's Rod part One

★ **Hebrews 9:4** - Within the Ark of the Covenant, we find this very special item. The Ark of the Covenant is unarguably the most sacred of all the articles found within the Sanctuary. Therefore, it must be true that God regards the Rod of Aaron of great importance. Precious lessons are sure to be found surrounding the scriptures that relate to this special Rod.

I. The first mention of Aaron's Rod - **Exodus 7:8-12**

- a. What happened to Aaron's Rod when he cast it on the ground?
- b. What happened to the rods of the magicians of Egypt?
- c. What did Aaron's Rod do to the other rods of the magicians?
- d. What happened to Pharaoh's heart?

☞ We see a few principles within this scene of Aaron and the Magicians:

1. The Bible here teaches us that only God has the power to create (**Isaiah 37:16 & 44:24**)
2. When Aaron's Rod became a serpent, it was because of Obedience to the command of God to throw it down. This is in contrast to the enchantments of the magicians that made only the semblance of a serpent, but not in reality.
3. Aaron's Rod Swallowed up the other rods. This shows us that the power of God is superior to the deceptions of the devil and his followers.

II. The second mention of Aaron's Rod - **Exodus 7:19-26**

- e. What happened to the waters of Egypt?
- f. Were the magicians able to counterfeit this miracle?
- g. What happened to Pharaoh's heart?

☞ Another lesson here is presented:

1. When we refuse to be corrected through the messages of God's servants, we become hardened as did Pharaoh. See **Proverbs 6:23, 29:15, 1:23-33, 3:11,12**

III. The third mention of Aaron's Rod - **Exodus 8:8-15**

- h. What came up from the waters of Egypt?
- i. Did the magicians of Egypt successful with their enchantments this time?
- j. How did they respond?
- k. What happened with all the frogs?
- l. What was Pharaoh's final reaction regarding this plague?

☞ Here is another example of the power of God over the deceptions of the enemy!

IV. The fourth mention of Aaron's Rod - **Exodus 8:16-32**

- m. What happened this time when Aaron stretched out the Rod?
- n. Were the magicians able to reproduce this miracle?
- o. What did they say was the reason they could not counterfeit this plague?

☞ The lesson here brings forth the finger of God. What else is connected with the finger of God? **Exodus 31:18 , Luke 11:20, John 8:7, Daniel 5:5**