

*From: "The Prince of Egypt"*

# **The Plagues**

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Medium tempo

Em F#/E F/E E

Thus saith the Lord, thus saith the Lord, thus saith the Lord, thus saith the

*mf*

Detailed description: This system contains the first two measures of the song. It features a vocal line in treble clef with a 7-measure rest at the beginning, followed by the lyrics. The piano accompaniment is in 4/4 time, with a melody in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. Chord diagrams for Em, F#/E, F/E, and E are provided above the vocal line.

Em F#/E F/E E

Lord, thus saith the Lord, thus saith the Lord, thus saith the Lord, thus saith the

Detailed description: This system contains the next two measures of the song. It continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment from the first system. Chord diagrams for Em, F#/E, F/E, and E are provided above the vocal line.

Gm A/G Ab/G G

Lord. I send a pes - ti - lence \_ and plague in - to your house, in - to your

Detailed description: This system contains the final two measures of the song. The key signature changes to B-flat major. The vocal line and piano accompaniment conclude the piece. Chord diagrams for Gm, A/G, Ab/G, and G are provided above the vocal line.

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Gm



A $\flat$ /G



A/G



bed, in - to your streams, in - to your streets, in - to your drink, in - to your

Gm



G $^{\circ}$



A7/G



A $\flat$ maj7/G



bread, up - on your cat - tle, on your sheep, up - on your ox - en in your

Cm/G



G+



D $\flat$ /G



D/G



field, in - to your dreams, in - to your sleep, un - til you break, un - til you

Gm



E $\flat$ maj7



Cm7



Dm7



E $\flat$ maj7



D7sus4



yield. I send the swarm, I send the horde, thus saith the

Ebmaj7



D7sus4



Gm



Em



Lord.

Once I called you broth - er.

*mf*

Red.



C



Em



C



Once I thought the chance to make you laugh was all I ev - er

G



Gm



A/G



Ab/G



Gm



want - ed.

I send the thun - der from the sky, I send the fi - re rain - ing

Em



Cmaj7



Am7



Bm7



Em



And e - ven now I wish that God had chose an - oth - er.  
down.

C Em C

Serv - ing as your foe on his be - half is the last thing that I

Bm C#/B C/B B

want - ed. I send a hail of burn - ing ice on ev' - ry field, on ev - 'ry

Bm Em7 Em7/A D Dsus4 D Am

town. This was my home. All this pain and dev-as-ta-tion, how it

Em C D Bm Em G/D C

tor-tures me in-side. All the in-no-cent who suf-fer from your stub-born-ness and

Gm



D/G



Gm7



C/G



pride. I send the lo - custs on a wind — such as the world has nev - er

E♭maj7/G



Gm



E♭maj7



seen on ev - 'ry leaf, on ev - 'ry stalk un - til there's noth - ing left of green. I send my

Cm7



Dm7



B♭/E♭



Gm/C



D7sus4



Em



C



scourge, I send my sword, thus saith the Lord. You who I called broth - er,

Em



C



Gm



E♭maj7



Cm7



Dm7



why must you call down an oth - er blow? I send my scourge, I send my

Bb/Eb



D7sus4



Ebmaj7



Cm9



D7sus4



sword. Let my people go. Thus saith the Lord, Thus saith the

Gm



D/G



F/G



C/G



Ab/G



Eb/G



Lord. Lord.

D/G



Gm



Bb/Eb



You who I called brother, how could you have come to hate me?

Gm



Eb



Gm



Ebmaj7



Cm7



Dm7



So is this what you want-ed? Then I send the swarm, I send the

Gm Bb/Eb Gm

let my heart be hard-ened and nev-er mind how high the cost may grow. This \_ will still be horde.

Bb/Eb Cm Dm

so. I \_ will nev - er let your peo - ple

Ebmaj7 Cm Ebmaj7

go. Thus saith the Lord. Thus saith the Lord. I will not

*rit.*

Moderately slow

Gm/D Eb/D F/D Dm N.C.

Let let your my peo - ple go. \_ \_ \_ \_  
let your peo - ple go. \_ \_ \_ \_