

Session 14

Old Testament Survey Course

The Plagues

Ex 6:6 Tell the Israelites **I AM** the **LORD** and I will deliver you with a mighty outstretched arm.

God will take them as His people and He will be their God and give them the Land promised to Abraham.

Main themes of Exodus : deliverance, covenant, land of promise.

Hebrew word *ga-al* means redeem but actually is payment (especially from a family member) to buy a slave and free him.

Moses told the Israelites but they did not listen because they were depressed.

God tells Moses to go and tell Pharaoh but he is also depressed; he won't listen.

God then uses the word "command" Pharaoh to let the people out.

Ex 7: God tells Moses He will speak to him then Aaron will speak to the people.
Aaron is like a prophet.

7:3 I will harden Pharaoh's heart. So by signs and wonders and judgments they will be led out of Egypt. Then Egypt will know that Yahweh is God.

Opportunity to display His Power to **both** Egypt **and** Israel.

Aaron's rod : becomes a snake; so do the Egyptians'; Aaron's eats theirs.

Pharaoh's heart was still hardened.

Plagues begin:

First: water turned to blood. The Nile and all water in containers. Fish die; stinks.
Magicians could do the same. Pharaoh still hardened.

Second: Frogs. Aaron's rod over the water. Magicians did the same but could not get rid of the frogs. Pharaoh asks Moses and Aaron to pray to LORD to remove. Starts to soften. Frogs disappear. Then Pharaoh hardens again.

Third: Gnats. Cover people and animals. Magicians can't do it. They are afraid. It is the "finger of God." Pharaoh would not listen.

Fourth: Flies over all the land. Pharaoh says the Israelites can sacrifice to their God but can't go very far. Moses refuses. Flies left and Pharaoh hardened again.

Fifth: All the field animals of the Egyptians die. Pharaoh still hard.

Sixth: Boils on people and animals. Begin when Moses threw dust into the air.

Now **GOD** hardens Pharaoh's heart. The other times it was Pharaoh himself.

Seventh: Thunder and hail. Ex 9:14 There is none like Me. God could have wiped out the Egyptians but wanted to show His Power throughout the earth. Name would be declared over the whole earth by what was about to happen.

Thunder, hail, and fire fell. Everything in the open was killed. Thunder storms are not common in Egypt. Hail is less common. Flax and barley are ruined.

Pharaoh makes a confession and tells Moses the people can go. But when hail stops, Pharaoh has hardened heart again.

Eighth: Locusts. Advisors are very scared. They explain that Egypt is ruined. Pharaoh says alright but only the men can go. Moses leaves the room. Locusts brought in by a strong east wind- eat every green thing.

Pharaoh repents- west wind drives out the locusts. God hardened Pharaoh's heart.

Ninth: Darkness. A darkness that can be felt. Couldn't see each other, couldn't move. Pharaoh says go but leave the flocks. Moses says we need the flocks for sacrifice. Not a hoof can be left behind.

You will never see my face again!

NO PLAGUES IN GOSHEN !

