

## FINAL STUDY NOTES - *EXODUS CHAPTERS 7-9*

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### OPENING PRAYER

***EXODUS – Chapter 7 – Aaron is Moses’ Spokesman - Continuing – (vs. 1-7); Aaron’s Miraculous Rod – (vs. 8-13); The First Plague: Waters Become Blood – (vs. 14-25); Chapter 8 - The Second Plague: Frogs – (vs. 1-15); The Third Plague – Lice (vs. 16-19); The Fourth Plague: Flies (vs. 20-32); Chapter 9 – The Fifth Plague: Livestock Diseased (vs. 1-7); The Sixth Plague: Boils (vs. 8-12); The Seventh Plague – Hail (vs. 13-35)!***

**REVIEW:**

*(Exo 6:28-30) And it came to pass, on the day the LORD spoke to Moses in the land of Egypt, [29] that the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, "I am the LORD. Speak to Pharaoh king of Egypt all that I say to you." [30] But Moses said before the LORD, "Behold, I am of uncircumcised lips, and how shall Pharaoh heed me?"*

- **Moses came to Pharaoh with the demand that the LORD had commanded** that Pharaoh allow the know the LORD, and neither will I release the people." So, in the answer to Pharaoh's question, 'Who is the LORD, he's about to be introduced to Him in a series of events that are going to plague the Egyptians, as the LORD manifests Himself to Pharaoh in order to convince Pharaoh that he should release the children of Israel from their captivity.

### ***Moses and Aaron Before Pharaoh***

***Exo 7:1 So the LORD said to Moses: "See, I have made you as God to Pharaoh, and Aaron your brother shall be your prophet.***

- **Moses you are to go forth, you are to speak to Pharaoh the purpose** is that I might bring My judgments upon the land, but he is not going to listen to you.

***Exo 7:2 You shall speak all that I command you. And Aaron your brother shall tell Pharaoh to send the children of Israel out of his land.***

***Exo 7:3 And I will harden (qashah – make stiff, firm) Pharaoh's heart, and multiply My signs and My wonders in the land of Egypt.***

- **The LORD declares that He is going to harden Pharaoh's heart**, to give God an opportunity to show Himself strong. We are going to be reading in the next few chapters how that several times it will tell us that "Pharaoh hardened his heart against the LORD," and then it says, "The LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh." (Deu 2:30; (Sihon); Jos 11:19-20 (Hivites); Rom 9:16-18)
- **It is important to properly understand, that there are two Hebrew words** involved in the one word, "hardened." They are both translated "hardened" in English, but the one Hebrew word, *kabed*, infers "**a stubbornness, an act of rebellion**," and that is the word that is used for Pharaoh. He hardened his heart in stubborn rebellion against God.
- **The other Hebrew word, qashah, indicates, to make firm or to strengthen**. Pharaoh stubbornly rebelled against God, hardened his heart against God, and then God came along and firmed up or strengthened his position.
- **Now, that is an awesome thing that we need to realize, that God often will just strengthen us** in that position that we have taken. If you want to take a position against God, it is really a tragedy when God just says, "Okay, if that's what you want, I will just strengthen you in that position! Such was the case of Pharaoh. He hardened his heart against God. God came along and stiffened, or made hard, the position that he had taken and chosen.
- **Moses is commanded to go forth before Pharaoh. Moses would be as God**. Aaron would be as his prophet, who is to tell Pharaoh all that he is to do.

***Exo 7:4 But Pharaoh will not heed you, so that I may lay My hand on Egypt and bring My armies and My people, the children of Israel, out of the land of Egypt by great judgments.***

- **God, in commissioning Moses, is telling him, "You are not going to have a successful mission at first**. These judgments had far more implications in God's plan than simply freeing Israel from Egypt.

***Exo 7:5 And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I stretch out My hand on Egypt and bring out the children of Israel from among them."***

- **The Egyptians will come to know who the LORD is**, when He is finished with them! It is better to learn lessons the easy way rather than the hard way, which God taught the Egyptians.

***Exo 7:6 Then Moses and Aaron did so; just as the LORD commanded them, so they did.***

***Exo 7:7 And Moses was eighty years old and Aaron eighty-three years old when they spoke to Pharaoh.***

- **Aaron is three years older than Moses**. These two men went in to see Pharaoh.
- **Moses' style has changed**. He was timid, frightened, slow of speech. Now we see him strong. We are reminded of the transformation of Peter in Acts 2.

***Exo 7:8 Then the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying,***

***Exo 7:9 "When Pharaoh speaks to you, saying, 'Show a miracle for yourselves,' then you shall say to Aaron, 'Take your rod and cast it before Pharaoh, and let it become a serpent.' "***

**Exo 7:10** So Moses and Aaron went in to Pharaoh, and they did so, just as the LORD commanded.

**And Aaron cast down his rod before Pharaoh and before his servants, and it became a serpent.**

**Exo 7:11** But Pharaoh also called the wise men and the sorcerers; so the magicians of Egypt, they also did in like manner (something supernatural) with their enchantments.

**Exo 7:12** For every man threw down his rod, and they became serpents. But Aaron's rod swallowed up their rods.

- (2Ti 3:8) Now as Jannes and Jambres resisted Moses (creating by imitation, a counterfeit, deceit), so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, disapproved concerning the faith;

**Exo 7:13** And Pharaoh's heart grew hard, and he did not heed them, as the LORD had said.

- To the present day, there still exists a sect in Egypt of snake charmers. This group of people declared that they are able to make snakes become like rods, through their snake charming, they can cause a snake to become very stiff like a stick, and it appears as though it is just dead.
- In the earlier years of this cult, back at the time of Moses, they were able to go one step further; they were able to make their rods serpents, which is really a greater trick than making a serpent stiff like a stick. Apparently through demonic demon powers, the magic arts, the occult, were able to do this. They had highly developed the magical arts to the extent that when Moses performed this miracle, they were able to duplicate that miracle. Throwing their rods down, they became serpents.
- But the LORD showed His superiority, in that, Aaron's serpent went around and swallowed up all of the other serpents. It did not do anything to Pharaoh at all. His magicians were able to duplicate serpents. Why should he be impressed? So, he hardened his heart and would not heed their word.

**The First Plague: Water Turned to Blood**

**Exo 7:14** So the LORD said to Moses: "Pharaoh's heart is hard; he refuses to let the people go.

**Exo 7:15** Go to Pharaoh in the morning, when he goes out to the water, and you shall stand by the river's bank to meet him; and the rod which was turned to a serpent you shall take in your hand.

**Exo 7:16** And you shall say to him, 'The LORD God of the Hebrews has sent me to you, saying, "Let My people go, that they may serve Me in the wilderness"; but indeed, until now you would not hear!

**Exo 7:17** Thus says the LORD: "By this you shall know that I am the LORD. Behold, I will strike the waters which are in the river with the rod that is in my hand, and they shall be turned to blood (dawn – 346x in OT; aim – 101x in NT) used.

**Exo 7:18** And the fish that are in the river shall die, the river shall stink, and the Egyptians will loathe to drink the water of the river. "

**Exo 7:19** Then the LORD spoke to Moses, "Say to Aaron, 'Take your rod and stretch out your hand over the waters of Egypt, over their streams, over their rivers, over their ponds, and over all their pools of water, that they may become blood. And there shall be blood throughout all the land of Egypt, both in buckets of wood and pitchers of stone.' "

**Exo 7:20** And Moses and Aaron did so, just as the LORD commanded. So he lifted up the rod and struck the waters that were in the river (the Nile was a god that Egypt worshipped, bringing life as it flooded yearly; now to bring death), in the sight of Pharaoh and in the sight of his servants. And all the waters that were in the river were turned to blood.

**Exo 7:21** The fish that were in the river died, the river stank, and the Egyptians could not drink the water of the river. So there was blood throughout all the land of Egypt.

**Exo 7:22** Then the magicians of Egypt did so with their enchantments; and Pharaoh's heart grew hard, and he did not heed them, as the LORD had said.

- Moses is now commanded to go down in the morning, as Pharaoh went down to the river. He was going down to the river, no doubt, to worship the god of the river. The Nile River was one of the chief gods of the Egyptians. So, this next plague was directed against the god of the Egyptians, the chief god. As we go along, the other gods of the Egyptians--and they had many, they were polytheistic--will be challenged by the LORD. "Who is The LORD, that I should obey him?" 'I don't know The LORD, I don't know that God.' He worshipped the god of the Nile, he worshipped the sun, he worshipped the moon, he worshipped frogs, the apes, the crocodiles, and many different gods; but The LORD, he would not worship.
- As he went down to the river to worship, early in the morning to begin the day in the worship of their god, Moses and Aaron met them and challenged them-- "in order that you might come to know

The LORD, I'm going to turn the river into blood." Aaron stretched out his rod over the river, and it became a bloody red, probably depleting the oxygen in the water. And as the result, the fish died and there was a tremendous smell. But it not only affected the Nile River, but the tributaries, the streams that fed into the Nile; it also affected the pools of water, the reservoirs, the pond, and even the water that they had gathered for their houses -- that is, the water that was in the wooden vessels and the stone vessels that were gathered for their houses. The Egyptians were forced to dig wells around the river in order to get potable water.

- **We have a phenomenon here which we occasionally observe along the beach which we call the red tide:** as the plankton multiplies in the water, and the water becomes smelly. But it is a phenomenon where the water turns a reddish color, and the plankton taking the oxygen out of the water, does kill the fish. Some have attempted to explain natural ways the phenomena that took place, such as volcano eruptions or the earth being caught up in the tail of a comet.
- **But try as we may to explain the water turning to blood by natural phenomena, it is awfully hard** to explain how by throwing a stick down, it could become a serpent. And how **his serpent would swallow up the others**. You cannot eliminate the miraculous from this account. As I read it, it is quite possible that God used natural type of phenomena, but it was certainly produced by God in conjunction with the deliverance of the children of Israel out of Egypt. How God did it, I do not know; that God did it, I am assured! We also read when the third angel poured out his bowl, (*Rev 16:4*) *Then the third angel poured out his bowl on the rivers and springs of water, and they became blood.*
- **When reading of Biblical supernatural miracles, do I by my faith, accept them as being done by God, or am I often trying to discount the supernatural nature of the miracle by trying to find a natural explanation?**
- *And the magicians of Egypt did so with their enchantments:* Now, **this is** something that the magicians were able to duplicate; but as they began to duplicate it, if I were Pharaoh, I would have held that against them. This is not something that I really want them to duplicate. But their capacity to duplicate it, again, caused Pharaoh not to be impressed; and thus, he did not heed, but only hardened his heart because his magicians were able to duplicate the same thing.

*Exo 7:23 And Pharaoh turned and went into his house. Neither was his heart moved by this.*

*Exo 7:24 So all the Egyptians dug all around the river for water to drink, because they could not drink the water of the river.*

*Exo 7:25 And seven days passed after the LORD had struck the river.*

- **There is a seven day interval between this plague** and the next plague. This reminds us of when God judged with water at Noah's flood. A week goes by there, too. (*Gen 7:10*) *And it came to pass after seven days that the waters of the flood were on the earth.*

### *The Second Plague: Frogs*

*Exo 8:1 And the LORD spoke to Moses, "Go to Pharaoh and say to him, 'Thus says the LORD: "Let My people go, that they may serve Me.*

*Exo 8:2 But if you refuse to let them go, behold, I will smite all your territory with frogs.* (Egypt worshipped the frogs).

*Exo 8:3 So the river shall bring forth frogs abundantly, which shall go up and come into your house, into your bedroom, on your bed, into the houses of your servants, on your people, into your ovens, and into your kneading bowls.*

*Exo 8:4 And the frogs shall come up on you, on your people, and on all your servants.*

*Exo 8:5 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, "Say to Aaron, 'Stretch out your hand with your rod over the streams, over the rivers, and over the ponds, and cause frogs to come up on the land of Egypt.' "*

- **Now, it is possible, again, by explanation of natural phenomena,** that with the waters turning this bloody red, that the frogs finally had their fill of it and decided to leave the river. But, again, it is interesting that Moses was able to predict in advance what was going to take place, and it happened at the stretching forth of Aaron's rod over the waters. Try as you may, you cannot remove the miraculous from the story.

*Exo 8:6 So Aaron stretched out his hand over the waters of Egypt, and the frogs came up and covered the land of Egypt.*

**Exo 8:7 And the magicians did so with their enchantments, and brought up frogs on the land of Egypt.**

- **Enough is enough; why would you want your magicians to duplicate that feat?** But though the magicians could bring the frogs up, they could not put them back, they could not get rid of them, which since the frogs were a real nuisance, their inability to make them go away was more important than their ability to produce them

**Exo 8:8 Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron, and said, "Entreat (pray, first time of four) the LORD that He may take away the frogs from me and from my people; and I will let the people go, that they may sacrifice to the LORD."**

- **Pharaoh....Entreat, appeal to the LORD. Pray to the LORD, changing from Who is THE LORD , that I should obey Him?"** Now, he is saying,-- "Pray to THE LORD for me." Here is the first sign of the relenting of Pharaoh from his hardened position. "Ask God to get rid of these frogs: if He'll get rid of these frogs, I'll let the people go."
- **(Rev 16:13,14) And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs coming out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. [14] For they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.**

**Exo 8:9 And Moses said to Pharaoh, "Accept the honor of saying when I shall intercede for you, for your servants, and for your people, to destroy the frogs from you and your houses, that they may remain in the river only."**

**Exo 8:10 So he said, "Tomorrow." And he said, "Let it be according to your word, that you may know that there is no one like the LORD our God.**

- **Again, it all goes back to when Moses first came in and said, "THE LORD demands that you let the people go." "Who is THE LORD , that I should obey him? I do not know THE LORD ." "That you may know that He is GOD, tomorrow the frogs will all go back into the river."**

**Exo 8:11 And the frogs shall depart from you, from your houses, from your servants, and from your people. They shall remain in the river only."**

**Exo 8:12 Then Moses and Aaron went out from Pharaoh. And Moses cried out to the LORD concerning the frogs which He had brought against Pharaoh.**

**Exo 8:13 So the LORD did according to the word of Moses. And the frogs died out of the houses, out of the courtyards, and out of the fields.**

**Exo 8:14 They gathered them together in heaps, and the land stank.**

**Exo 8:15 But when Pharaoh saw that there was relief, he hardened his heart and did not heed them, as the LORD had said.**

- **God is so patient in dealing with us. The Bible talks about God being long-suffering, and patient.** Indeed, He is! There are many people, who like Pharaoh, in a time of trouble or distress, will make a promise or a vow to God, "God, if You will just get me out of this mess, I will serve You. God, if You will just help me now: I will do this, I will do that." And you know, when relief comes, they forget their vows. David, one time said, "I will pay the vows that I made to You in the day of trouble." It is interesting to me that it is in the day of trouble that we are prone to make vows to God: "Oh, God, I promise-- I'll do anything-- just get me out of here," you know. But then, when the day of trouble is over, we forget the vows.
- **We are told in the Scriptures that it is better not to vow at all, then to vow and break it! God takes seriously the promises or the vows that we make to Him, and it is really better not to vow at all.** Now, it is not necessary to take a vow to get God to respond to our needs.
- **The second reason not to make vows is that in making a vow, it is really sort of trusting in my flesh** that I'll do this, and I'll do that. In reality, I cannot do anything worthwhile for God in my flesh. I found I was guilty of making promises, but then not keeping them. When the Lord helped me to get out of the mess, then I quickly forgot all of those promises that I had made, the things that I had promised I would do. So, knowing that my flesh is weak, knowing that I am prone to fail, I just do not make vows anymore.
- **It is not necessary. I trust in the grace of God.** It is not in working a deal with God, because that sort of puts the thing -- "If I do this, then You'll do that,--" or visa-versa. And it is looking to God to reward me, or for me to reward God for what He does for me, and that is not necessary.

- **God bestows His grace upon me.** The LORD is gracious and merciful, and He does not require vows on my part - to respond to my need, and to help.
- **Pharaoh, when he had relief, hardened his heart, did not heed them,** as the LORD had said. Notice that each time it said, *“As the Lord had said.”* Remember back in the beginning, the LORD said to Moses, *“Go in - and he’s not going to heed what you say.”* So, as the LORD had said, Pharaoh’s not heeding.

#### *The Third Plague: Lice (Gnats)*

*Exo 8:16 So the LORD said to Moses, "Say to Aaron, 'Stretch out your rod, and strike the dust of the land, so that it may become lice (gnats) throughout all the land of Egypt.' "*

*Exo 8:17 And they did so. For Aaron stretched out his hand with his rod and struck the dust of the earth, and it became lice on man and beast. All the dust of the land became lice throughout all the land of Egypt.*

*Exo 8:18 Now the magicians so worked with their enchantments to bring forth lice, but they could not. So there were lice on man and beast.*

*Exo 8:19 Then the magicians (Jannes and Jambres) said to Pharaoh, "This is the finger (work) of God." But Pharaoh's heart grew hard, and he did not heed them, just as the LORD had said.*

- **Evidently, the lice came upon Pharaoh without forewarning.** He was warned in advance of the first two of the plagues that Pharaoh experienced. Now this one is just sent. It is hard to explain this phenomenon with either the theory of the explosion of the volcano, or those who propound the theory of the comet, ultimately becoming the planet Venus. There is no explanation for dust becoming lice!
- **Importantly, Pharaoh’s magicians were unable to duplicate this.** Now we have the creation of life in the changing of dust to lice. The frogs out of the river, the enchantments; rods to snakes, also by enchantments. But creating the lice out of the dust, they are unable to do! They recognize that they have more than met their match! They have gone beyond us now. *This is the finger of God!* This is the work of God! *But Pharaoh’s heart was hard, and he would not listen to them, as the LORD had said.*

#### *The Fourth Plague: Flies*

*Exo 8:20 And the LORD said to Moses, "Rise early in the morning and stand before Pharaoh as he comes out to the water. Then say to him, 'Thus says the LORD: "Let My people go, that they may serve Me.*

*Exo 8:21 Or else, if you will not let My people go, behold, I will send swarms of flies on you and your servants, on your people and into your houses. The houses of the Egyptians shall be full of swarms of flies, and also the ground on which they stand.*

*Exo 8:22 And in that day I will set apart the land of Goshen, in which My people dwell, that no swarms of flies shall be there, in order that you may know that I am the LORD in the midst of the land.*

*Exo 8:23 I will make a difference between My people and your people. Tomorrow this sign shall be."*

- Now Moses is predicting the time: *“Tomorrow, the land is going to be covered with these pesky little insects (flies).”* They, and the whole land of Egypt, except Goshen, are going to be covered with these little flies, and also the land will be covered.
- **At this plague, and from now on, God is going to make a distinction between the Egyptians and His people.** So that, although the Egyptians are plagued by these flies, the Israelites will not be plagued by them. The LORD is going to prove in the midst of the nation that He is there, and He is able to make a division between Pharaoh’s people and between His people!

*Exo 8:24 And the LORD did so. Thick swarms of flies came into the house of Pharaoh, into his servants' houses, and into all the land of Egypt. The land was corrupted because of the swarms of flies.*

*Exo 8:25 Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron, and said, "Go, sacrifice to your God in the land."*

- **This is the first of the compromises that was offered by Pharaoh to Moses.**
- **Types and shadows.** The history of the children of Israel and their deliverance out of Egypt is typical history. Egypt is a type of the life in sin, which is a life of oppression and bondage, the life of the flesh.

- **Pharaoh is a type of Satan**, who seeks to hold those in the life of bondage.
- **The Red Sea is a type of baptism.**
- **The wilderness is a type of the new experience** in relationship with God, still walking after the flesh, but a renewed spirit. I have been born again, I have a renewed spirit, but I am still walking after the flesh. Romans chapter 7.
- **The Jordan River is a type of that death to the old man**, to the old nature. In our hymnology, Jordan has become a type of physical death. That is wrong. "Swing low sweet chariot, coming for' to carry me home. In our hymnology, it is a type of physical death, but that is not so. Because then the promise land would be a type of heaven. But in the Promised Land, they still had battles, they were defeated. We are not going to have any battles when you get to heaven. There will be no defeat there.
- **It is a type of that reckoning my old man, the old nature, to be dead.** It is recognizing that I was crucified with Christ; and it is the death to the self-life, a position that I take by faith, knowing that my old nature was crucified with Christ, and beginning now the full walk in the Spirit as I come into the land of promise. Then as I then begin to appropriate the land that God has promised to me, every place I put my step, it is mine! God has given it to me! I begin to claim that full, rich, complete life that is mine in Jesus Christ, appropriating by faith of God's work in my behalf!
- **The rock in the wilderness from which the water of life flowed is Jesus Christ!** He was that Rock!
- **But Pharaoh, the type of Satan, is offering to Moses the first compromise.** Satan often offers to us a position of compromise: anything other than a total, full, complete commitment to God. You decide you to give your life to Jesus Christ, to serving the Lord. Satan says, "If you insist, go ahead and serve God, but stay in the land." Continue to live in the world, do not change your lifestyle, just add church once in a while; a Bible study; an occasional prayer. A little bit will not hurt anybody.
- **Satan says, remain in the land; do not make a real separation from the world.** But God said, (2Co 6:17-18) *Therefore "COME OUT FROM AMONG THEM AND BE SEPARATE, SAYS THE LORD. DO NOT TOUCH WHAT IS UNCLEAN, AND I WILL RECEIVE YOU." [18] "I WILL BE A FATHER TO YOU, AND YOU SHALL BE MY SONS AND DAUGHTERS, SAYS THE LORD ALMIGHTY."* Again, it says in (1Jn 2:15) *Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.* So, Satan is offering the compromise, as Pharaoh offered the first compromise. Go, sacrifice in the land!

**Exo 8:26 And Moses said, "It is not right to do so, for we would be sacrificing the abomination of the Egyptians to the LORD our God. If we sacrifice the abomination of the Egyptians before their eyes, then will they not stone us?**

- **The bull was another one of the chief gods of the Egyptians.** They worshipped the bull. They had a temple built for the bull, and when they died, they would embalm them. Now, if they saw the Israelites offering the bulls as sacrifices, it would be an abomination to the Egyptians because that was their god. They also worshipped the cow. "No, we cannot do it in the land!"

**Exo 8:27 We will go three days' journey into the wilderness and sacrifice to the LORD our God as He will command us."**

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

- **The second compromise.** OK, you can go, but do not go very far. When Satan sees that you are determined to serve the Lord, he offers often the second compromise, "You want to go ahead and go, but do not go overboard. Do not go very far. Do not become a fanatic. Do not get carried away!"
- **How frequently do I comprise in the face of the evil one's softened compromising alternative to what God really wants from me?**

**Exo 8:29 Then Moses said, "Indeed I am going out from you, and I will entreat the LORD, that the swarms of flies may depart tomorrow from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people. But let Pharaoh not deal deceitfully anymore in not letting the people go to sacrifice to the LORD."**

**Exo 8:30 So Moses went out from Pharaoh and entreated the LORD.**

**Exo 8:31 And the LORD did according to the word of Moses; He removed the swarms of flies from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people. Not one remained.**

**Exo 8:32 But Pharaoh hardened his heart at this time also; neither would he let the people go.**

- Notice that Pharaoh hardened his heart, at this time also and neither would he let them go!

### *The Fifth Plague: Egyptian Livestock Die*

*Exo 9:1 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Go in to Pharaoh and tell him, 'Thus says the LORD God of the Hebrews: "Let My people go, that they may serve Me."*

*Exo 9:2 For if you refuse to let them go, and still hold them,*

*Exo 9:3 behold, the hand of the LORD will be on your cattle in the field, on the horses, on the donkeys, on the camels, on the oxen, and on the sheep—a very severe pestilence.*

*Exo 9:4 And the LORD will make a difference between the livestock of Israel and the livestock of Egypt. So nothing shall die of all that belongs to the children of Israel." ' "*

*Exo 9:5 Then the LORD appointed a set time, saying, "Tomorrow the LORD will do this thing in the land."*

*Exo 9:6 So the LORD did this thing on the next day, and all the livestock of Egypt died; but of the livestock of the children of Israel, not one died.*

*Exo 9:7 Then Pharaoh sent, and indeed, not even one of the livestock of the Israelites was dead. But the heart of Pharaoh became hard, and he did not let the people go.*

- Now at this point he began to examine. I want to see if it really happened that their livestock is still OK." So, he sent to find out the condition of the livestock of the children of Israel, and he found out that it was true - not one was dead!
- We are amazed by Pharaoh's stubbornness, as well as the unbelief of the Israelites!

### *The Sixth Plague: Boils*

*Exo 9:8 So the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "Take for yourselves handfuls of ashes from a furnace (altar to Typhon involving human sacrifice?), and let Moses scatter it toward the heavens in the sight of Pharaoh.*

*Exo 9:9 And it will become fine dust in all the land of Egypt, and it will cause boils that break out in sores on man and beast throughout all the land of Egypt."*

*Exo 9:10 Then they took ashes from the furnace and stood before Pharaoh, and Moses scattered them toward heaven. And they caused boils that break out in sores on man and beast.*

*Exo 9:11 And the magicians could not stand before Moses because of the boils, for the boils were on the magicians and on all the Egyptians.*

*Exo 9:12 But the LORD hardened (made stiff) the heart of Pharaoh; and he did not heed them, just as the LORD had spoken to Moses.*

### *The Seventh Plague: Hail*

*Exo 9:13 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Rise early in the morning and stand before Pharaoh, and say to him, 'Thus says the LORD God of the Hebrews: "Let My people go, that they may serve Me,*

*Exo 9:14 for at this time I will send all My plagues to your very heart, and on your servants and on your people, that you may know that there is none like Me in all the earth.*

*Exo 9:15 Now if I had stretched out My hand and struck you and your people with pestilence, then you would have been cut off from the earth.*

*Exo 9:16 But indeed for this purpose I have raised you up, that I may show My power in you, and that My name may be declared in all the earth.*

- Who is THE LORD that I should obey Him? Well Pharaoh you are finding out! There is none like Him in all the earth! God had the capacity to totally cut him off. But, for this purpose I have let you live, *to show you my power and to make my name known on the whole earth.*
- For this purpose, God hardened the heart of Pharaoh. That is, as was pointed out earlier, He confirmed the position that Pharaoh had taken. Pharaoh hardened his heart, and God made it stiff. God confirmed it, making Pharaoh's position firm that He might show His power in the earth, and that His name might be declared in all the earth!

*Exo 9:17 As yet you exalt yourself against My people in that you will not let them go.*

*Exo 9:18 Behold, tomorrow about this time I will cause very heavy hail to rain down, such as has not been in Egypt since its founding until now.*



- The Egyptian was taught that Egypt's origin was at the creation of the world. That Pharaoh was the divinely appointed ruler. That their whole world centered around Egypt, the Nile, and their various gods in which Pharaoh was the leader. They considered Pharaoh a god.
- But God promises now that He is going to send a hailstorm on Egypt, such as has never been from the beginning until now! Now, God is giving mercy to the Egyptians who will believe.

*Exo 9:19 Therefore send now and gather your livestock and all that you have in the field, for the hail shall come down on every man and every animal which is found in the field and is not brought home; and they shall die.*

- The warning to get your animals, and all the people out of the fields tomorrow. Keep them in the barns, because if they are out in the fields, they will die!

*Exo 9:20 He who feared the word of the LORD among the servants of Pharaoh made his servants and his livestock flee to the houses.*

*Exo 9:21 But he who did not regard the word of the LORD left his servants and his livestock in the field.*

*Exo 9:22 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand toward heaven, that there may be hail in all the land of Egypt—on man, on beast, and on every herb of the field, throughout the land of Egypt."*

*Exo 9:23 And Moses stretched out his rod toward heaven; and the LORD sent thunder and hail, and fire darted to the ground. And the LORD rained hail on the land of Egypt.*

*Exo 9:24 So there was hail, and fire mingled with the hail, so very heavy that there was none like it in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation.*

- (Rev 16:21) And great hail from heaven fell upon men, each hailstone about the weight of a talent (75-90 lbs.). Men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, since that plague was exceedingly great.

*Exo 9:25 And the hail struck throughout the whole land of Egypt, all that was in the field, both man and beast; and the hail struck every herb of the field and broke every tree of the field.*

*Exo 9:26 Only in the land of Goshen, where the children of Israel were, there was no hail.*

*Exo 9:27 And Pharaoh sent and called for Moses and Aaron, and said to them, "I have sinned this time. The LORD is righteous, and my people and I are wicked.*

- Now the confession of sin! THE LORD is righteous, and my people and I are wicked. An interesting confession! I have sinned! God is righteous, the people and I, we are wicked.

*Exo 9:28 Entreat the LORD, that there may be no more mighty thundering and hail, for it is enough. I, and you shall stay no longer."*

*Exo 9:29 So Moses said to him, "As soon as I have gone out of the city, I will spread out my hands to the LORD; the thunder will cease, and there will be no more hail, that you may know that the earth is the LORD's.*

- Who is THE LORD, that I should obey Him? I have sinned: He is righteous, I am wicked!

*Exo 9:30 But as for you and your servants, I know that you will not yet fear the LORD God."*

*Exo 9:31 Now the flax and the barley were struck, for the barley was in the head and the flax was in bud.*

*Exo 9:32 But the wheat and the spelt were not struck, for they are late crops.*

- This indicates that this, the seventh plague took place in the month of February. So, in just a little over a month, the final plague will take place on the 14th of Nissan, the Passover, the final plague. At this time, the barley and the flax were in the process of ripening, so we know that it was the month of February. Neither the wheat nor the spelt, because they are later crops, which are not harvested until June. But the barley is an earlier crop.
- How long the whole series lasted, we are not certain. There are some who believe that the first plague took place in June; but that is only speculation because it is in the month of June that phenomena of the Nile River turning a bloody red takes place. The total length of the plagues is something of which we are uncertain.
- It is only at this point that we know the time of the year the plague took place. So, the final plagues are going to take place now within the next month, because from the middle of February to the middle of April. So, the final plagues are on their way now in these last two months.

*Exo 9:33 So Moses went out of the city from Pharaoh and spread out his hands to the LORD; then the thunder and the hail ceased, and the rain was not poured on the earth.*

*Exo 9:34 And when Pharaoh saw that the rain, the hail, and the thunder had ceased, he sinned yet more; and he hardened his heart, he and his servants.*

- I have sinned, I am wicked,” he said. “But he sinned again and hardened his heart!

*Exo 9:35 So the heart of Pharaoh was hard; neither would he let the children of Israel go, as the LORD had spoken by Moses.*

- Can you imagine Pharaoh seeing these natural calamities as forecasted, then happening, singling out his own people and not the Hebrew slaves, having them stopped at the command of their leader? And still Pharaoh refuses to obey God, to dig in his heels and say, “no way!”
- Next, week we will see Pharaoh wiped out completely as God works in setting the Israelites free. As we get into chapter 10, we will find Pharaoh offering two more compromises. “Go, but don’t take your children.” “If you want to make your commitment to the LORD, if you want to be a religious fanatic, fine, but do not make your children follow along. Do not involve your children in your experience or relationship.”
- Then finally, “Go,...but leave your flocks, your herds.” Commit yourself to God but withhold from Him your substance. Moses refused, as we will discover, any compromise. It was all, or nothing at all. So, it should be! Serving the Lord with all of our hearts, with all of our mind, with all of our strength.
- ***How close to I come to serving the LORD will all my heart; all my mind, and all of my strength?***

#### SUMMARY

- ***When reading of Biblical supernatural miracles, do I by my faith, accept them as being done by God, or am I often trying to discount the supernatural nature of the miracle by trying to find a natural explanation?***
- ***How frequently do I comprise in the face of the evil one’s softened compromising alternative to what God really wants from me?***
- ***How close to I come to serving the LORD will all my heart; all my mind, and all of my strength?***
- ***The greatest thing in all my life is knowing You! Is loving You! Is serving You!***

#### CLOSING SONG

**THE GREATEST THING** – Mark Pendergrass (3:34/3:37)

*The greatest thing in all my life is **knowing you**. The greatest thing in all my life is knowing you.  
I want to know you more. I want to know you more. The greatest thing in all my life is knowing you.  
The greatest thing in all my life is **loving you**. The greatest thing in all my life is loving you.  
I want to love you more. I want to love you more. The greatest thing in all my life is loving you.  
The greatest thing in all my life is **serving you**. The greatest thing in all my life is serving you.  
I want to serve you more. I want to serve you more. The greatest thing in all my life is serving you.  
I want to serve you more. I want to serve you more. The greatest thing in all my life is serving you.*

#### CLOSING PRAYER

**NEXT WEEK: Read and study Exodus Chapters 10-12!**