

LESSONS FROM THE EXODUS -- part 3 of 4
3/10/21

- * Today -- I have the opportunity to give a Bible study
- * Today -- "Lessons From the Exodus" -- Part 3 of 4
 - * Part 1 -- Who Wrote the Book of Exodus?
How Did Israel End Up in Egypt?
Affliction of the Children of Israel
 - * Part 2 -- God Saved Moses and Prepared Him
The Outcome Was Known
 - * Part 3 -- Moses Confronted Pharaoh With 3 Approaches
(Words -- 1 Miracle -- 10 Plagues)
"Let My People Go"
Pharaoh Considered Letting Them Go
God Hardened Pharaoh's Heart
God's Purpose -- Shall Know That I Am the Lord
Pagan Gods of Egypt

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- * MOSES CONFRONTED PHARAOH WITH 3 APPROACHES
 - * GOD'S WORDS -- Exodus 5:1 to 7:7
- Exod. 5:1 God's words -- "let My people go, that they
may hold a feast to Me in the wilderness"
- 2 Pharaoh -- "who is the Lord that I should obey
His voice to let Israel go?"
- 3 3 days' journey -- sacrifice -- (Exod. 3:18)
- 4-13 Pharaoh's reaction -- no more straw
- 14-19 the officers of Israel approached Pharaoh
- 20-21 the officers of Israel blamed Moses & Aaron
- 22-23 Moses complained to God
- Exod. 6:1-8 God renewed His promise to Moses
- 9 the people did not listen to Moses
- 10-11 Lord -- "go tell Pharaoh to let Israel go"
- 12 Moses -- "why would Pharaoh listen to me?"
- 13 God gave a command -- bring them out of Egypt
- 28-30 Moses doubted whether Pharaoh would listen
- Exod. 7:1-5 God told Moses what He was going to do
- 7 Moses was 80 -- Aaron was 83
- * GOD'S MIRACLE -- Exodus 7:8-13
- Exod. 7:8-13 Moses confronted Pharaoh with God's miracle
- 8-10 Aaron's rod became a serpent
- 11-13 the sorcerers' rods became serpents -- Aaron's
serpent ate sorcerers' serpents
- * GOD'S 10 PLAGUES -- Exodus 7:14 to 12:30
- Exod. 7:14--12:30 Moses confronted Pharaoh with God's 10 plagues

* "LET MY PEOPLE GO"

Exod. 5:1 that they may hold a feast to Me in wilderness'
Exod. 7:16 before 1st plague -- that they may serve Me in
the wilderness
Exod. 8:1 before 2nd plague -- that they may serve Me
Exod. 8:20 before 4th plague -- that they may serve Me
Exod. 9:1 before 5th plague -- that they may serve Me
Exod. 9:13 before 7th plague -- that they may serve Me
Exod. 10:3 before 8th plague -- that they may serve Me

* PHARAOH CONSIDERED LETTING THEM GO

Exod. 8:25 4th -- go sacrifice to your God in the land
28 go in the wilderness -- not very far
Exod. 9:28 7th -- I will let you go
Exod. 10:8,11 8th -- go and serve the Lord
Exod. 10:24 9th -- go serve the Lord -- (no flocks & herds)
Exod. 12:31-32 10th -- go serve the Lord -- (take your flocks)

* GOD HARDENED PHARAOH'S HEART

* How did God hardened Pharaoh's heart?

Exod. 13:15 it came to pass when Pharaoh was stubborn
Exod. 4:21-23 foretold in advance
21 God -- I will harden his heart, that he shall
not let you go
22-23 God -- Israel is My son -- if you refuse to let
him go, I will kill your firstborn son
Exod. 7:3 God -- I will harden Pharaoh's heart
Exod. 7:8-13 Aaron's rod
13 Pharaoh's heart grew hard
Exod. 7:14-25 1st plague -- water became blood
14 God -- Pharaoh's heart is hard
22 Pharaoh's heart grew hard
Exod. 8:1-15 2nd plague -- frogs
8 Pharaoh -- I will let the people go
15 when Pharaoh saw relief, he hardened his heart
Exod. 8:16-19 3rd plague -- lice
19 Pharaoh's heart grew hard
Exod. 8:20-32 4th plague -- swarms of flies
28 Pharaoh -- I will let you go -- (but not very
far away)
32 Pharaoh hardened his heart at this time also '
Exod. 9:1-7 5th plague -- livestock disease
7 the heart of Pharaoh became hard
Exod. 9:8-12 6th plague -- boils
12 the Lord hardened the heart of Pharaoh

Exod. 9:13-35	7th plague -- hail
27-28	Pharaoh -- I have sinned; I am wicked; I will let you go
34	when the hail and thunder ceased, he sinned yet more -- he hardened his heart
35	the heart of Pharaoh was hard
Exod. 10:1-20	8th plague -- locusts
1	God -- go to him, for I have hardened his heart
8	Pharaoh -- go serve your God
10	Pharaoh -- God had better be with you, when I let you and your little ones go
11	Pharaoh -- go now & serve God -- (only the men)
17	Pharaoh -- please forgive my sin
20	God hardened Pharaoh's heart
Exod. 10:21-29	9th plague -- darkness
24	Pharaoh -- go serve the Lord -- (but leave your flocks and herds)
27	the Lord hardened Pharaoh's heart
Exod. 11:1-10	warning of 10th plague
1-3	God talked to Moses
4-8	Moses talked to people
9	God -- Pharaoh will not heed you
10	the Lord hardened Pharaoh's heart
Exod. 12:29-39	10th plague -- death of firstborn
31	Pharaoh -- go serve the Lord
32	Pharaoh -- take your flocks
33	Egyptians -- urged the people
36	Israelites -- plundered the Egyptians
Exod. 14:1-31	after the Israelites left Egypt
4	God said -- I will harden Pharaoh's heart
8	the Lord hardened the heart of Pharaoh
17	God -- I will harden hearts of the Egyptians

* GOD'S PURPOSE -- SHALL KNOW THAT I AM THE LORD

Exod. 6:7	children of Israel will know -- when God brings you away from the burdens of Egyptians
Exod. 7:5	Egyptians shall know -- when I bring out the children of Israel from among them
Exod. 10:2	Israel's children & grandchildren will know

* PAGAN GODS OF EGYPT

Most Egyptians believed in polytheism. The people worshipped a wide variety of local deities and nature gods. Many gods were associated with fertility and agriculture. The protection of virtually every aspect of life was ascribed to some deity. The 10 plagues in Egypt were direct challenges to the worship of Egyptian deities, who were thought to protect Egyptian life and property. (See the chart on the next page.)

Pagan Gods of Egypt

Name	Responsibility	Form or Sacred Animal
Aker	Earth-god • Helper of the dead	Two lion heads
Amon	Wind-god • God of Thebes • Helper of the pious	Human (ram and goose sacred)
Anubis	Glorifier of the dead	Jackal-headed, black-skinned
Apis	Ensures fertility	Bull
Aton	Sun-god	
Atum	Primordial creature-god	Serpent-human
Bes	Protection at birth • Dispenser of virility	Group of demons
Edjo	Goddess of Delta/Lower Egypt	Uraeus serpent
Geb	Earth-god • Consort of Nut • Begetter of Osiris	Human
Hathor	Sky-goddess • Goddess of love, dance, alcohol	Cow
Heket	Primordial goddess	Frog
Horus	Sky-god	Falcon
Isis	Goddess of life, healing • Daughter of Geb Consort/sister of Osiris • Mother of Horus	Human
Khepri	Primordial god • Rising sun	Scarabaeus
Khnum	Giver of the Nile • Creator of mankind	Human with ram's head
Khons	Moon-god	Human
Maat	Justice • Daughter of Ra	Human
Meskhenet	Goddess protector of newborns and of destiny	
Min	God of virility and reproduction	
Mut	"Eye of the sun," consort of Amon	Vulture or human
Nekhbet	Goddess of Upper Egypt	
Nut	Sky-goddess • Consort of Geb Mother of Osiris and Seth • Mother of heavenly bodies	
Osiris	Dead pharaohs • Ruler of dead, life, vegetation	
Ptah	Creator-god • Lord of artisans	
Ra	God of sun, earth and sky • Father of Maat • National god	Human with falcon head
Sekhmet	Goddess of war and sickness	Human with lion head
Selket	Guardian of life • Protector of dead	Scorpion
Seshat	Goddess of writing and books	
Seth	God of chaos, desert and storm, crops • Brother of Osiris	
Shu	God of air, bearer of heaven	
Sobek	Creator-god	Crocodile
Sothis	God of Nile floodwaters	
Thermuthis	Goddess of fertility and harvest; fate	Serpent
Thoth	God of wisdom, moon, chronology • Messenger of gods	Ibis or baboon
Thoueris	Goddess of fertility and women in labor	Hippopotamus