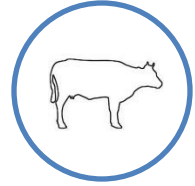


# Exodus 9 - 10

## Day 1

5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Plagues: Read Exodus 9:1-12



### **5th Plague: Pestilence on livestock**

1. What does the warning in 9:1-3 (following the events in 8:30-32) say about God?

- By *setting a definite time* (9:5), what opportunity was the Lord giving?

**FYI:** "The Egyptian god Hathor who was thought to be a mother goddess was in the form of a cow. Egyptian religion considered cattle sacred and the cow was often a symbol of fertility." - David Guzik

2. From 9:1-7, fill in information about the fifth plague on the chart "*Plagues of Egypt.*"

3. How did death of livestock raise the level of the intensity of the plagues? (*i.e. How would this affect their economy, military power, etc?*)

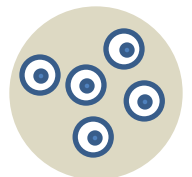
4. What words describe the difference ("*but*") in the extent of the plague? 9:6

- Why do you think Pharaoh sent for confirmation of Israel being spared? 9:7

**FYI:** "If all the livestock of Egypt were killed by disease (Ex. 9:6) , how is it that Egyptian livestock were there to be killed by the later plague of hail?... It may be that the disease struck only animals 'in the field' (vs. 3). The passage of time between plagues may also have allowed the Egyptians to acquire new animals. It may also be that 'all the livestock' vs. 6) is to be understood similarly to 'all the dust of the land' (Ex. 8:17), the force of the expression being that the effect was thorough and pervasive." - The Woman's Study Bible (111)

### **6<sup>th</sup> Plague: Boils**

5. Although there was no announcement for the 6<sup>th</sup> plague, who was a witness? 9:10  
What would this have shown him?



- What new kind of suffering came with the next plague? 9:10-11

**FYI: Boils** Strong's OT:7822 *shechiym*,.. probably meaning to burn; inflammation, i.e. an ulcer

"This plague was probably directed against the Egyptian god Imhotep, who was said to be the god of medicine. Even those who were thought to be closest to the Egyptian gods (the court magicians) were stricken with this plague."  
- David Guzik

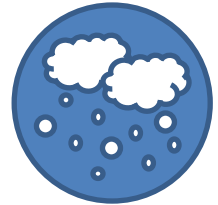
6. From 9:8-12, fill in information about the sixth plague on the chart: “*Plagues of Egypt.*”
7. What did God do for the first time? 9:12 (Review the reasons for this: 7:3-5.)

**FYI:** “It is said at least six times before this that Pharaoh hardened his own heart (Exodus 7:13, 7:22, 8:15, 8:19, 8:32, 9:7). God’s hardening of Pharaoh’s heart was the strengthening of what he already had set himself towards.”  
- David Guzik

**Applying the Word:** *Have you ever been frustrated or hurt by someone’s stubbornness or refusal to believe? What does this account teach you about God’s patience along with the limits he puts on a stubborn and hardened heart?*

## Day 2

7th Plague - Hail: Read Exodus 9:13-35



8. What reasons was Pharaoh given for the plagues?

- 9:13
- 9:14 (Cf. Romans 9:17)
- 9:16

9. What did God say about His power? 9:15

**Digging Deeper**  
For thought - provoking passages about the power of God, read Job 12:12-25 and Isaiah 40.

- How does this compare to what was Pharaoh trying to accomplish by not letting the people go? 9:17

10. From 9:13-35, fill in information about the seventh plague on the chart “*Plagues of Egypt.*”

11. From the descriptions of the hail (9:18,19,23,24), what kind of hail do you think this was? (List the words that describe it.)

12. List the phrases that describe the contrasts in:

- 9:20 and 9:21
  
- 9:25 and 9:26

**FYI:** "The phrase 'did not regard (fear) the word of the LORD' can be literally rendered 'did not put his heart to the word of the LORD.' For these people, the plagues directed toward their hearts met resistance rather than obedience (see vv. 14,34). This experience...needed to be a lesson for the Israelites when they received instructions before the tenth plague, as well as anytime the LORD later spoke." - The Woman's Study Bible (112)

13. What did Pharaoh confess and what did he ask of Moses? 9:27,28

14. What did Moses know? 9:30 (Consider: What hadn't happened yet? 4:22-23)

- Why do you think Moses still prayed to the LORD?

15. Who was performing the miracles in:

- 8:5; 16
  
- 9:8
  
- 9:22,23
  
- What was happening?

16. List the ways that mercy was shown in the midst of this plague.

- 9:19
  
- 9:32
  
- 9:33

17. How did Pharaoh and his servants respond to God's mercy? 9:34,35 (Note the word "sinned" in 9:27 and 9:34)

## 18. Read through the following verses on fearing the Lord:

- *Psalm 34:11-14* Come, you children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD... 13 Keep your tongue from evil And your lips from speaking deceit. 14 Depart from evil and do good; Seek peace and pursue it. NAS
- *Psalm 111:10* The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise. NIV
- *Proverbs 8:13* To fear the LORD is to hate evil; I hate pride and arrogance, evil behavior and perverse speech. NIV
- *Deuteronomy 10:12* "Now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require from you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways and love Him, and to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, NAS
- *Joshua 24:14* "Now fear the LORD and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your forefathers worshiped beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD." NIV
- From the verses above, how would you explain the difference between Pharaoh's confession and acknowledgement of the Lord (9:27) versus fearing the Lord (9:30)? (Consider James 2:19)

**Applying the Word:** How would you compare your confidence in the Lord to how you felt ten years ago? What has helped you to grow?

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## Day 3

8th Plague - Locusts: Read Exodus 10:1-20

19. What reasons did God give for hardening Pharaoh's heart and his servants' hearts? 10:1,2
- What does this say about God's ability to change the course of evil?
20. How did Moses describe Pharaoh's refusal to obey God? 10:3 (Cf. 9:17)

21. Underline the results of pride and humility:

- Isaiah 2:17 The arrogance of man will be brought low and the pride of men humbled; the LORD alone will be exalted in that day, NIV
- James 4: 6,10 ...Scripture says: "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." ...10 Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up. NIV

22. Underline what the Lord promised the nation of Israel if they humbled themselves.

- *2 Chronicles 7:13-14 "If I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or if I command the locust to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among My people, 14 and My people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin and will heal their land. NASU*

23. Fill in information about the eighth plague on the chart: "Plagues of Egypt."

**FYI:** "The goddess Isis was supposed to be Egypt's protectrix against locusts, but she failed miserably." - Henry Morris

24. List the phrases that describe the extent of the plague of locust. (Notice the words "every" and "all." ) 10:5,6



25. What did Pharaoh's servants recognize? 10:7 What did they suggest?

26. How did Pharaoh attempt to bargain with Moses? 10:8-11

- How would you describe Moses' response? 10:9

27. How complete was the destruction? 10:14,15 (Try to picture the conditions in 10:6,15. Imagine the sight, sound, touch and smells. What impacts you the most? Have you ever experienced an outbreak of locust?)

28. What effect did the locust plague have on Pharaoh? 10:16,17 (Note: How did he address the LORD? What was lacking?)

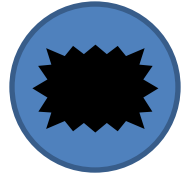
- How did Moses and the Lord respond? 10:18,19

29. Why do you think God hardened Pharaoh's heart again? 10:20 (What does this say about Pharaoh's heart/motives in 10:16,17? See Proverbs 16:2)

**Applying the Word:** Have you ever tried to compromise or "bargain" with God on an issue where you clearly have known His will? What made it difficult to surrender fully? How did that turn out?

## Day 4

9th Plague - Darkness: Read Exodus 10:21-29



30. What was unusual about the plague of darkness? 10:21

- What does the description in 10:23 imply about light from candles, fires, etc.?

**FYI:** "The Egyptians worshipped many gods, but none so much as the sun. Even a normal solar eclipse would have had an impact, but an enshrouding darkness that lasted for three days was a frontal attack on the gods (12:12), on their Pharaoh and his supposed control of nature, and on all Pharaohs counselors who were as helpless as he was."  
- The Nelson Study Bible (116)

"The chief deity of Egypt was Ra, the sun god, so this miracle clearly demonstrated that the God of Israel was greater than all the gods of Egypt."  
- Henry Morris

31. From 10:21-19, fill in information about the ninth plague on the chart: "*Plagues of Egypt.*"

32. How did Pharaoh try to bargain after this plague? 10:24

### **Digging Deeper**

For the meaning that scripture often gives to light and darkness see: John 1:4,5, 3:19-21; 8:12; Acts 26:18.

33. How much was Moses willing to compromise? 10:25,26 What does the phrase "*not a hoof*" indicate about his resolve?

34. What was Pharaoh's last resort? 10:28

35. Compare Moses in 10:29 with 4:10 and 6:12. What changed?

36. Read through the following list of Pharaoh's excuses, arguments, attack... Describe what they indicate about his attitude or actions toward Moses and the Lord.

<p>Ex 5:2 "Who is the LORD, that I should obey him and let Israel go? I do not know the LORD and I will not let Israel go." NIV</p>	<p><i>Disbelief, pride,</i></p>
<p>5:8-9 Pharaoh gave this order..."They are lazy; that is why they are crying out, 'Let us go and sacrifice to our God. 9 Make the work harder for the men so that they keep working and pay no attention to lies.'"...14 The Israelite foremen appointed by Pharaoh's slave drivers were beaten and were asked, "Why didn't you meet your quota of bricks yesterday or today, as before?" NIV</p>	<p><i>Insult, abuse, oppression</i></p>
<p>7:11-12 Pharaoh then summoned wise men and sorcerers, and the Egyptian magicians also did the same things by their secret arts: 12 Each one threw down his staff and it became a snake. NIV</p>	
<p>8:28 Pharaoh said, "I will let you go to offer sacrifices to the LORD your God in the desert, but you must not go very far. Now pray for me." NIV</p>	
<p>9:27-28 Then Pharaoh summoned Moses and Aaron. "This time I have sinned," he said to them. "The LORD is in the right, and I and my people are in the wrong. 28 Pray to the LORD, for we have had enough thunder and hail. I will let you go; you don't have to stay any longer."...34 When Pharaoh saw that the rain and hail and thunder had stopped, he sinned again: He and his officials hardened their hearts. NIV</p>	
<p>10:10-11 Pharaoh said, "The LORD be with you--if I let you go, along with your women and children! Clearly you are bent on evil. 11 No! Have only the men go; and worship the LORD, since that's what you have been asking for." Then Moses and Aaron were driven out of Pharaoh's presence... ----- 10:24 Then Pharaoh summoned Moses and said, "Go, worship the LORD. Even your women and children may go with you; only leave your flocks and herds behind." NIV</p>	
<p>10:28 Pharaoh said to Moses, "Get out of my sight! Make sure you do not appear before me again! The day you see my face you will die." NIV</p>	

37. Have you ever had any of the above types of insults or abuses aimed at you? What does Moses' example teach you?

***Applying the Word:*** *What do you think helps it often takes for people to go from believing that there is a God to putting their faith in Him?*

*Questions and Discoveries:*