

Out of Bondage onto Promise

Exodus 11:1-10

- Pharaoh has been confronted with nine devastating plagues that have left Egypt in ruins and the people exhausted and bewildered, and still he won't let the children of Israel go. Despite having just emerged from three days of not being able to see his own hand in front of his face, Pharaoh instead of responding to the light he continues to insist on remaining in the dark. So God has one more Plague in store for him that will leave Egypt and its people broken and defeated.

V1-10

- **V1-3** God tells Moses that there will be one last plague and this is in line with what God said in **Ex 4:21-23** before Moses had confronted Pharaoh. Although Pharaoh wasn't quite convinced whether to let Israel go the people certainly were, as both the people and Pharaoh's servants knew that Moses was greater than Pharaoh, and so had no problem with giving Israel whatever they asked for even before the final plague came upon them as they had seen enough.
- **V4-8** Moses announces that because of the stubbornness of Pharaoh that the firstborn of both animal and people would die and afterward it would be a great out cry in all the land of Egypt. Notice Moses tells them that death won't discriminate as it will impact from the greatest to the least of households. Also Moses tells them that its not the fault of Moses and the children of Israel but their own Pharaoh so don't blame them or speak a word against them.
- Also just as He did before the Lord will make a distinction between Israel and Egypt so that all would know that The Lord is God and there is none like Him. In the end you and your people will come to Moses and beg him that they go which is what they should have done in the first place, but because of their own pride and stubbornness believed that they could withstand the Lord.
- **V9-10** we see the plagues through the eyes of God Who saw them all as one, for they touched every aspect of nature, mineral, animal, vegetable, water, sky, and human, and it affected persons and property from the highest to the lowest, only it didn't affect Israel. But Pharaoh despite all this would not listen to Moses because God had hardened his heart, Yet God never hardened Pharaoh's heart until he first hardened his own heart against the Lord and His people > **7:13, 7:22, 8:15, 8:19, 8:32, 9:7**, six different times Pharaoh hardened his own heart.
- In multiple places in the gospels Jesus said "**blessed are those who have eyes to see and ears to hear**", and here Pharaoh although he heard Moses message he ignored it, and although he saw the devastation that came from his disobedience it didn't move him to change his stance. Sadly there are plenty of people who are in the same situation that we just read, that despite all of the calamity that has happened in their lives for the bad decisions their making they won't change.

- **Lk 8:10** after Jesus gives the parable of the Sower He says “ **to us it has been given to know the mysteries of the Kingdom of God, but to the rest it has been given in parables, that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand**” You and I are blessed that we are called by His Name, and therefore are able to make **U-turns, 180’s**, and go in the right direction after making some bad decisions and wrong turns, and the Lord will bless you for it.
- You have to ask people what is it going to take before you surrender to God? What devastation has to occur to cause you to take an in-depth look at your life and see that what your doing is not working? As we see as bad as it is in Pharoah’s life now, as Egypt’s destroyed and need’s rebuilding, it is going to get worse, because he still is not ready to bow the knees of his heart to God.