

# Exodus 10

After Jesus Heart

- **5<sup>th</sup>** Plague: Livestock Diseased/Die
- **6<sup>th</sup>** Plague: Boils: No warning, Magicians also,
- **7<sup>th</sup>** Plague: Hail to the heart: Beginning of plagues directed at Pharaoh's heart

**"I have sinned *this time*. The Lord is righteous, and my people and I are wicked.**

**Exodus 9:34** ...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. 35 So the heart of Pharaoh was hard; neither would he let the children of Israel go, as the Lord had spoken by Moses.

- **A little relief and Pharaoh goes back to his old life**
  1. Obeying God until the plague is gone, problem is solved, the person is healed

Hardening our hearts against God is sin; failing to repent when God graciously answers our plea, and to ignore His rich mercy, is to **sin yet more**. [Guzic]

2. Worldly sorrow leads to death because the motive is selfish and hardens our heart.

**So the heart of Pharaoh was hard**

## I. The Eighth Plague: Locusts

1 Now the Lord said to Moses, "Go in to Pharaoh; for I have hardened his heart and the hearts of his servants..."

**Exodus 8:34**...and he [Pharaoh] hardened his heart, he and his servants.

**Exodus 9:1**...Go in to Pharaoh; for **I have hardened his heart** and the hearts of his servants

- **God obliges Pharaoh/Servants:** Solidifies/Freezes their choice to rebel

**Being frozen in a state of sin leads to self-deception**

The false-belief that everything I all right...Most of the world is in a state of self deception

- **One day God will send a strong delusion to...**
  1. Hearts that continue to choose not to believe the Holy Spirit

**John 16:8** And when [The Holy Spirit] has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment

- The world in will not believe and the Tribulation will begin
  1. Worlds unbelief will make them callous to the Truth of God
  2. God sends strong delusion making belief difficult if not impossible

**2 Thessalonians 2:9** The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, 10 and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. 11 And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, 12 that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

- Our hearts have the ability to be hardened today. To be unable to hear God

**Hebrews 3:12** Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; 13 but exhort one another daily, while it is called "Today," lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

**God will not drag anyone into heaven.**

**In His time He will eventually respect our choice for all eternity.**

**Genesis 6:3** [Just before flood judgment] And the Lord said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever"

- Pharaoh believed he could toy with God and sealed his eternity

**"Go in to Pharaoh; for I have hardened his heart and the hearts of his servants...**

**1b...**that I may show these signs of Mine before him, 2 and that you may tell in the hearing of your son and your son's son the mighty things I have done in Egypt, and My signs which I have done among them, that you may know that I am the Lord."

**All things work together for good for those who love God and for His purpose  
God will use those who do not love Him to fulfill his purpose in those who do**

- **God will use these signs to:**

1. Create a Testimony for Moses to tell his sons/grandsons of a Mighty God

**Deuteronomy 11:18** "Therefore you shall lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul, and bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. 19 You shall teach them to your children, speaking of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. 20 And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates, 21 that your days and the days of your children may be multiplied in the land of which the Lord swore to your fathers to give them, like the days of the heavens above the earth.

- **God will use these signs as:**

1. Testimony to Israel and ...
2. That Moses may God more intimately: That you may know that I Am the Lord

**These signs will remind you and all future generations of My faithfulness**

- **To give us hope:**

**Romans 15:4** ...whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.

- **As a warning:**

**1 Corinthians 10:11** Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.

- **Old Testament:** Physical representation of Spiritual New Testament Truth
- Examples of what *to do* and what *not to do*

3. God will also use these signs to make Pharaoh **more accountable**

**For believer and non-believer alike we are all responsible for Light give...  
Responsible for what God has shown us to all of us...**

- **Non-believers are responsible for Light given:** Jesus the Light all men [John 1]
  1. **Nature:** What they deny of creation
  2. **Our Testimony:** The change God has done in us for them
  3. **Prophecy fulfilled:** Israel?
- **Believers are responsible for Light given:** Be careful how you listen

**Matthew 13:12** For whoever has, to him more will be given, and he will have abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him.

3 So Moses and Aaron came in to Pharaoh and said to him, "Thus says the Lord God of the Hebrews: 'How long will you refuse to humble yourself before Me? Let My people go, that they may serve Me.

- Pride is the heart of the problem: **All about me!**
- Humbling ourselves is a choice

**James 4:10** Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.

**1 Peter 5:5** "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble."6 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time

- Still ringing in Pharaohs ears are his own words...

**Exodus 5:2** Who is the LORD, that I should obey His voice to let Israel go?

- Save face or bow to God? Pilate coward to people also Religious Leaders

**John 12:43** [Crucified Jesus] for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.

- We wait for our praise to come from God...

**Matthew 25:23** His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'

**Zephaniah 3:17** The Lord your God in your midst, The Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing."

**Humble yourself Pharaoh and let God's people go...**

**4 Or else,** if you refuse to let My people go, behold, tomorrow I will bring locusts into your territory. 5 And they shall cover the face of the earth, so that no one will be able to see the earth; and they shall eat the residue of what is left, which remains to you from the hail, and they shall eat every tree which grows up for you out of the field. 6 They shall fill your houses, the houses of all your servants, and the houses of all the Egyptians—which

neither your fathers nor your fathers' fathers have seen, since the day that they were on the earth to this day."

- **God's merciful warning to Pharaoh...again:**
  1. Locusts covering the earth
  2. Eat whatever is left from the hail
  3. Eat every tree in the field
  4. Fill you houses
  5. Unprecedented infestation/invasion

**Joel 1:4** [Prophecies the invasion of an army being like 3 types of locusts] What the chewing locust left, the swarming locust has eaten; What the swarming locust left, the crawling locust has eaten; And what the crawling locust left, the consuming locust has eaten.

- **Nothing will be left**

**6b...**And [Moses] turned and went out from Pharaoh.

**I told you what's right...now do what you want**

7 Then Pharaoh's servants said to him, "How long shall this man be a snare to us? Let the men go, that they may serve the Lord their God. Do you not yet know that Egypt is destroyed?"

- Even with hardened hearts servants plead with Pharaoh

**"Don't you know by now that Egypt will be destroyed?"**

8 So Moses and Aaron were brought again to Pharaoh, and he said to them, **"Go, serve the Lord your God. Who are the ones that are going?"**

- Servants run to catch Moses/Aaron: "Go serve the Lord. Who will be going?"

9 And Moses said, "We will go with our young and our old; with our sons and our daughters, with our flocks and our herds we will go, for we must hold a feast to the Lord."

- Everybody and everything that belongs to the Lord will be at the Feast to the Lord

10 Then [Pharaoh] said to them, "The Lord had better be with you when I let you and your little ones go! Beware, for evil is ahead of you.

**Evil is ahead of you. Just in case the Lord is not with you... I will keep your children**

11 Not so! Go now, you who are men, and serve the Lord, for that is what you desired." And they were driven out from Pharaoh's presence.

I will keep the children and the adults can go. Now get out!

- **First offer of Compromise by Pharaoh** [Devil]: **Stay in Egypt** [Exodus 8]

1. Stay with your old friends.
  2. Do a lot of the same old things. Moses turns it first offer to stay in Egypt
- **Second offer of Compromise by Pharaoh [Devil]: Let me have the children!**
    - ✓ Schools/Colleges
    - ✓ Movies
    - ✓ Music
    - ✓ Sex
    - ✓ Drugs
  - **NO DEAL:** Pharaoh does not have a lot of leverage

12 Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the land of Egypt for the locusts, that they may come upon the land of Egypt, and eat every herb of the land—all that the hail has left." 13 So Moses stretched out his rod over the land of Egypt, and the Lord brought an east wind on the land all that day and all that night. When it was morning, the east wind brought the locusts.

- **East wind all day and all night:** There is a time to repent **but not forever**

**Revelation 2:21** [Church or Thyatira] And I gave her time to repent of her sexual immorality, and she did not repent. 22 Indeed I will cast her into a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of their deeds. 23 I will kill her children with death, and all the churches shall know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts. And I will give to each one of you according to your works.

- **Do we feel the wind of judgment: Something in the air?**

**Matthew 16:2** [After religious leaders ask for a sign] [Jesus] answered and said to them, "When it is evening you say, 'It will be fair weather, for the sky is red'; 3 and in the morning, 'It will be foul weather today, for the sky is red and threatening.' Hypocrites! You know how to discern the face of the sky, but you cannot discern the signs of the times.

- **As in the Time of Noah:** Sexuality out of control

**Luke 12:56** Hypocrites! You can discern the face of the sky and of the earth, but how is it you do not discern this time?

- **Just before Tribulation:** Beginning of Sorrows in Matthew 24
  1. Many deceivers saying they are the Christ
  2. Wars and rumors of wars about to start
  3. Famines
  4. Pestilence
  5. Earthquakes in various places
  6. Peoples love growing cold because of lawlessness

**1 Chronicles 12:32** [David's army] the sons of Issachar... had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do

- **Pharaoh had 24 full hours to repent:** He didn't understand the signs of the times

14 And the locusts went up over all the land of Egypt and rested on all the territory of Egypt. They were very severe; previously there had been no such locusts as they, nor shall there be such after them. 15 For they covered the face of the whole earth, so that the land was darkened; and they ate every herb of the land and all the fruit of the trees which the hail had left. So there remained nothing green on the trees or on the plants of the field throughout all the land of Egypt.

- **Locusts:** Direct hit to Egyptian False-Deity **Seth** protector of the crops
- Dark earth. Dark Sky.

16 Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron in haste, and said, "I have sinned against the Lord your God and against you. 17 Now therefore, please forgive my sin only this once, and entreat the Lord your God, that He may take away from me this death only."

- **Called Moses/Aaron in haste:** Sinned against the Lord and you
- Take away from me this death: This *type* of death; i.e. eaten by locusts

18 So [Moses] went out from Pharaoh and entreated the Lord. 19 And the Lord turned a very strong west wind, which took the locusts away and blew them into the Red Sea. There remained not one locust in all the territory of Egypt.

- Locusts drowned in Red Sea. Pharaoh will meet them again.

20 But the Lord hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he did not let the children of Israel go.

- What is going to happen is going to happen. Not fair?

**Psalms 98:9** For He is coming to judge the earth. With righteousness He shall judge the world, And the peoples with equity.

**Psalms 99:4** The King's strength also loves justice; You have established equity; You have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

- It is man who is inequitable/unfair/unjust

**Isaiah 59:14** Justice is turned back, And righteousness stands afar off; For truth is fallen in the street, And equity cannot enter.

**We should ask for God's mercy not equity. God's fairness demands judgment!**

**Isaiah 11:4** But with righteousness He shall judge the poor, And decide with equity for the meek of the earth; He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, And with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked.

**SUMMARY Eighth Plague:** Locusts. Rebellion against God [sin] leads to our lives being eaten up/ravaged by sin but God gives restore those who **repent:**

**Joel 2:25** "So I will **restore to you the years** that the swarming locust has eaten, The crawling locust, The consuming locust, And the chewing locust, My great army which I sent among you.

- **Born again:** What an opportunity God offers

**John 3:16** For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

1. Sins forgiven/White as snow/Past in rear view mirror
  2. New mind/New heart
  3. Purity/Righteousness/Peace/Love/Joy
  4. Eternal Life
- **Choice:**
    1. **Choose God:** Restoration; i.e. Love, Life and Light
    2. **Choose sin:** Destruction; i.e. Bitterness, Death and **Darkness**

## II. The Ninth Plague: Darkness

21 Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, darkness which may even be felt."

- **Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Plague** [3, 6, 9]: No warning to pharaoh. No opportunity to repent
- **9<sup>th</sup> Plague:** Darkness
  1. No light from sun/moon/stars or even candles/lamps
  2. Direct hit to Egyptian false-deity Ra the so called sun-god

22 So Moses stretched out his hand toward heaven, and there was **thick darkness** in all the land of Egypt three days. 23 They did not see one another; nor did anyone rise from his place for three days. But all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings.

**Thick Darkness:** Heb. *khō-shek'* Lit. Gloominess, calamity, wickedness, misery, destruction, death, ignorance, sorrow

- Did not see anything
- Did not move for 3 days
- Frightened to the point of being paralyzed: Floating at sea in dark
- Only effected the Egyptians

### **Darkness relation to judgment in Scripture:**

- **Trumpet Judgment:** God turns down the dimmer switch
  - 1/3<sup>rd</sup> total light did not shine day or night

**Revelation 8:12** [Fourth Trumpet] Then the fourth angel sounded: And a third of the sun

was struck, a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of them were darkened. A third of the day did not shine, and likewise the night.

- **Bowl Judgment:** God turns the light switch **off!**

**Revelation 16:10** [Fifth Bowl; more intense] Then the fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom became full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues because of the pain.

- Darkness for 3 Days during Egypt's judgment
- Darkness for 3 hours as Jesus took our judgment on the Cross:

**Mark 15:33** ...when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. 34 And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?" which is translated, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"

- Physical darkness a sign of God's judgment
- Spiritual darkness on individual/nation also a sign of God's judgment

### God is Light

**1 John 1:5** This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that **God is light** and in Him is **no darkness** at all.

- **Sin separates** us from God/ from Light [Revelation of Truth]

**Isaiah 59:1** [Read] Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, That it cannot save; Nor His ear heavy, That it cannot hear. 2 But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear...**8** The way of peace they have not known, And there is no justice in their ways; They have made themselves crooked paths; Whoever takes that way shall not know peace. 9 Therefore justice is far from us, Nor does righteousness overtake us; **We look for light, but there is darkness!** For brightness, but we walk in blackness!

- A nation that has gone too far...

10 We grope for the wall like the blind, And we grope as if we had no eyes; We stumble at noonday as at twilight; We are as dead men in desolate places. 11 We all growl like bears, And moan sadly like doves...

- Communication of a Nation without God
  1. **Growl like bears:** Anger
  2. **Moan like doves:** Desperation. Giving up

**11b...**We look for justice, but there is none; For salvation, but it is far from us.

- A nation that has gone too far?

12 For our transgressions are multiplied before You, And our sins testify against us; For our transgressions are with us, And as for our iniquities, we know them: 13 In transgressing and lying against the Lord, And departing from our God, Speaking oppression and revolt, Conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood.

- **Cause of Spiritual Darkness:** [No revelation of Truth]



1. Multiplied transgressions: One step over the line
2. Lying against the Lord
3. Departing from God
4. Speaking oppression/revolt against God
5. Thinking and speaking falsehood

14 Justice is turned back, And righteousness stands afar off; For truth is fallen in the street, And equity cannot enter. 15 So truth fails, And he who departs from evil makes himself a prey.

- **Result of Spiritual Darkness** in Individual/Nation
  1. Justice is turned back [backward]
  2. Righteousness is far from us
  3. Truth is wounded and falling in the street
  4. Anyone who wants to escape from evil is a target
- **Spiritual Famine:**

**1 Samuel 3:1** Now the boy Samuel ministered to the Lord before Eli. And the word of the Lord was rare in those days; there was **no widespread revelation**.

**Amos 8:11** "Behold, the days are coming," says the Lord God, "That I will send a **famine on the land**, Not a famine of bread, Nor a thirst for water, But of **hearing the words** of the Lord. 12 They shall wander from sea to sea, And from north to east; They shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the Lord, But shall not find it.

- Famine of God's Word and Truth
- Inability to discern of right and wrong/good and evil

**Psalms 119:81** My soul languishes for Your salvation; I wait for Your word.

**As in Egypt, physical darkness a sign of God's judgment**

**Spiritual darkness on an individual/nation is also sign of God's judgment**

- Egypt covered in thick darkness you could feel
- Israel had light?
  1. God spared Israel of the plague or...
  2. God provided supernatural light for Israel

24 Then Pharaoh called to Moses and said, "Go, serve the Lord; only **let your flocks and your herds be kept back**. Let your little ones also go with you."

- **Third offered compromise by Pharaoh** [Devil]: Leave your flocks/herds in Egypt

**Live a divided life**

- Compartmentalize your Christianity and Secular Live
- Meet with the Lord but not wholeheartedly

Seed Fallen on Thorny Soil that choked to death: **God's Word to a divided heart**

**Luke 8:14** Now the [seeds] that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, [the Word] go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity.

- Physically present in church/prayer/bible reading... but your mind is elsewhere
  1. Consumed by Cares: Instead of casting on Jesus
  2. Chasing Fleeting Riches: Instead of storing in heaven
  3. Pursuing Worldly Pleasure: Instead of delighting in the Lord
  4. **Result:** No fruit

**...thinking more about Egypt** [temporal material world] **than Spiritual and Eternal**

1. Enslaved by the Tyranny of the Urgent and yet...
2. Always living for tomorrow not enjoying today
3. Continual Discontentment as we pursue things that only disappoint
4. Paralyzed by fear: Retirement/Bills/Investments

**What's going to happen to my stuff? What if...?**

- **Pharaoh:** "Leave your treasure in Egypt"

25 But Moses said, "**You must** also give us sacrifices and burnt offerings, that we may sacrifice to the Lord our God. 26 Our livestock also shall go with us; not a hoof shall be left behind. For we must take some of them to serve the Lord our God, and even we do not know with what we must serve the Lord until we arrive there."

- **No compromise.**

27 But the Lord hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he would not let them go. 28 Then Pharaoh said to him, "**Get away from me!** Take heed to yourself and see my face no more! For in the day you see my face you shall die!"

- Get away from me! Be careful Moses! The next time you see me you will die!

29 So Moses said, "You have spoken well. I will never see your face again."

- Moses now completely submitted to God as he **resists Pharaoh**

**James 4:7** ...submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. 8 Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. 9 Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. 10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.

- Resist the devils offers of compromise...**and he must flee**
- 3 Comprises offered:
  1. Stay in the land
    - Old friends. No
    - Old places. No

- Old habits. No

**Ephesians 4:27** ... [do not] give place to the devil.

2. Leave your children with the world. No.
  - Teach them the Truth
  - Teach them to be leaders

**Genesis 18:19** For I have known [Abraham], in order that he may command his children and his household after him, that they keep the way of the Lord, to do righteousness and justice

3. **Lead a divided life:** Christian when in Church and a Pagan when in the world
  - Spiritual adultery: No.

**James 4:4** Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God...8...Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

- One mind/One purpose. E.g. Joseph/Daniel/Jesus

**Isaiah 50:7** "For the Lord God will help Me; Therefore I will not be disgraced; Therefore I have set My face like a flint, And I know that I will not be ashamed.

**Pharaoh has stored up much wrath in his pride. God will now take him down.**

**SUMMARY The Ninth Plague Darkness:** Rebellion leads to darkness/blindness and eventually eternal judgment

- Eternal Darkness awaits those who die without repenting
- To those not clothed in Christ...the Light

**Matthew 22:13** [The king will say] 'Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast him into **outer darkness**; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'