

# Exodus 7

Trust in a Big God

## Chapter 1

- Israel birthed in Egypt [World]
- Growth in Affliction [Persecution]
- Cry out for Deliverer and God hears

## Chapter 2

- **Moses the Deliverer Born** God's Providence/Protection/**God's Provision just in time...**

**1 Corinthians 10:13** No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.

- **Moses Saved:** "Ark" made with wood and nails
- **Moses Adopted:** By Pharaoh's daughter/Raised by his own Israelite mother
- **Moses attempts** to do God's will in his own strength/wisdom
  - Moses rescues Israelite slave by killing Egyptian
  - Next day Moses breaks up fight between 2 Israelites

**Exodus 2:14** Then [one of them said to Moses] "Who made you a prince and a judge over us? Do you intend to kill me as you killed the Egyptian?" So Moses feared and said, "Surely this thing is known!"

- Moses terrified Pharaoh will kill him
- 40 Years old flees to desert of Midian and delivers 7 sisters from gang of shepherds. **It's a start**
- Moses Begins his education at the Desert Seminary

## Chapter 3

- Moses meets Jesus at the Burning Bush receives instructions [Here I am!]

**Exodus 3:10** Come now, therefore, and I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring My people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt."

- "Who are You" The **I Am**

**Exodus 3:16** Go and gather the elders of Israel together, and say to them, 'The Lord God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, appeared to me, saying, "I have surely visited you and seen what is done to you in Egypt; 17 and I have said I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt to...a land flowing with milk and honey.'

- Pharaoh will not let you go

## Chapter 4

- Moses "**Suppose** Israelites say God has not appeared"
  - Signs and Wonders: Stick to snake, Leprosy to clean, Water to blood
  - That they might believe you are my representatives [Miracles validating message]
- **Response:** "I can't talk well...Send someone else"

**Exodus 4:14** So the anger of the Lord was kindled...

- Moses given Aaron as spokesman

- Moses/Aaron gather the Israelites and perform signs

**Exodus 4:31** So the people believed; and when they heard that the Lord had visited the children of Israel and that He had looked on their affliction, then they bowed their heads and worshiped.

## Chapter 5

- Moses and Aaron's first encounter with Pharaoh:

### Let My People go. God

- I don't know the Lord/I have no obligation to the Lord/ I will not obey the Lord [Road to hard heart]
  - People are lazy...too much time on their hands
  - Told to gather their own straw
  - Later told to make bricks with no straw at all

**Exodus 5:21** Children of Israel to Moses] You have made us abhorrent in the sight of Pharaoh and in the sight of his servants, to put a sword in their hand to kill us."

- From hope to despair due to:
  1. **Reacting to Circumstances:** Walking by sight not faith
  2. **Not waiting on the Lord:** To renew their strength
  3. **Trusting in own understanding:** How/when God would work

**Exodus 5:22** So Moses returned to the Lord and said, "Lord, why have You brought trouble on this people? Why is it You have sent me? 23 For since I came to Pharaoh to speak in Your name, he has done evil to this people; neither have You delivered Your people at all."

## Exodus 6

**Exodus 6:1** Then the Lord said to Moses, "Now you shall see what **I will do** to Pharaoh. For with a strong hand he will let them go, and with a strong hand he will drive them out of his land."

### Another lesson on how awesome God is...

**Exodus 6:2** And God spoke to Moses and said to him: "**I am the Lord.** 3 I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, as God Almighty, but by My name Lord [LORD] I was not known to them.

### I Am the Lord! The True God and only God...the I AM...The Existing One

- **To your Forefathers:** Covenant making God
- **To you Moses:** Covenant keeping God

### I AM. Is there anything above the Holy Name of God?

**Psalm 138:2** [David] I will worship toward Your holy temple, And praise Your name For Your lovingkindness and Your truth; For **You have magnified Your word above all Your name.**

- Family of Moses and Aaron

**Exodus 6:19...** These are the families of Levi according to their generations. 20 Now **Amram** took for himself **Jochebed**, his father's sister, as wife; and she bore him Aaron and Moses.

- **Moses and Aaron parents:**
  1. Amram and Jochebed
  2. Israelites
  3. Levites

- **Aaron:** Future Priest and Prophet from Tribe of Levi

## Lord again commands Moses/Aaron to “Bring the children of Israel out of Egypt”

**Exodus 6:28** 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?”

**Acts 7:22** And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was **mighty in words and deeds.**

- Making of a great leader?

## I. Second Encounter with Pharaoh

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

- I will speak to you, you will speak to Aaron, Aaron will speak to Pharaoh
- **Moses and Aaron both Prophets:**
  1. Representing the Word of God
  2. Speaking the Word of God

**Deuteronomy 34:10** [Since Moses...] there has not arisen in Israel a prophet like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face, 11 in all the signs and wonders which the Lord sent him to do in the land of Egypt, before Pharaoh, before all his servants, and in all his land, 12 and by all that mighty power and all the great terror which Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

- Moses a prophet but loses privilege of speaking because his God is still too small

### **Aaron your brother shall tell Pharaoh to send the children of Israel out of his land**

**3** And I will harden Pharaoh’s heart, and multiply My signs and My wonders in the land of Egypt. **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 orchestrates events to bring about His will**

- I will harden Pharaoh’s heart [Already made his choice?]
- I will multiply My signs/wonders
- Pharaoh will not listen and let the people go

### **All this will happen giving Me good reason to bring...**

1. My Armies
  2. My people
  3. Children of Israel out of the land of Egypt
- Bring My armies out of Egypt? God sees us for what He can make us...

**Romans 4:17** God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did

**Judges 6:12** [Lord finds Gideon hiding in winepress] And the Angel of the Lord appeared to him, and said to him, "The Lord is with you, you mighty man of valor!"

- God sees us for what He can do with us...He is the Potter/ We are the Clay

**I am a slave. I'm in bondage. I'm no soldier? How big is your God?  
Our enemies are amazed at what God does in our lives!**

**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 world will know that God is real/Without excuse  
When they see the deliverance He brings to His people.**

- **Delivered from:**
  1. **World System:** No longer attracted to shiny objects like a fish to a lure
  2. **Devil:** No longer sniffing bad milk... "here, try this"
  3. **Flesh:** Led by defiling desires...great for a minute then regret

**1 Peter 4:2** that he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh for the lusts of men, but for the will of God. 3 For we have spent enough of our past lifetime[b] in doing the will of the Gentiles—when we walked in lewdness, lusts, drunkenness, revelries, drinking parties, and abominable idolatries. 4 In regard to these, they think it strange that you do not run with them in the same flood of dissipation, speaking evil of you. 5 They will give an account to Him who is ready to judge the living and the dead.

**God orchestrates situations for His purposes**

- **God's efficient economy revealed in the Exodus**
- Two fold purpose killing two birds with one stone
  1. Deliver Children of Israel
  2. Judge Egypt:
    - a) Idolatry
    - b) Kidnapping [Death penalty]

**6** Then Moses and Aaron did so; just as the Lord commanded them, so they did. **7** And Moses was eighty years old and Aaron **eighty-three** years old when they spoke to Pharaoh.

- **Fulfilling their purpose for existence:** Moses 80 Years Old

**Psalms 90:10** The days of our lives are seventy years; And if by reason of strength they are eighty years, Yet their boast is only labor and sorrow; For it is soon cut off, and we fly away. 11 Who knows the power of Your anger? For as the fear of You, so is Your wrath. 12 **So teach us to number our days,** That we may gain a heart of wisdom... **16** Let Your work appear to Your servants, And Your glory to their children. 17 And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us, And establish the work of our hands for us; Yes, **establish the work of our hands.**

- We want to finish well
- Moses is growing in faith/believing in a BIG God

**Mark 9:23** Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes." 24 Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!"

- Moses/Aaron did JUST what the Lord commanded...they acted...and faith followed
  1. Do His Word
  2. Believe His Word
  3. Discover His Word is True and Know God's presence

### **Faith follows obedience and emotions follow faith**

**Luke 5:4** When [Jesus] had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." 5 But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net." 6 And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking. 7 So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them.

### **God gets bigger when you begin to do what He says**

- We are to magnify the Lord in our own eyes...

**Psalms 34:2** [David] My soul shall make its boast in the Lord; The humble shall hear of it and be glad. 3 **Oh, magnify the Lord with me,** And let us exalt His name together.

### **SUMMARY Second Encounter with Pharaoh**

## **II. Signs and Wonders to Test, Prove, and Convict Hearts**

8 Then the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying, 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.'"

- God does not do tricks for the arrogant...unless it was God's idea first

WHEN Pharaoh says "do a trick"...throw your staff at him!

Make the creature more accountable for his unbelief and rebellion than he already is!

- Signs and Miracles do not necessarily draw people to God
- **Man in torment in Hades:** Send someone from the grave to warn my relatives...

**Luke 16:31** But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.'"

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.

- **Just as the Lord commanded!**

11 But Pharaoh also called the wise men and the sorcerers; so the magicians

of Egypt, they also did in like manner with their enchantments. 12 For every man threw down his rod, and they became serpents.

- **Wise men/Sorcerers:** Magicians of Egypt
  1. Begin chanting
  2. Throw down their staffs
  3. All their staff turn into serpents also

**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.

**Sometimes God leaves things out. "He never told us this part"**

**12b...But Aaron's rod swallowed up their rods.**

- **Tradition:** Names of 2 magicians were Jannes and Jambres

**2 Timothy 3:8** Now as Jannes and Jambres resisted Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, disapproved concerning the faith; 9 but they will progress no further, for their folly will be manifest to all, as theirs also was.

13 And Pharaoh's heart grew hard, and he did not heed them, as the Lord had said.

- **Pharaoh's heart grew hard:** More/more due to **choice** to not believe [Ch. 8]

I will harden Pharaoh's heart? We remember that God will not harden Pharaoh's heart against Pharaoh's own desire. It is not as if Pharaoh wished to have a tender heart towards Israel but God would not allow him. God confirmed Pharaoh in his wicked inclination against Israel. [Guzic]

**Exodus 5:1** Afterward Moses and Aaron went in and told Pharaoh, "Thus says the Lord God of Israel: 'Let My people go, that they may hold a feast to Me in the wilderness.'" 2 And Pharaoh said, "Who is the Lord, that I should obey His voice to let Israel go? I do not know the Lord, nor will I let Israel go."

**Pharaoh witnessed the same sign given to children of Israel who did believe**

- God did what Pharaoh requested and was not enough Pharaoh...
- **It never is** for those who have already chosen/made-up their mind not to believe

We come to God because we need Him not because He needs us.  
Gospel is not a "dirty diaper" we are trying to Pawn off and force others to carry

**Without any other evidence of God; Creation alone makes all men accountable**

**Romans 1:16** For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek...**18** For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who **suppress the truth** in unrighteousness,<sup>19</sup> because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown *it* to them. <sup>20</sup> For since the creation of the world His invisible *attributes* are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* His

eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse,<sup>21</sup> because, although they knew God, they did not glorify *Him* as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. <sup>22</sup>Professing to be wise, they became fools

**Brilliant men become fools when they deny the Creator  
After observing His creation**

**SUMMARY Signs and Wonders to Convict**

### **III. The First Plague: Waters Become Blood**

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

- **Next day:** "Pharaoh's heart is hard"
- **First Plague:** Water to blood

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.'"

- **Water of Egypt turned to *literal* blood**
  1. Streams
  2. Rivers
  3. Ponds
  4. Pools
  5. Buckets
  6. Pitchers

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, 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. 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.

- **Blood:** Sign God is serious about Egypt's idolatry

The Egyptian god Khnum was said to be the guardian of the Nile, and this showed he was unable to protect his territory. The god Hapi was said to be the spirit of the Nile, and was dealt a defeat. The great god Osiris was thought to have the Nile as his bloodstream - now, he is truly bleeding! [Guzic]

- Ancient texts reveal hymns were sung to the river?

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.

- **What water did they use?** Fresh water found in wells they dug

Men's substitutes for what only God can do hardens people's hearts/leads to destruction

1. Genetics
2. Video games
3. Drugs
4. Entertainment
5. **Lighting our own fires...**

**Isaiah 50:11** Look, all you who kindle a fire, Who encircle yourselves with sparks: Walk in the light of your fire and in the sparks you have kindled—This you shall have from My hand: You shall lie down in torment.

- Satan's "miracles" lead men from truth of God

If the magicians of Egypt really wanted to do a miracle, why didn't they turn the bloody river clean again? Because it seems that Satan cannot perform a constructive, cleansing miracle. He can bring supernatural destruction, but not goodness. All they did was make more bloody water! [Guzic]

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

- **Pharaoh Turned:** Contempt for God

24 So all the Egyptians dug all around the river for water to drink, because they could not drink the water of the river. 25 And seven days passed after the Lord had struck the river.

- Seven days of Blood
- Egyptians dig to find fresh water; part of God's creation

**SUMMARY First Plague Waters Become Blood;** 1 of 9 Total plagues

- God is a gentleman and will honor our choice
  1. Pharaoh chose to disobey/not believe/harden his heart to God
  2. Moses chose to obey/believe/soften his heart to God

**God will not drag anyone to be heaven to be with Him**

- God will honor our choice to be with Him in Heaven for Eternity
- God will honor our choice to have nothing to do with Him in Hell for Eternity



