I. What Was the _____ of the Plagues?

A. Hardening of Pharoah's _____

1. קָשָׁה – to make hard, to harden

Exodus 7:3-4 "But I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and though I multiply my signs and wonders in the land of Egypt, Pharaoh will not listen to you. Then I will lay my hand on Egypt and bring my hosts, my people the children of Israel, out of the land of Egypt by great acts of judgment."

Proverbs 28:14 "Blessed is the one who fears the Lord always, but whoever hardens his heart will fall into calamity."

2. חזק - to bind on tightly, gird on, grow strong, harden

Exodus 7:13 "Still Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he would not listen to them, as the Lord had said."

Ezekiel 30:21 "Son of man, I have broken the arm of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and behold, it has not been bound up, to heal it by binding it with a bandage, so that it may become strong to wield the sword."

3. כָּבֵד – heavy, oppressing, weighty, unresponsive, thick

Exodus 7:14 "Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Pharaoh's heart is hardened; he refuses to let the people go.'"

Proverbs 27:3 "A stone is heavy, and sand is weighty, but a fool's provocation is heavier than both."

B. _____ of God
(Exodus 7:5; 8:10-11; 9:14-16, 29-30;11:4-8; Philippians 2:10-11)

Exodus 7:5 "The Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I stretch out my hand against Egypt and bring out the people of Israel from among them."

Exodus 8:10-11 "And he said, 'Tomorrow.' Moses said, 'Be it as you say, so that you may know that there is no one like the Lord our God. The frogs shall go away from you and your houses and your servants and your people. They shall be left only in the Nile.'"

Exodus 9:29-30 "Moses said to him, 'As soon as I have gone out of the city, I will stretch out my hands to the Lord. The thunder will cease, and there will be no more hail, so that you may know that the earth is the Lord's.'"

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II. Was God _____ in What He Did to Pharoah?
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III. How Can We Apply the 10 Plagues?

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