

LESSONS FROM THE EXODUS -- part 3 of 4

3/10/21

- * Today -- I have the opportunity to give a Bible study
 - * Today -- "Lessons From the Exodus" -- Part 3 of 4
 - * Part 1 -- Who Wrote the Book of Exodus?
How Did Israel End Up in Egypt?
Affliction of the Children of Israel
 - * Part 2 -- God Saved Moses and Prepared Him
The Outcome Was Known
 - * Part 3 -- Moses Confronted Pharaoh With 3 Approaches
(Words -- 1 Miracle -- 10 Plagues)
"Let My People Go"
Pharaoh Considered Letting Them Go
God Hardened Pharaoh's Heart
God's Purpose -- Shall Know That I Am the Lord
Pagan Gods of Egypt
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- * MOSES CONFRONTED PHARAOH WITH 3 APPROACHES
- * GOD'S WORDS -- Exodus 5:1 to 7:7
 - Exod. 5:1 God's words -- "let My people go, that they may hold a feast to Me in the wilderness"
 - 2 Pharaoh -- "who is the Lord that I should obey His voice to let Israel go?"
 - 3 3 days' journey -- sacrifice -- (Exod. 3:18)
 - 4-13 Pharaoh's reaction -- no more straw
 - 14-19 the officers of Israel approached Pharaoh
 - 20-21 the officers of Israel blamed Moses & Aaron
 - 22-23 Moses complained to God
 - Exod. 6:1-8 God renewed His promise to Moses
 - 9 the people did not listen to Moses
 - 10-11 Lord -- "go tell Pharaoh to let Israel go"
 - 12 Moses -- "why would Pharaoh listen to me?"
 - 13 God gave a command -- bring them out of Egypt
 - 28-30 Moses doubted whether Pharaoh would listen
 - Exod. 7:1-5 God told Moses what He was going to do
 - 7 Moses was 80 -- Aaron was 83
- * GOD'S MIRACLE -- Exodus 7:8-13
 - Exod. 7:8-13 Moses confronted Pharaoh with God's miracle
 - 8-10 Aaron's rod became a serpent
 - 11-13 the sorcerers' rods became serpents -- Aaron's serpent ate sorcerers' serpents
- * GOD'S 10 PLAGUES -- Exodus 7:14 to 12:30

Exod. 7:14--12:30 Moses confronted Pharaoh with God's 10 plagues

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* "LET MY PEOPLE GO"

Exod. 5:1 that they may hold a feast to Me in wilderness
Exod. 7:16 before 1st plague -- that they may serve Me in the
 wilderness
Exod. 8:1 before 2nd plague -- that they may serve Me
Exod. 8:20 before 4th plague -- that they may serve Me
Exod. 9:1 before 5th plague -- that they may serve Me
Exod. 9:13 before 7th plague -- that they may serve Me
Exod. 10:3 before 8th plague -- that they may serve Me

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* PHARAOH CONSIDERED LETTING THEM GO

Exod. 8:25 4th -- go sacrifice to your God in the land
 28 go in the wilderness -- not very far
Exod. 9:28 7th -- I will let you go
Exod. 10:8,11 8th -- go and serve the Lord
Exod. 10:24 9th -- go serve the Lord -- (no flocks & herds)
Exod. 12:31-32 10th -- go serve the Lord -- (take your flocks)

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* GOD HARDENED PHARAOH'S HEART

* How did God hardened Pharaoh's heart?

Exod. 13:15 it came to pass when Pharaoh was stubborn
Exod. 4:21-23 foretold in advance
 21 God -- I will harden his heart, that he shall not let
 you go
 22-23 God -- Israel is My son -- if you refuse to let
 him go, I will kill your firstborn son
Exod. 7:3 God -- I will harden Pharaoh's heart
Exod. 7:8-13 Aaron's rod
 13 Pharaoh's heart grew hard
Exod. 7:14-25 1st plague -- water became blood
 14 God -- Pharaoh's heart is hard
 22 Pharaoh's heart grew hard
Exod. 8:1-15 2nd plague -- frogs
 8 Pharaoh -- I will let the people go
 15 when Pharaoh saw relief, he hardened his heart
Exod. 8:16-19 3rd plague -- lice
 19 Pharaoh's heart grew hard
Exod. 8:20-32 4th plague -- swarms of flies
 28 Pharaoh -- I will let you go -- (but not very far away)
 32 Pharaoh hardened his heart at this time also

Exod. 9:1-7 5th plague -- livestock disease
 7 the heart of Pharaoh became hard
 Exod. 9:8-12 6th plague -- boils
 12 the Lord hardened the heart of Pharaoh
 Exod. 9:13-35 7th plague -- hail
 27-28 Pharaoh -- I have sinned; I am wicked; I will
 let you go
 34 when the hail and thunder ceased, he sinned yet more
 -- he hardened his heart
 35 the heart of Pharaoh was hard
 Exod. 10:1-20 8th plague -- locusts
 1 God -- go to him, for I have hardened his heart
 8 Pharaoh -- go serve your God
 10 Pharaoh -- God had better be with you, when I let you
 and your little ones go
 11 Pharaoh -- go now & serve God -- (only the men)
 17 Pharaoh -- please forgive my sin
 20 God hardened Pharaoh's heart
 Exod. 10:21-29 9th plague -- darkness
 24 Pharaoh -- go serve the Lord -- (but leave your
 flocks and herds)
 27 the Lord hardened Pharaoh's heart
 Exod. 11:1-10 warning of 10th plague
 1-3 God talked to Moses
 4-8 Moses talked to people
 9 God -- Pharaoh will not heed you
 10 the Lord hardened Pharaoh's heart
 Exod. 12:29-39 10th plague -- death of firstborn
 31 Pharaoh -- go serve the Lord
 32 Pharaoh -- take your flocks
 33 Egyptians -- urged the people
 36 Israelites -- plundered the Egyptians
 Exod. 14:1-31 after the Israelites left Egypt
 4 God said -- I will harden Pharaoh's heart
 8 the Lord hardened the heart of Pharaoh
 17 God -- I will harden hearts of the Egyptians

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* GOD'S PURPOSE -- SHALL KNOW THAT I AM THE LORD

Exod. 6:7 children of Israel will know -- when God brings
 you away from the burdens of Egyptians
 Exod. 7:5 Egyptians shall know -- when I bring out the
 children of Israel from among them
 Exod. 10:2 Israel's children & grandchildren will know

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* PAGAN GODS OF EGYPT

Most Egyptians believed in polytheism. The people worshipped a wide

variety of local deities and nature gods. Many gods were associated with fertility and agriculture. The protection of virtually every aspect of life was ascribed to some deity. The 10 plagues in Egypt were direct challenges to the worship of Egyptian deities, who were thought to protect Egyptian life and property. (See the chart on the next page.)