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## Exodus 9

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## Exodus 9.

(A brief overview of the main topics).

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### Topics.

- Moses says to Pharaoh, "Thus says the LORD, let my people go."
- The LORD makes a distinction between Israel and Egypt.
- All Egyptian livestock die, but not one of the livestock of Israel die.
- Pharaoh hardens his heart, and does not let the people go.
- Moses throws soot in the air, it became boils and sores on man.
- The LORD hardens Pharaoh's heart and he does not listen to Moses.
- Thunder and very heavy hail and fire rain upon the land of Egypt.
- There is no hail in the land of Goshen where the people of Israel were.
- Pharaoh says to Moses and Aaron, "I have sinned I'll will let you go."
- The thunder and the hail cease, and the rain no longer pours on earth.
- Pharaoh hardens his heart and does not let the people of Israel go.

**INTRODUCTION:** in the book of Exodus, God fulfilled His promise to Abraham by multiplying Abraham's descendants into a great nation delivering them from slavery in Egypt to journey to the Promised Land, and then binding them to Himself with a covenant at Mount Sinai. Moses, under the direct command of God and as leader of Israel, received the Ten Commandments from God, along with other laws governing Israel's life and worship. He also led the nation in building the Tabernacle, a place where God's presence can dwell among his people and where they can make sacrifices for sin.

Most Jews and Christians recognise Moses as the author, writing sometime after the Exodus from Egypt (about 1445 B.C.). Note: the promise God made to Abraham will be perfectly fulfilled when Christ returns in glory and all those (Jews and Gentiles) who belong to God's Kingdom are gathered to him. (See also the introduction to chapter one).

**NOTE:** for information of people, places and the meaning of words see Map Locations and People of the Bible, and Bible Dictionary on Website Menu.

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## 5 THE FIFTH PLAQUE RESULTED IN LIVESTOCK DYING

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The LORD told Moses to tell Pharaoh to let the LORD'S people go or all Egypt's livestock will die, the heart of Pharaoh was hardened and he did not let the people go. So all the livestock of the Egyptians died, but not one of the livestock of the people of Israel died, because there is now a division between the LORD'S people and the people of Egypt. Even though Pharaoh saw that not one of the livestock of Israel was dead his heart remained hardened and he did not let the people go.

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## 6 THE SIXTH PLAQUE PRODUCED BOILS

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Moses and Aaron took soot from the kiln and stood before Pharaoh; Moses threw the soot in the air. The soot became boils breaking out in sores on man and beast. Even the magicians could not stand before Moses because the boils came upon the magicians and upon all the Egyptians, but the boils did not come upon the children of Israel, because there was a division between the LORD'S people and the people of Egypt, nevertheless the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart and he did not listen to Moses and Aaron as the LORD had spoken to Moses.

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## 7 THE SEVENTH PLAQUE BROUGHT THUNDER, HAIL AND RAIN

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The LORD told Moses to tell Pharaoh to let the LORD'S people go that they may serve him. Moses told Pharaoh this time the LORD would send His plagues on Pharaoh, his servants and people so that he would know that there is none like the LORD in all the earth.

**NOTICE:** the LORD tells Pharaoh he could have easily destroyed his entire Egyptian Empire by now, but it is not the LORD'S will to do so. This is because the LORD will use the enormous pride and arrogance of the king of Egypt and the fact that he exalts himself above the LORDS people to show His great power so that God's name would be proclaimed throughout all the earth (Exod. 9:15-16). This is the purpose the LORD says He has raised Pharaoh up and the reason He is allowing him to exalt himself against God and His people rather than utterly destroy him and his kingdom. Moses warns Pharaoh that the LORD will cause a very heavy hail to fall; such as never has been in Egypt, every man and beast that is in the field will die when the hail falls. Moses tells Pharaoh and the people of Egypt to get their livestock into safe shelter so Egypt is warned of the impending storm. Those who feared the word of the LORD among the servants of Pharaoh hurried their slaves and their livestock into their houses, but whoever did not pay attention to the word of the LORD left his slaves and his livestock in the field.

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Moses stretched out his staff toward heaven and the LORD sent thunder, hail and fire upon the land of Egypt, the hail and fire was flashing continually such as had never been seen in all the land of Egypt it fell on man, beast and every plant in the land of Egypt. Egypt's crops were destroyed, the flax and the barley were struck down, for the barley was in the ear and the flax was in bud, but the wheat and the emmer were not struck down, for they were late in coming up, but there was no hail in the land of Goshen, where the people of Israel were. Pharaoh said to Moses and Aaron, this time he has sinned; the LORD is in the right, and he and his people are in the wrong, he asks Moses to plead with the LORD, to stop the thunder and the hail and he will let Israel go. Moses tells Pharaoh that even though he knows Pharaoh and his servants do not yet fear the LORD God, he will stretch out his hands to the LORD and the thunder and hail will cease, so Pharaoh will know that the earth is the LORD'S. Moses went out of the city from Pharaoh and stretched out his hands to the LORD and the thunder the hail and the rain ceased.

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## PHARAOH'S HEART HARDENED

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When Pharaoh saw that the rain, the hail and the thunder had ceased, he and his servants sinned again and hardened their hearts so the heart of Pharaoh was hardened, and he did not let the people of Israel go, just as the LORD had told Moses he would.

**The LORD hardened Pharaohs heart:** Pharaohs pride, arrogance and ego was so against the God of Israel and so against God's people that from his own lust for power, riches and wealth he had them cruelly oppressed and brutally beaten to achieve his own ambitious goals. Pride is the enemy of humbleness, so whoever is full of pride is going to reject God since to acknowledge God a person has to humble themselves before

Him, and pride does not want to humble itself before anyone. It could be said that God has designed the laws of human nature in such a way that pride hardens and blinds a person to God's will and to God Himself. With this principal in mind it would be right and proper to say that man hardens his own heart or to say that God hardens his heart. It is because of this principal both the Pharaoh of Egypt and God are spoken of as hardening the heart of the king of Egypt, but if he honestly repented of his evil pride and corrupt arrogance before Moses and before God the LORD would forgive.

For further understanding of the LORD hardening Pharaoh's heart, see:

- The Potter and the Clay.
- Election and God's Sovereign Will.
- In Various topics (ON WEBSITE MENU).

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