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Exodus 10.

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(A brief overview of the main topics).

Topics.

- Moses warns Pharaoh that locusts will cover the face of Egypt.
- Pharaoh's servants tell Pharaoh to let the men go, but not the children.
- Pharaoh tells Moses and Aaron the people can go, but the children must stay.
- Locust covered Egypt so that they ate all the plants that the hail had left.
- Pharaoh confesses that he had sinned against Moses and the LORD.
- The LORD causes a wind to drive the locusts into the Red Sea.
- The LORD hardens Pharaoh's heart, and he did not let Israel go.
- Pitch darkness covers the land of Egypt, but all the people of Israel had light.
- Pharaoh tells Moses to go with the children, but the animals must stay.
- Moses tells Pharaohs they must have sacrifices and burnt offerings.
- The LORD hardens Pharaoh's heart, and he would not let Israel go.
- Pharaoh tells Moses that he will never see his face again and Moses agrees.

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.

The LORD tells Moses that he has hardened Pharaoh's heart and the heart of his servants and that the reason He had hardened Pharaoh heart was so that He may show His mighty miraculous signs among Egypt and the purpose of the LORD'S signs was so that Israel can tell to their sons how the LORD had dealt harshly with the Egyptians and what signs the LORD did so that they will know that He is the LORD, their God.

The stubbornness of Pharaoh: Moses and Aaron ask Pharaoh how long will he refuse to humble himself before the LORD and let God's people go and Pharaoh's own servants say to him, "Do you not yet understand that Egypt is ruined and that you should let Israel go and serve the LORD their God?" So Pharaoh tells Moses and Aaron they can go and serve the LORD their God, but leave their children in Egypt. Moses of course tells the king of Egypt they must hold the feast to the LORD with their young and old, their sons and daughters and their flocks and

herds, but Pharaoh accuses Moses of having some evil purpose in mind and tells them he will never let Israel's children go.

8 The Eighth Plaque brought Locusts.

Moses stretched out his hand over Egypt and an east wind brings locusts and they eat every plant that the hail had left. The locusts came over the entire country of Egypt, a dense swarm as had never been seen before and never will be again. They covered the face of the whole land of Egypt, so that the land was darkened, but there were no locusts in the land of Goshen because God had put a division between the LORD'S people and the people of Egypt.

Pharaoh hastily called Moses and Aaron and said, he has sinned against the LORD and against Moses and Aaron and asked Moses and Aaron to forgive his sin and pleads with the LORD to remove the locust from him because he could see the locust would bring death to him as they ate the remaining food. Moses prayed to the LORD and He turned the wind into a very strong west wind, which drove the locusts into the Red Sea, but the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart and Pharaoh did not let the people of Israel go.

9 The Ninth Plaque brought Darkness.

Moses stretched out his hand and there was pitch darkness that could be felt in all the land of Egypt three days, the people of Egypt could not see each other for three days, but the people of Israel had light where they lived because God had put a division between the LORD'S people and the people of Egypt.

Again Pharaoh tells Moses that Israel and their children could go and serve the LORD but they must leave their flocks and herds behind. Moses told Pharaoh that he must let them have sacrifices and burnt offerings to sacrifice to the LORD their God, therefore their livestock must go with them, not one hoof is to be left behind.

Pharaoh threatens Moses: the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart and he would not let Israel go. Pharaoh warns Moses to get away from him and never come and see him again, because on the very day Moses sees Pharaoh's face again Moses will die. Moses said, tells Pharaoh he would not see him again as he has said.

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 Pharaohs heart, see: -

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

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