

# OUTLINE OF EXODUS

## I. THE EXODUS

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God's Power on Display

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God's Holiness Manifested

## III. THE TABERNACLE

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God's Way of Fellowship Revealed

## Nature of the Plagues: myth, natural, or divine?

Five unique aspects of the plagues which set them apart as miraculous events:

INTENSIFICATION

PREDICTION

DISCRIMINATION

ORDERLINESS

MORAL PURPOSE

(Joseph P. Free, Archaeology and Bible History)

## Purposes of the Plagues

Concerning:

--The gods of Egypt

--The Egyptian Religious Professionals

--The King of Egypt (Pharaoh)

--The People of Israel

(John Davis, Moses and the Gods of Egypt)

## What about the hardening of Pharaoh's heart?

“The LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart” (3x)

“Pharaoh hardened his heart” (3x)

“Pharaoh's heart was hardened” (3x)

“God's dealings with Job had the same effect on him as the shining of the sun has on wax; his heart was softened and he bowed his head in lowly penitence.

“God's dealings with Pharaoh had the same effect on him as the shining of the sun on clay: his heart was hardened and he raised his head in proud defiance.”

(George Henderson, Studies in the Book of Exodus)

Where was Pharaoh when Moses warned him of the  
various plagues?

PLAGUE

LOCATION

Water to blood

Nile River 7:15

Frogs

Royal palace 8:1

Lice

*NO WARNING*

Flies

Nile River 8:20

Livestock Pestilence

Royal Palace 9:1

Boils

NO WARNING

Hail

Nile River 9:13

Locusts

Royal Palace 10:1

Darkness

NO WARNING

Death of the Firstborn

Royal Palace 11:8

# PHARAOH'S ATTEMPTS AT NEGOTIATION

Plagues 1 to 4 have occurred (water to blood, frogs, lice and flies).

**ATTEMPT ONE:** “Go, sacrifice to your God in the land.”

(8:25)

Finding this to be unacceptable to Moses (8:26–27), Pharaoh tries again.

**ATTEMPT TWO:** “you shall not go very far away.” (8:28)

Moses, representing the LORD, would not compromise. Thus followed four more plagues (pestilence on livestock, boils, hail and locusts) before the king tried again.

**ATTEMPT THREE:** “Go now, you who are men(only)”

(10:11)

The LORD brought the plague of darkness upon Egypt, but not upon the Israelites, for 3 days. Pharaoh made his final attempt to negotiate the unnegotiable.

**ATTEMPT FOUR:** “Go, serve the LORD, only let your flocks and your herds be kept back. (10:24)

Is there incongruity in God's request (and His subsequent command) to let Israel go 3 days' journey into the wilderness to serve Him, when His ultimate intention was permanent evacuation?

See Genesis 15:13–14

Exodus 3:8

3:18

5:3

Note also all the plagues with warning:

“Let My people go, that they may serve Me  
(in the wilderness 7:16)”

8:1

9:1

10:3

Answer: NO!

## PLAGUE NARRATIVE MISCELLANY

“Moses and Aaron did so, just as the LORD commanded.” 7:10, 20 Cf. 7:6

“Pharaoh . . . did not heed them, as the LORD had said.” 7:15 8:15 9:12  
8:19 9:35

“I will make a difference between My people and your people.” 8:23 9:4, 6 10:23

“And the LORD did according to the word of Moses.” 8:31



SOME OF GOD'S AMAZING ATTRIBUTES  
EXPRESSED IN THE EXODUS STORY:

MAJESTY

SOVEREIGNTY

POWER

WISDOM

PROVIDENCE

COMPASSION

HOLINESS

FAITHFULNESS

# THE SELF-REVELATORY GOD

To the Egyptians:

“By this you shall know that I AM the LORD.” 7:7 8:22

“that you may know that there is no one like the LORD our God.”

8:10 9:14

To the Israelites:

“that you may know that I AM the LORD.” (10:1-2)

The LORD's quintessential question  
to Pharaoh (and to all men):

“HOW LONG  
WILL YOU REFUSE  
TO HUMBLE  
YOURSELF  
BEFORE  
ME?”

Exodus 10:3