

The Birth of the Covenant Nation

The Hand of YHWH

Lesson 5

Exodus 9-10

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The Covenant Nation

- ▶ The revelation of the two great works of God
 - Creation – a Kingdom for the Son of God
 - Salvation – a holy people by faith in the Son of God
- ▶ Genesis – creation and the start of the work of salvation
 - The fall – the flood – the father – the family
- ▶ Exodus – an era of revelation – the great nation

EXODUS

Exodus · the Beginning of the Great Nation

1446-1406 BC

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40

history

worship

In
bondage
in
Egypt

The
contest
with
Pharaoh

The
exodus
from
Egypt

Early
days
of
travel

The
institution
of
the Law

The
tabernacle
revealed

The
gold
calf

The
tabernacle
constructed

YAHWEH · the Savior

1:1

YAHWEH · the Jealous God

13:17

YAHWEH · the Glorious Presence

24:12

Egypt · 430 years

1:1

the
wilderness
2 mos.

15:22

Mt. Sinai · 10 months

19:1

The Contest with Pharaoh (Exodus 5-10)

- ▶ Predicted, but unexpected (3:19-22; 4:21)
- ▶ Pharaoh: “Who is YHWH that I should obey His voice?”
- ▶ A bad situation made worse for Moses and the people
- ▶ Exodus 6 – God’s plan for Israel made clear: “I am YHWH”
 - I will bring you out . . .
 - I will deliver you from bondage . . .
 - I will redeem you . . .
 - I will take you for My people . . .
 - I will be your God.
 - You shall know I am YHWH your God
 - I will bring you to the promised land
 - I will give it to you for a possession

The Plagues (Exodus 7-10)

- ▶ Aaron's rod – The serpent (7:8-13)
- ▶ Plague #1 – Water to blood (7:14-25)
- ▶ Plague #2 – Frogs (8:1-15)
- ▶ Plague #3 – Gnats (8:16-19)
- ▶ Plague #4 – Flies (8:20-32)
- ▶ Plague #5 – Death of livestock in the field (9:1-7)
- ▶ Plague #6 – Boils on man and livestock (9:8-12)
- ▶ Plague #7 – Storm of hail and fire (9:13-35)
- ▶ Plague #8 – Locusts (10:1-20)
- ▶ Plague #9 – Darkness (10:21-29)

#5 – Death of Livestock (9:1-7)

- ▶ Command followed by warning
- ▶ Special protection of livestock of Israel
- ▶ Setting a definite time the next day
- ▶ The complete destruction of the livestock in the field
- ▶ Pharaoh sent to see if the livestock of Israel survived
- ▶ The heart of Pharaoh was hardened

#6 – Boils on Man and Beast (9:8-12)

- ▶ No confrontation with Pharaoh or warning
- ▶ Soot in the air over all of Egypt caused boils on man and animal
- ▶ Magicians could not stand
- ▶ YHWH hardened Pharaoh's heart
- ▶ Pharaoh did not listen to Moses “just as YHWH had spoken to Moses”

#7 – Hail and Fire (9:13-35)

- ▶ YHWH speaks to Pharaoh
 - None like YHWH in all the earth
 - YHWH'S restrained power
 - A display of YHWH'S power
 - Proclaim YHWH'S name through all the earth
 - Still you exalt yourself “against My people” by not letting them go
- ▶ Warning with definite time set
- ▶ Servants of Pharaoh who feared YHWH – a work of grace
- ▶ Unprecedented hail and fire storm devastated the land
- ▶ Goshen protected
- ▶ Pharaoh's fake confession – sin and righteousness
- ▶ Lesson: “that you may know that the earth is YHWH'S”
- ▶ Heart was hardened; he hardened it

#8 – Locusts (10:1-20)

- ▶ Explanation for Moses and future generations:
 - Egypt mocked by signs so Moses will know God is YHWH
 - To tell his son and grandson
- ▶ Warning in great detail – worst ever
- ▶ Pharaoh's servants plead with Pharaoh to let Israel go
- ▶ Pharaoh brings Moses and Aaron back to negotiate
- ▶ Pharaoh despises YHWH and Moses and refuses to change
- ▶ Pharaoh's fake repentance
 - Sin “against YHWH your God”
 - Asks forgiveness and relief from death
- ▶ Plague stopped and YHWH hardened Pharaoh's heart

#9 – Darkness (10:21-29)

- ▶ No announcement
- ▶ Deep darkness
- ▶ Pharaoh's fake repentance – no sense of guilt, only a desire for help
- ▶ Pharaoh – go serve YHWH without your flocks
- ▶ Moses refused – no service to God without sacrifice
- ▶ YHWH hardened Pharaoh heart
- ▶ Pharaoh evicted Moses from his presence forever
- ▶ Moses agreed

9 Plagues and the Ways of God

- ▶ Purpose: display His power and His name (9:14, 16; 10:2)
- ▶ Result: no change for His people in bondage to Pharaoh
- ▶ The priority of faith
 - Romans 11:33 – wisdom, knowledge, judgments, ways – deep and rich
 - Lamentations 3:21-26 – it is good to wait for Him
 - Hosea 14:9 – the ways of YHWH are right
- ▶ The transformation of Moses from Exodus 6:30 to 10:29
- ▶ Egyptians feared YHWH (9:20)
- ▶ The warning of wrath to come – “Mercy precedes wrath” (Shultz)
- ▶ The power of the message in our time