

Exodus 10 Summary

The LORD sent a plague of locusts. Pharaoh begged for relief but then his heart was hardened. The LORD sent darkness for three days.

Exodus 10 Outline

- Ex 10:1-6. God threatens to send locusts.
- Ex 10:7-11. Pharaoh moved by his servants, inclines to let the Israelites go.
- Ex 10:12-15. The plague of the locusts.
- Ex 10:16-20. Pharaoh entreats Moses.
- Ex 10:21-23. The plague of darkness.
- Ex 10:24-29. Pharaoh again entreats Moses, but yet is hardened.

Exodus 10 New King James Version

The Eighth Plague: Locusts

The direct statements of the Lord in yellow.

The statements of Pharaoh in green.

The statements of Pharaoh's servants in pink.

The statements of Moses in blue.

1 Now the LORD said to Moses, "Go in to Pharaoh; for I have hardened his heart and the hearts of his servants, that I may show these signs of Mine before him, 2 and that you may tell in the hearing of your son and your son's son the mighty things I have done in Egypt, and My signs which I have done among them, that you may know that I am the LORD."

3 So Moses and Aaron came in to Pharaoh and said to him, "Thus says the LORD God of the Hebrews: 'How long will you refuse to humble yourself before Me? Let My people go, that they may serve Me. 4 Or else, if you refuse to let My people go, behold, tomorrow I will bring locusts into your territory. 5 And they shall cover the face of the earth, so that no one will be able to see the earth; and they shall eat the residue of what is left, which remains to you from the hail, and they shall eat every tree which grows up for you out of the field. 6 They shall fill your houses, the houses of all your servants, and the houses of all the Egyptians—which neither your fathers nor your fathers' fathers have seen, since the day that they were on the earth to this day.'" And he turned and went out from Pharaoh.

7 Then Pharaoh's servants said to him, "How long shall this man be a snare to us? Let the men go, that they may serve the LORD their God. Do you not yet know that Egypt is destroyed?"

8 So Moses and Aaron were brought again to Pharaoh, and he said to them, "Go, serve the LORD your God. Who are the ones that are going?"

9 And Moses said, “We will go with our young and our old; with our sons and our daughters, with our flocks and our herds we will go, for we must hold a feast to the LORD.”

10 Then he said to them, “The LORD had better be with you when I let you and your little ones go! Beware, for evil is ahead of you. 11 Not so! Go now, you who are men, and serve the LORD, for that is what you desired.” And they were driven out from Pharaoh’s presence.

12 Then the LORD said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the land of Egypt for the locusts, that they may come upon the land of Egypt, and eat every herb of the land—all that the hail has left.” 13 So Moses stretched out his rod over the land of Egypt, and the LORD brought an east wind on the land all that day and all that night. When it was morning, the east wind brought the locusts. 14 And the locusts went up over all the land of Egypt and rested on all the territory of Egypt. They were very severe; previously there had been no such locusts as they, nor shall there be such after them. 15 For they covered the face of the whole earth, so that the land was darkened; and they ate every herb of the land and all the fruit of the trees which the hail had left. So there remained nothing green on the trees or on the plants of the field throughout all the land of Egypt.

16 Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron in haste, and said, “I have sinned against the LORD your God and against you. 17 Now therefore, please forgive my sin only this once, and entreat the LORD your God, that He may take away from me this death only.” 18 So he went out from Pharaoh and entreated the LORD. 19 And the LORD turned a very strong west wind, which took the locusts away and blew them into the Red Sea. There remained not one locust in all the territory of Egypt. 20 **But the LORD hardened Pharaoh’s heart**, and he did not let the children of Israel go.

The Ninth Plague: Darkness

21 Then the LORD said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, darkness which may even be felt.” 22 So Moses stretched out his hand toward heaven, and there was thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three days. 23 They did not see one another; nor did anyone rise from his place for three days. But all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings.

24 Then Pharaoh called to Moses and said, “Go, serve the LORD; only let your flocks and your herds be kept back. Let your little ones also go with you.”

25 But Moses said, “You must also give us sacrifices and burnt offerings, that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God. 26 Our livestock also shall go with us; not a hoof shall be left behind. For we must take some of them to serve the LORD our God, and even we do not know with what we must serve the LORD until we arrive there.”

27 **But the LORD hardened Pharaoh’s heart**, and he would not let them go. 28 Then Pharaoh said to him, “Get away from me! Take heed to yourself and see my face no more! For in the day you see my face you shall die!”

29 So Moses said, "You have spoken well. I will never see your face again."

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Exodus 10 Observations.

By now It is evident that the plagues, their affects, and the conversations are growing in intensity. One of the important observations, in regards to the hardening of Pharaoh's heart, is that the text is written where you know that God is taking more of the credit. Also, God has hardened the hearts of Pharaoh's servants - this is new detail.

I. The Eighth Plague: Locusts

- A. These plagues show the power of God serve a dual purpose.
 - 1. Not just for Pharaoh, Egypt, or the children of Israel, but....
 - 2. *...that you may tell in the hearing of your son and your son's son the mighty things I have done in Egypt, and My signs which I have done among them, that you may know that I am the LORD. (2)*
- B. Moses stretched out **his rod** over the land of Egypt, and the LORD brought an east wind on the land all that day and all that night.
 - 1. When it was morning, the east wind brought the locusts.
 - 2. Very severe! Never in history (before or after) had it been this severe.
 - 3. They covered the face of the whole earth (of Egypt).
 - 4. The land was darkened.
 - 5. They ate every herb and all the fruit of the trees which the hail had left. So there remained nothing green.
- C. The servants appear to reason with Pharaoh:
 - 1. "How long shall this man be a snare to us?"
 - 2. "Let the men go, that they may serve the LORD their God."
 - 3. "Do you not yet know that Egypt is destroyed?"

- D. It would look like Pharaoh is about to cooperate, but his pattern behavior causes us to think otherwise.
1. Pharaoh said, GO! But then wants to know, "Who are the ones that are going?"
 2. Moses tells him:
 - a. our young and our old
 - b. our sons and our daughters
 - c. our flocks and our herds
 3. Pharaoh did not cooperate. Notice the flow of his two part reply:
 - a. *"The LORD had better be with you when I let you and your little ones go! Beware, for evil is ahead of you."* [scare tactic]
 - b. *"Not so! Go now, **you who are men**, and serve the LORD, for that is what you desired* [This is a compromise].
 - c. And they **were driven out** from Pharaoh's presence.
- E. The plague of locust came.
1. Pharaoh was willing to say anything to get rid of the locusts.
 2. He appealed to Moses, Moses prayed to God and God sent "very strong west wind, which took the locusts away and blew them into the Red Sea."(19).

II. The Ninth Plague: Darkness

- A. At the Lord's command, Moses stretched out his hand toward heaven, and there was thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three days.
1. Exception: The Israelites had light in their houses or dwelling places.
 2. This darkness prompts Pharaoh's reply:
 - a. *"Go, serve the LORD; only let your flocks and your herds be kept back. Let your little ones also go with you."* (24)
 - b. Moses said,

1. "You must also give us sacrifices and burnt offerings, that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God."
2. "Our livestock also shall go with us; not a hoof shall be left behind."
3. "For we must take some of them to serve the LORD our God, and even we do not know with what we must serve the LORD until we arrive there."

B. The LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he would not let them go.

C. Notice this Prophecy:

1. 28 Then Pharaoh said to him, "Get away from me! Take heed to yourself and **see my face no more!** For in the day you see my face you shall die!"
2. So Moses said, "You have spoken well. **I will never see your face again.**"