

Exodus 9

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9 Then the LORD said unto Moses, Go in unto Pharaoh, and tell him, Thus saith the LORD God of the Hebrews, Let my people go, that they may serve me. (Hebrews = those who crossed the river. It was a term for the Israelites, when they arrived from across the Euphrates River)

²For if thou refuse to let them go, and wilt hold them still,

³Behold, the hand of the LORD is upon thy cattle which is in the field, upon the horses, upon the asses, upon the camels, upon the oxen, and upon the sheep: there shall be a very grievous murrain. (murrain = a pestilence; the plagues are getting worse and worse)

(God is becoming more forceful, so that the Egyptians might finally wake up and obey Him. Cattle was one of the idols that the Egyptians worshipped)

⁴And the LORD shall sever between the cattle of Israel and the cattle of Egypt: and there shall nothing die of all that is the children's of Israel. (Again, proving to Pharaoh that this is God's command)

⁵And the LORD appointed a set time, saying, To morrow the LORD shall do this thing in the land.

NOTE: (Apis, the chief god of Memphis, was a sacred bull worshiped by the Egyptians. He won't be able to help the Egyptians)

⁶And the LORD did that thing on the morrow, and all the cattle of Egypt died: but of the cattle of the children of Israel died not one. (This is more proof that God is doing this; yet Pharaoh still won't listen)

⁷And Pharaoh sent, and, behold, there was not one of the cattle of the Israelites dead. And the heart of Pharaoh was hardened, and he did not let the people go.

(Either this man is a fool, or he really believes that he can prevail against God. I would imagine that by now, the Egyptian people want the Israelites to go. Unfortunately, as Egypt was a monarchy, only Pharaoh made the laws. Only he had the power to let the Israelites go)

⁸ And the LORD said unto Moses and unto Aaron, Take to you handfuls of ashes of the furnace, and let Moses sprinkle it toward the heaven in the sight of Pharaoh.

⁹ And it shall become small dust in all the land of Egypt, and shall be a boil breaking forth with blains upon man, and upon beast, throughout all the land of Egypt.

¹⁰ And they took ashes of the furnace, and stood before Pharaoh; and Moses sprinkled it up toward heaven; and it became a boil breaking forth with blains upon man, and upon beast. (Boils are painful, and gross. Moses and Aaron did it before Pharaoh in order to prove that this was not a coincidence. God was judging them)

¹¹ And the magicians could not stand before Moses because of the boils; for the boil was upon the magicians, and upon all the Egyptians. (But not upon the Israelites)

(This was a judgment against their god Typhon. This god was "a magical genie" who was worshiped in ancient Egypt. Here was a god who was connected to the magicians. They were the priests of the Egyptian religion)

(We find here that the magicians could not stand before Moses because of the boils, for the boil was upon the magicians and upon all of Egypt. So their power as magicians was broken)

¹² And the LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh, and he hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had spoken unto Moses.

¹³ And the LORD said unto Moses, Rise up early in the morning, and stand before Pharaoh, and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD God of the Hebrews, Let my people go, that they may serve me. (God created all of nature. HE controls it as He wishes to)

¹⁴ For I will at this time send all my plagues upon thine heart, and upon thy servants, and upon thy people; that thou mayest know that there is none like me in all the earth. (God is trying to wake up the Egyptians to serve Him, and to drop the idols. They are stubborn because they are rich and powerful, compared to other nations)

NOTE: (Look at the arrogance of the US government today. We have become tyrannical towards other nations because we are so much more powerful than they are. We bomb other countries without even a

declaration of war. We do that for political gain; and to steal their natural resources for our consumption. That is a war crime. It is against the Geneva Convention and all other treaties that we have signed. God will judge us for it)

¹⁵ For now I will stretch out my hand, that I may smite thee and thy people with pestilence; and thou shalt be cut off from the earth.

¹⁶ And in very deed for this cause have I raised thee up, for to shew in thee my power; and that my name may be declared throughout all the earth. (God is explaining why this is happening, but Pharaoh just won't listen. God wants all the earth to know that there is a God in heaven. HE wants to save all people, but they need to listen in order to join Him)

NOTES: (This will repeat in the end days, when antichrist has deceived the whole world into worshipping him. Political correctness and sexual perversion will have replaced moral correctness and normality)

(But when Jesus returns at the 7th Trump as Messiah, the whole world will know all at once that He is God, and there is no other)

(There is only one God. HE has many offices. Jesus is God in the flesh form of a man)

¹⁷ As yet exaltest thou thyself against my people, that thou wilt not let them go?

¹⁸ Behold, to morrow about this time I will cause it to rain a very grievous hail, such as hath not been in Egypt since the foundation thereof even until now.

¹⁹ Send therefore now, and gather thy cattle, and all that thou hast in the field; for upon every man and beast which shall be found in the field, and shall not be brought home, the hail shall come down upon them, and they shall die.

²⁰ He that feared the word of the LORD among the servants of Pharaoh made his servants and his cattle flee into the houses: (These are those of the Egyptians who are finally waking up. They will obey God's command. Those that don't believe will lose their livestock. God is giving those Egyptians who now believe Him, a chance to save their livestock and their crops)

(The message to the Egyptians is – get on God’s side and you will be fine. Stay with Pharaoh and your idols, and you will suffer the loss)

²¹ And he that regarded not the word of the LORD left his servants and his cattle in the field. (It was their choice. They sided with Pharaoh instead of siding with God)

²² And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch forth thine hand toward heaven, that there may be hail in all the land of Egypt, upon man, and upon beast, and upon every herb of the field, throughout the land of Egypt.

²³ And Moses stretched forth his rod toward heaven: and the LORD sent thunder and hail, and the fire ran along upon the ground; and the LORD rained hail upon the land of Egypt.

(Shu was the "god of the atmosphere". It is difficult to go out to worship the god of the atmosphere when you are being pounded with large hail stones that turn into fire when they hit the ground)

²⁴ So there was hail, and fire mingled with the hail, very grievous, such as there was none like it in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation. (Hail with fire together does not occur naturally. Only God can do that)

²⁵ And the hail smote throughout all the land of Egypt all that was in the field, both man and beast; and the hail smote every herb of the field, and brake every tree of the field.

²⁶ Only in the land of Goshen, where the children of Israel were, was there no hail. (Again, the faithful are protected)

²⁷ And Pharaoh sent, and called for Moses and Aaron, and said unto them, I have sinned this time: the LORD is righteous, and I and my people are wicked. (Pharaoh is a liar. He already went back on his word twice. He still thinks that he can outsmart God)

²⁸ Intreat the LORD (for it is enough) that there be no more mighty thunderings and hail; and I will let you go, and ye shall stay no longer.

²⁹ And Moses said unto him, As soon as I am gone out of the city, I will spread abroad my hands unto the LORD; and the thunder shall cease, neither shall there be any more hail; that thou mayest know how that

the earth is the LORD's. (God created everything and owns everything. HE has total control over nature)

³⁰ But as for thee and thy servants, I know that ye will not yet fear the LORD God. (Pharaoh has already reneged twice. Moses is no fool. However he will keep trying until Pharaoh learns that there is a God in heaven and he had better get in line, for his own sake)

³¹ And the flax and the barley was smitten: for the barley was in the ear, and the flax was bolled. (bolled = in bloom) (These crops had already bloomed. The hail destroyed them for this season)

³² But the wheat and the rie were not smitten: for they were not grown up. (God spared these crops so that Egypt would not starve. They would be hungry for now, but not to the death)

³³ And Moses went out of the city from Pharaoh, and spread abroad his hands unto the LORD: and the thunders and hail ceased, and the rain was not poured upon the earth.

³⁴ And when Pharaoh saw that the rain and the hail and the thunders were ceased, he sinned yet more, and hardened his heart, he and his servants. (He didn't need a lot of help from God to harden his heart. That was his tendency towards the Israelites. Pharaohs were worshipped by the people as gods. They probably believed their own delusion, that they were gods)

³⁵ And the heart of Pharaoh was hardened, neither would he let the children of Israel go; as the LORD had spoken by Moses. (God knew Pharaoh, and that he wouldn't give in. His ego is out of control)