Exodus 7

Key Verse: vs.1-2

Key Word: "hardened" "heart" v.3 **X-Ref:** Exo. 5:2; Psa. 95:8; Heb. 3:7-4:13

Paraphrase: God sends Moses and Aaron to Pharaoh again. Pharaoh is unconcerned by Aaron's rod turning into a snake. God, through Aaron, turns the waters of Egypt into blood. Pharaoh remains unconcerned.

Examining the Text:

- 1) How old were Moses and Aaron when they spoke to Pharaoh? Moses is 80 and Aaron is 83. v.7
- 2) God said that He would "harden Pharaoh's heart" and that Pharaoh would not listen to Moses. In this chapter, each time Moses and Aaron perform a miracle, what causes Pharaoh to harden his heart and not listen to the Lord? The wisemen, sorcerers, and magicians are able to perform something similar to Moses and Aaron. vs.10-13; 22
- 3) How far reaching was the plague of the water to blood? *All the water throughout the land of Egypt, even water in the wood and stone containers v.19.*
- 4) How much time would pass before the next plague? Seven full days v.25

Exodus 8

Key Verse: v.1

Key Word: "plague" v.2 **X-Ref:** Exo. 7:5; 5:2

Paraphrase: God sends Moses and Aaron three more times to Pharaoh demanding that he let them go worship. Pharaoh says no. God plagues Pharaoh, and Pharaoh promises to let them go. Moses prays to God to remove the plague, but shortly after the plague ends, Pharaoh goes back on his word. It is interesting the while the magicians were able to replicate the plagues, they were not able to end them.

Examining the Text:

- 1) Which plagues are mentioned in this chapter? Frogs vs.2-15, Gnats vs.16-19, Flies vs.20-32
- 2) Pharaoh's magicians were able to replicate the plagues. From reading verses 1-15 what can we conclude they were not able to do? *Remove the plagues vs.8-15*
- 3) When the magicians could not produce the gnats from the dust, what did they conclude? "This is the finger of God." v.19
- 4) In the fourth plague, what did God do differently and why? The plague only affected Egyptians and not the land of Goshen where the children of Israel lived. "That you may know..." vs.22-23

Exodus 9

Key Verse: v.14

Key Word: "know" v.14 X-Ref: Romans 9:17

Paraphrase: God delivers three more plagues on Pharaoh through Moses and Aaron. Pharaoh's heart remains hard. He confessed his sin and promise to let them go, but he changes his mind again.

Examining the Text:

- 1) Which livestock did God say would die? Livestock: horses, donkeys, camels, herds, and flocks "in the fields" -v.3
- 2) What was different about the 6th plague in comparison with the 5th and 7th? No warning vs.8-12
- 3) During the introduction of the plague of the hail, God emphasizes the reason for the plagues. What was the reason? So that Pharaoh would know God. To show God's power. So God's name would be proclaimed in all the earth. vs.14-16
- 4) What might we learn as Christians from Pharaoh's confession of sin in verse 27? Confession of sin doesn't always lead to a change of heart vs.17; 35

Exodus 10

Key Verse: v.2

Key Word: "ruined" v.7 "humble" v.3

X-Ref: Proverbs 30:27

Paraphrase: Pharaoh's heart remains hardened even with his own people pleading with him to let them go. Pharaoh attempts a couple of compromises, but Moses refuses and Pharaoh sends Moses away with a threat of death if he ever sees him again.

Examining the Text:

- 1) God reveals another reason why He is using the plagues to bring His people out of Egypt. What is the new reason? So they can tell their descendants about the events and so they may know that He is the LORD (yhwh self-Existent/Eternal one) v.2
- 2) What has Pharaoh's pride done to Egypt? Caused it's ruin v.7
- 3) What compromise did Pharaoh offer and what was God's response? Only let the men go sacrifice and worship. God commanded Moses to stretch out his hand over Egypt and bring forth the locusts -vs.11-12
- 4) What threat did Pharaoh make against Moses after the plague of darkness? That he would kill him if he ever saw his face again. -v.28

Exodus 11

Key Verse: v.3, v.5

Key Word: "firstborn" "die" v.5

X-Ref: Exodus 3:19, 21

Paraphrase: God sends Moses to tell Pharaoh what will happen next. God also instructs the Israelites to ask their neighbors (Egyptians) for gold, silver, and clothes. Pharaoh's heart remains hardened.

Examining the Text:

- 1) What reasons are given for why the Egyptians would give the Israelites gold and silver? "The Lord gave the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians" and "Moses was very great in the land of Egypt" vs.2-3
- 2) According to verse 7, what would happen to let everyone know that God had made a distinction between Egypt and Israel? While all the firstborns in Egypt died, not even a dog would growl at Israel.
- 3) What reasons might Moses have for leaving Pharaoh's presence in "hot anger?" *Pharaoh's stubbornness and hardened heart must have been frustrating. Moses knew that God would do exactly what He said He would do. A lot of people were going to die and Pharaoh remained unconcerned.*

Exodus 12

Key Verse: v.23

Key Word: "Passover" v.11

X-Ref: Matthew 26

Paraphrase: God gives them instructions for the Passover and warns them of the coming plague of the death of the firstborns. When all the Egyptian firstborns died, they sent Israel away. More instructions on the Passover are given at the end of the chapter.

Examining the Text:

- 1) Describe the way in which Israel was commanded to eat their lambs for the Passover. At night, roasted, with unleavened bread and bitter herbs, burned the leftovers, your belts fastened, sandals on, staff in hand, and in haste vs.8-11
- 2) What precaut9ian was to be made to avoid anyone eating leaven during the Passover week? *Remove any leaven from their homes v.15 Those who ate leaven would be cut off from Israel vs.15-19*
- 3) Who did God say was not allowed to eat the Passover? The foreigner or any uncircumcised vs.43-48

Exodus 13

Key Verse: v.9, v.16

Key Word: "remember" v.3

X-Ref: Hebrews 11:22; Gen. 50:25

Paraphrase: God commands that all firstborn males are to be consecrated to Him. This would serve as a reminder of How He delivered them from Egypt. Moses then describes how the Lord went before them in a pillar of cloud in the day and fire at night.

Examining the Text:

- 1) Why did God command that all the firstborn males be set apart? They belonged to the Lord. It reminded them that God passed over their firstborn males back in Egypt, sparing their lives vs. 14-16
- 2) Why didn't God lead Israel "by the way of the land of the Philistines" when leading them out of Egypt? "lest the people change their minds when they see war and return to Egypt." v.17
- 3) How was Israel able to travel day and night? The Lord went before them in a Pillar of Cloud by day and a Pillar of Fire by night v.21