

EXODUS Lesson 11

Exodus Chapter 11

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Memory verses for this week: Dan 10:12 Then said he unto me, Fear not, Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words.

Introduction: We continue our study on Exodus this week. In last week's lesson, we studied about the eighth and ninth plagues which were the locusts and darkness all through the land of Egypt. I failed to note it last week, but the bible was clear in Chapter 10 that there was no darkness in the Hebrew camp.

The proud Pharaoh is about to learn that God is able to humble him, and cause him to let Israel go. God is able to fulfill His purpose.

Prov. 19:21, There are many devices in a man's heart; nevertheless the counsel of the LORD, that shall stand.

Isa. 14:27, For the LORD of hosts hath purposed, and who shall disannul it? and his hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back?

I. The Tenth Plague is Announced

Exo 11:1 And the LORD said unto Moses, Yet will I bring one plague more upon Pharaoh, and upon Egypt; afterwards he will let you go hence: when he shall let you go, he shall surely thrust you out hence altogether.

Exo 11:2 Speak now in the ears of the people, and let every man borrow of his neighbour, and every woman of her neighbour, jewels of silver, and jewels of gold.

Exo 11:3 And the LORD gave the people favour in the sight of the Egyptians. Moreover the man Moses was very great in the land of Egypt, in the sight of Pharaoh's servants, and in the sight of the people.

God brought another message to Moses and the people. One more plague was to come, and after this one, Pharaoh would let them go. The Hebrews were instructed to borrow wealth from the Egyptians. Remember that they had been slaves and deserved compensation and it was God who commanded them to do this. Egypt had been blessed by the presence of the Jews. The Hebrew word for "borrow" means, to inquire, request, to demand, ask, beg or borrow. God promised Abraham that they would leave Egypt with great substance.

Gen. 15:14, And also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge: and

afterward shall they come out with great substance.

I think it is very clear that this was not going in to debt to take these items, but these were items God was giving to the Jews. Moses and the people were favored by the Egyptians. This fulfills the verses in Ex. 3:21 and Gen. 15:14 which we just read.

Exo 3:21 And I will give this people favour in the sight of the Egyptians: and it shall come to pass, that, when ye go, ye shall not go empty:

Exo 11:4 And Moses said, Thus saith the LORD, About midnight will I go out into the midst of Egypt:

Exo 11:5 And all the firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die, from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sitteth upon his throne, even unto the firstborn of the maidservant that is behind the mill; and all the firstborn of beasts.

Exo 11:6 And there shall be a great cry throughout all the land of Egypt, such as there was none like it, nor shall be like it any more.

We take it that these verses are a continuation of 10:29, before Moses literally left the presence of Pharaoh. Moses is given the time of night when God's judgment would come, but the exact day is not announced. Verse 5 explains that the firstborn would die. This included even the firstborn of the exalted, including Pharaoh. Firstborn sons were considered sacred, and heirs to the family wealth and headship.

Israel was God's firstborn son.

Jer. 31:9,...for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Jesus Christ was God's firstborn son, the only Begotten Son of God, and he had to die that we might live.

II Cor. 5:21, For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

All would die, even the firstborn of the humble and those in between. This was not limited to just the humans, but the firstborn of the beasts was also to die. It would be so bad that there would be a great cry out of the land of Egypt. We need to realize that God was righteous in doing this.

He had dealt again and again with Pharaoh, but each time he had changed his mind after the plagues were stayed and would not let the people leave.

Gal. 6:7, Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

Psa. 89:14 Justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne: mercy and truth shall go before thy face.

Gen. 18:25,...Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?

Eccl. 8:11, Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil.

Exo 11:7 But against any of the children of Israel shall not a dog move his tongue, against man or beast: that ye may know how that the LORD doth put a difference between the Egyptians and Israel.

Exo 11:8 And all these thy servants shall come down unto me, and bow down themselves unto me, saying, Get thee out, and all the people that follow thee: and after that I will go out. And he went out from Pharaoh in a great anger.

Verse 7 says that God set a difference between Israel and Egypt. This is true today between the lost and the saved. The rain may fall on both, but only the saved have the promises of safety through the Lord Jesus Christ.

Rom. 11:22, Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off.

Rom. 9:22 For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. What if God, willing to shew his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction.

I Cor. 4:7, For who maketh thee to differ from another? and what hast thou that thou didst not receive? now if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received it?

The firstborn like the firstfruits were representative of the rest. Even the dogs, whose nature is to bark, were controlled by God. The Egyptians would recognize who God was, and this would work to the benefit of the spiritual condition of Israel. Pharaoh's servants would bow down themselves to God.

Lev. 17:7, And they shall no more offer their sacrifices unto devils, after whom they have gone a whoring....

Josh. 24:14, Now therefore fear the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the LORD.

Ezek. 20:6-8, In the day that I lifted up mine hand unto them, to bring them forth of the land of Egypt into a land that I had espied for them, flowing with milk and honey, which is the glory of all lands: Then said I unto them, Cast ye away every

man the abominations of his eyes, and defile not yourselves with the idols of Egypt: I am the LORD your God. But they rebelled against me, and would not hearken unto me: they did not every man cast away the abominations of their eyes, neither did they forsake the idols of Egypt: then I said, I will pour out my fury upon them, to accomplish my anger against them in the midst of the land of Egypt. These indicate that Israel as well as the Egyptians were wicked, and indicates the need for a sacrifice, and thus the Passover lamb.

Exo 11:9 And the LORD said unto Moses, Pharaoh shall not hearken unto you; that my wonders may be multiplied in the land of Egypt.

Exo 11:10 And Moses and Aaron did all these wonders before Pharaoh: and the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, so that he would not let the children of Israel go out of his land.

Verse 9 says that the stubborn hard-hearted King. would not hearken so that God's wonders would be multiplied. As before, Pharaoh's heart would be hardened so that the children of Israel would not be allowed to go out of the land. Kings may think they have power, but God can turn their hearts however He so chooses.

Pro 19:20 Hear counsel, and receive instruction, that thou mayest be wise in thy latter end.

Pro 19:21 There are many devices in a man's heart; nevertheless the counsel of the LORD, that shall stand.

Pro 21:1 *The king's heart is in the hand of the LORD, as the rivers of water: he turneth it whithersoever he will.*

Isa 14:27 For the LORD of hosts hath purposed, and who shall disannul it? and his hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back?

Dan. 4:37, Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise and extol and honour the King of heaven, all whose works are truth, and his ways judgment: and those that walk in pride he is able to abase.

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Prov 4:18 But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.

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