

Recap of last week: Several plagues have caused Pharaoh to falsely swear that he will let God's people go. He has indeed ⁽⁷⁻³⁾ witnessed that the plagues are from the God of the Hebrews

(Israelites) and that they having impacted only the Egyptians while leaving the Israelites untouched. Frustration is however also starting to build with Moses and Aaron because it is not happening as quick as they thought it would (even though it has only been days, since the plagues are in quick succession). In the opening 2 verses of chapter 10 however God reassures Moses (and Aaron) that He is headed into His endgame against Egypt and it will be a 'grand finale' that will be a sign to all nations, for generations to come, of Who the God of the Israelites is!

Exodus 10:3-7 Moses and Aaron announce Locusts. So many that they carpet the land and the houses. To make things worse, anything that could be salvaged for food, that was not decimated by the hail, will now be lost to the locusts. Pharaoh's servants plead with Pharaoh to let the people go because the whole land is in ruins.

Exodus 10:8-11: Pharaoh says, "Go, serve the LORD your God. Who are the ones that are going?". Moses and Aaron reply all of the people. Pharaoh says, "no" (in that he says, "Go now you who are men...")

Exodus 10:12-15 (God sends the locusts:) Now this plague of locusts would be the greatest locust plague to have ever hit the earth. And the greatest locust plague that will ever hit the earth! This is another one of God's statements that would be fulfilled! (Rabbit hole!) Many of the plagues of the Exodus will be re-introduced in the Book of the Revelation of Jesus Christ. (see printout).

Exodus 10:16-20: In verse 17 Pharaoh asks for forgiveness of his sin (sins) but again it is a false/empty repentance. Possibly because he is like Satan who lies just for the sake of lying or most likely, I believe, because his heart has already been hardened past the point of no return. (unable to truly repent).

Exodus 10:21-23: (Darkness so thick you can cut it!).

Exodus 10:24-29: Pharaoh again make a futile compromise:

"OK, I'll let your people go, even your little ones, but leave

all your other stuff here": (house hold items, artifacts, livestock) (24) Moses says, "That won't work". Pharaoh gets angry and says something that indeed will come to pass, but not the way he hoped it would. (Much like Haman setting the gallows up for Mordecai, or when he suggested that the King, Ahasuerus, promote a man by giving "him a royal robe, and a horse on which the King has ridden, which has a royal crest placed on its head. Then let this robe and horse be delivered to the hand of one of the King's most noble princes, that he may array the man whom the King delights to honor. Then parade him on horseback through the city square, and proclaim before him: "Thus shall it be done to the man whom the King delights to honor." (Again, speaking things that would be done but exactly opposite of how he expected them to be done.) Pharaoh says: "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!" Moses (by God given insight) says: "You have spoken well. I will never see your face again".

Exodus 11: 1-3 Pay close attention to what is going on here: God has not yet announced or carried out the final plague, yet He: ① Makes Moses a favored man throughout Egypt, ② gives the people of Israel also a favored status among the Egyptians, and, ③ tells the Israelites to demand articles of silver and gold, every man and every woman, from the Egyptians. Before He actually performs the final death blow plague. This requires faith! Nothing has changed since Pharaoh has banished Moses from his sight, except God's dealing with the hearts and minds of those involved! Still it will take faith for the Israelites to actually carry it out.

Exodus 11: 4-10 Indeed the Israelites, it seems, did plunder the Egyptians as the Lord had spoken (verse 10: "So Moses and Aaron did all these wonders before Pharaoh (in Pharaoh's knowing).") In any event, everybody knew the Israelites would be leaving except for possibly Pharaoh. It is not written, that Moses told of the coming things to Pharaoh personally, and I assume that it was as the Scripture pointed out, was told to all. Egyptians and Israelites. Plus Pharaoh had said that the next time Moses appears before him, he would kill him. Next week starts chapter 12. A 14 day countdown to the Passover and a new Month, the 1st month in the history of Israel!