

God gives Pharaoh the chance to humble himself and release the people. God rescues the people, but we are seeing drama with this new bunch of folks! Let's compare Pharaoh and Israel.....

Talk #1: Aaron, Moses and Pharaoh meet up. Moses introduces YAHWEH (God's proper name) to the King. He scoffs at the request to let the people go. He made working conditions worst for the Hebrews. Is Israel similar to Pharaoh in their unbelief? Ex 14:10: "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you brought us to the dessert to die?"

Talk #2: Aaron and Moses show up at the palace and perform a miracle (stick becomes a snake). Pharaoh's team able to perform the same miracle. Pharaoh refused the request to let the people go. Is Israel similar to Pharaoh in their unbelief? Ex 15:23: "What are we to drink?"

Talk #3: Aaron and Mose request the freedom of the people and the plague cycles start. Pharaoh's team also able to turn WATER TURNED TO BLOOD. He ignores the request and walks away. Is Israel similar to Pharaoh in their unbelief? Ex 16:3: "If only we had died by the LORD'S hand in Egypt!"

Talk #4: Let the people go to worship. If not FROGS will overtake the land. After the FROGS appear, Pharaoh asks for prayer, but refused to let the people go. Is Israel similar to Pharaoh in their unbelief? Ex 16:19: "No one is to keep any of it until morning (the manna)." The people disobey.

Plague: No talking to Pharaoh this time. GNATS will cover the land. Egyptians try to do the same miracle, but were unable to. Pharaoh's team told him: "This is God!" He refused. Is Israel similar to Pharaoh in their unbelief? Ex 16:27-Some of the people went out on Sabbath to gather manna.

Talk #5: Let the people go to worship. If not FLIES will overtake the land. Goshen will be spared. Pharaoh said he will let the people go, but to pray for him. Pharaoh then refused to let the people go. Is Israel similar to Pharaoh in their unbelief? Ex 17:3: "Why did you bring us out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?"

Talk #7: Let the people go or the LIVESTOCK will be plagued. Goshen will be spared. Pharaoh would not let the people go. Is Israel similar to Pharaoh in their unbelief? Ex 32:1: "Come, make us gods who will go before us."

Plague: No talking this time. BOILS will break out. Pharaoh would not listen. The LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart. Is Israel similar to Pharaoh in their unbelief? Num 11:1: "If we only had meat to eat."

Talk #8: God explains to Pharaoh (my paraphrase): "I could have wiped out you and all of Egypt. I did not. Your refusal to do what is just is allowing my power to be displayed in all the Earth. People will come to know me and my deliverance." He warns Pharaoh that HAIL will fall. Warns the nation to take shelter. Goshen will be spared. Pharaoh asks for prayer. He said: "I have sinned!" Still, Pharaoh and his team, refused to let the people go. Is Israel similar to Pharaoh in their unbelief? Num 11:1: "If we only had meat to eat."

Talk #9: Moses and Aaron ask Pharaoh: "When will you stop with this?" God will send LOCUSTS. Pharaoh's officials beg him to let the people go. Pharaoh says only the men may go. Moses and Aaron stretch out hand and LOCUSTS cover land. Pharaoh: "I have sinned again. Forgive my sin. Pray for me!" The LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart.

Plague: No talking to Pharaoh this time. DARKNESS will cover the Egypt. Goshen will have light. Pharaoh calls for Moses this time. Pharaoh will not entertain his requests. This is it for Pharaoh. He is done talking! He threatens Moses of death, if he shows up again. The LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart.

Talk #10: Moses warns Pharaoh of the most severe judgment coming to Egypt: the death of the FIRSTBORN. The warning is severe. The judgement is sweeping. The LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart.