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WHO'S THERE?

Lesson 8

Job 37:10–13

“The breath of God produces ice. The shallow water freezes over. He loads the clouds with moisture. He scatters His lightning through them. He directs the clouds to circle above the surface of the whole earth. They do everything He commands them to do. He tells the clouds to punish people. Or He brings them to water His earth and show His love.”

The Plague of Hail

Exodus 9:13–35

¹³Then the Lord spoke to Moses. He said, “Get up early in the morning. Go to Pharaoh and say to him, ‘The Lord, the God of the Hebrews, says, “Let My people go. Then they will be able to worship Me. ¹⁴If you do not let them go, I will send the full force of My plagues against you this time. They will strike your officials and your people. Then you will know that there is no one like Me in the whole earth. ¹⁵By now I could have reached out My hand. I could have struck you and your people with a plague that would have wiped you off the earth. ¹⁶But I had a special reason for making you king. I decided to show you My power. I wanted My Name to become known everywhere on earth. ¹⁷But you are still against My people. You will not let them go. ¹⁸So at this time tomorrow I will send the worst hailstorm ever to fall on Egypt in its entire history. ¹⁹Give an order now to bring your livestock inside to a safe place. Bring in everything that is outside. The hail will fall on all the people and animals that are left outside. They will die.””

²⁰The officials of Pharaoh who had respect for what the Lord had said obeyed Him. They hurried to bring their slaves and their livestock inside. ²¹But others didn't pay attention to what the Lord had said. They left their slaves and livestock outside.

²²Then the Lord spoke to Moses. He said, “Reach out your hand toward the sky. Then hail will fall all over Egypt. It will beat down on people and animals alike. It will strike everything growing in the fields of Egypt.” ²³Moses reached out his walking stick toward the sky. Then the Lord sent thunder and hail. Lightning flashed down to the ground. The Lord rained hail on the land of Egypt. ²⁴Hail fell and lightning flashed back and forth. It was the worst storm in Egypt's entire history. ²⁵Hail struck everything in the fields all over Egypt. It fell on people and animals alike. It beat down everything growing in the fields. It tore all the leaves off the trees. ²⁶The only place it didn't hail was in the area of Goshen. That's where the people of Israel were.

²⁷Then Pharaoh sent for Moses and Aaron. “This time I've sinned,” he said to them. “The Lord has done what is right. I and my people have done what is wrong. ²⁸Pray to the Lord, because we've had enough thunder and hail. I'll let you and your people go. You don't have to stay here any longer.”

²⁹Moses replied, “When I've left the city, I'll lift up my hands and pray to the Lord. The thunder will stop. There won't be any more hail. Then you will know that the earth belongs to the Lord. ³⁰But I know

that you and your officials still don't have any respect for the Lord God."

³¹The barley was ripe. The flax was in bloom. So they were both destroyed. ³²But the wheat and spelt weren't destroyed. That's because they ripen later.

³³Then Moses left Pharaoh and went out of the city. Moses lifted up his hands and prayed to the Lord. The thunder and hail stopped. The rain didn't pour down on the land any longer. ³⁴Pharaoh saw that the rain, hail and thunder had stopped. So he sinned again. He and his officials became stubborn. ³⁵So Pharaoh was stubborn. He wouldn't let the people of Israel go, just as the Lord had said through Moses.

Questions

- 1 What was God showing Pharaoh and Pharaoh's people with these plagues? God was showing that there is _____ like Him in the _____ earth. (Ex. 9:14)
- 2 Was Pharaoh's heart softening? (Yes/No) _____. Pharaoh was still _____ God's people. (Ex. 9:17)
- 3 What was the seventh plague God sent upon Pharaoh and his people? The seventh plague was _____, the _____ hailstorm ever to fall on Egypt in its _____ history. (Ex. 9:18)
- 4 Did God warn Pharaoh ahead of time? (Yes/No) _____. God told Pharaoh to give an _____ to _____ his livestock and everything that was outside _____ (opposite of "outside") to a _____ place. (Ex. 9:19)
- 5 Who obeyed the Lord? The _____ of Pharaoh who had _____ for what the Lord had said obeyed the Lord. They _____ to bring their slaves and their livestock inside. (Ex. 9:20)
- 6 Did others obey the Lord too? (Yes/No) _____. Others didn't pay _____ to what the Lord had said. They _____ their slaves and livestock outside. (Ex. 9:21)
- 7 How did God cause hail to fall? When Moses reached out his walking stick toward the _____, the Lord sent _____, _____, and _____ that flashed back and forth. (Ex. 9:23–24)
- 8 What did the hail do? The hail fell on people and animals, _____ down _____ growing in the fields, and tore all the _____ off the trees. (Ex. 9:25)
- 9 Did hail fall in the land of Goshen? (Yes/No) _____. (Ex. 9:26)
- 10 What did Pharaoh do? Pharaoh _____ for Moses and Aaron and said, "This time I've _____. The Lord has done what is _____. I and my people have done what is _____." Pharaoh then asked Moses and Aaron to pray to the Lord so that the thunder and hail would **S** _____ (opposite of "go"). (Ex. 9:27–28)

- 11 Was Pharaoh sincere (means “being honest”)? (Yes/No) _____. Pharaoh and his officials still didn’t have _____ for the Lord God. (Ex. 9:30)
- 12 What crops were destroyed by the hail? The _____ and _____ were destroyed. (Ex. 9:31)
- 13 What crops weren’t destroyed by the hail? Why? The _____ and the _____ weren’t destroyed, because they ripen _____. (Ex. 9:32)
- 14 Who sinned again? _____ sinned again. He was _____ and wouldn’t let the people of _____ go. (Ex. 9:34–35)



Pharaoh’s stubbornness was caused both by Pharaoh sinning and by God wanting to show that He alone is God.

The Plague of Locusts

Exodus 10:1–20

¹Then the Lord said to Moses, “Go to Pharaoh. I have made him stubborn. I have also made his officials stubborn so I can perform My signs among them. ²Then you will be able to tell your children and grandchildren how hard I was on the Egyptians. You can tell them I performed My signs among the people of Egypt. And all of you will know that I am the Lord.”

³So Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh. They said to him, “The Lord, the God of the Hebrews, says, ‘How long will you refuse to obey Me? Let My people go. Then they will be able to worship Me. ⁴If you refuse to let them go, I will bring locusts into your country tomorrow. ⁵They will cover the ground so that it can’t be seen. They will eat what little you have left after the hail. That includes every tree growing in your fields. ⁶They will fill your houses. They will be in the homes of all your officials and your people. Your parents and your people before them have never seen anything like it as long as they have lived here.’” Then Moses turned around and left Pharaoh.

⁷Pharaoh’s officials said to him, “How long will this man be a trap for us? Let the people go. Then they’ll be able to worship the Lord their God. After everything that’s happened, don’t you realize that Egypt is destroyed?”

⁸Moses and Aaron were brought back to Pharaoh. “Go. Worship the Lord your God,” he said. “But tell me who will be going.”

⁹Moses answered, “We’ll go with our young people and old people. We’ll go with our sons and daughters. We’ll take our flocks and herds. We are supposed to hold a feast to honour the Lord.”

¹⁰Pharaoh said, “Suppose I ever let you go, along with your women and children. Then the Lord really will be with all of you! Clearly you are planning to do something bad. ¹¹No! I’ll only allow the men to go and worship the Lord. After all, that’s what you have been asking for.” Then Pharaoh drove Moses and Aaron out of his sight.

¹²The Lord said to Moses, “Reach out your hand over Egypt so that locusts cover the land. They will

eat up everything growing in the fields. They will eat up everything left by the hail.”

¹³So Moses reached out his walking stick over Egypt. Then the Lord made an east wind blow across the land. It blew all that day and all that night. By morning the wind had brought the locusts. ¹⁴Large numbers of them came down in every part of Egypt. There had never been a plague of locusts like it before. And there will never be one like it again. ¹⁵The locusts covered the ground until it was black. They ate up everything left after the hail. They ate up everything growing in the fields. They ate up the fruit on the trees. There was nothing green left on any tree or plant in the whole land of Egypt.

¹⁶Pharaoh quickly sent for Moses and Aaron. He said, “I have sinned against the Lord your God. I’ve also sinned against you. ¹⁷Now forgive my sin one more time. Pray to the Lord your God to take this deadly plague away from me.”

¹⁸After Moses left Pharaoh, he prayed to the Lord. ¹⁹The Lord changed the wind to a very strong west wind. It picked up the locusts. It blew them into the Red Sea. Not even one locust was left anywhere in Egypt. ²⁰But the Lord made Pharaoh stubborn. So Pharaoh wouldn’t let the people of Israel go.

Questions

- 15 Who else was hardening Pharaoh’s heart at times? Why? The _____ was hardening Pharaoh’s heart at times, because the Lord wanted to perform His _____ among the Egyptians. The Lord wanted _____ the people to know that _____ is the Lord. (Ex. 10:1–2)



The Egyptians worshipped many gods, and the Pharaohs were worshipped as gods as well.

- 16 What was the eighth plague God warned Pharaoh and his people about? The eighth plague was to be _____ that would cover the ground so that it couldn’t be _____. (Ex. 10:4–5)
- 17 What damage would these locusts do? These locusts would _____ what little vegetation Egypt had _____ after the hail, including every _____ growing in the fields. (Ex. 10:5)
- 18 What else would these locusts do? They would also get into and fill all the Egyptians’ _____. (Ex. 10:6)
- 19 What was Egypt like after the seven previous plagues? Egypt was _____. (Ex. 10:7)
- 20 Was Pharaoh finally going to let God’s people go? (Yes/No) _____. Pharaoh told Moses he would only let the _____ go and worship the Lord, because Pharaoh thought the Israelites were planning to do something _____. (Ex. 10:10–11)
- 21 How did God send the locusts? When Moses reached out his walking stick over Egypt, God made an east _____ blow across the land all _____ and _____. By _____, the wind had brought the locusts. (Ex. 10:13)

- 22 What did the land of Egypt look like as soon as God had sent the locusts? The land looked _____. (Ex. 10:15)
- 23 What did the land of Egypt look like after God had sent the locusts? There was nothing _____ left on any tree or plant in the _____ land of Egypt. (Ex. 10:15)

1 John 1:9

But God is faithful and fair. If we confess our sins, He will forgive our sins. He will forgive every wrong thing we have done. He will make us pure.

- 24 Was Pharaoh sincere this time when he sent for Moses and Aaron and asked for forgiveness? (Yes/No) _____. Why not? Because the Lord _____ Pharaoh stubborn again. (Ex. 10:16–17, 20)



God saw Pharaoh's heart and knew that Pharaoh wasn't sincere.

Jeremiah 17:10a

The Lord says, "I look deep down inside human hearts. I see what is in people's minds."

The Plague of Darkness

Exodus 10:21–29

²¹The Lord spoke to Moses. He said, "Reach out your hand toward the sky so that darkness spreads over Egypt. It will be so dark that people can feel it." ²²So Moses reached out his hand toward the sky. Then complete darkness covered Egypt for three days. ²³No one could see anyone else or go anywhere for three days. But all the people of Israel had light where they lived.

²⁴Then Pharaoh sent for Moses. He said to him, "Go. Worship the Lord. Even your women and children can go with you. Just leave your flocks and herds behind."

²⁵But Moses said, "You must allow us to take our animals. We need to offer them as sacrifices and burnt offerings to the Lord our God. ²⁶Our livestock must also go with us. We have to use some of them to worship the Lord our God. We can't leave even one animal behind. Until we get there, we won't know what we are supposed to use to worship the Lord."

²⁷But the Lord made Pharaoh stubborn. So he wouldn't let the people go. ²⁸Pharaoh said to Moses, "Get out of my sight! Make sure you don't come to see me again! If you do, you will die."

²⁹"I'll do just as you say," Moses replied. "I will never come to see you again."

Questions

- 25 What was the ninth plague God sent upon Pharaoh and Pharaoh's people? The ninth plague was

total _____ that could be _____. (Ex. 10:21)

- 26 How did this plague happen? Moses stretched out his hand _____ the sky so that darkness _____ over Egypt. (Ex. 10:21–22)
- 27 For how many days did the Egyptians live in total darkness? For _____ days, the Egyptians couldn't _____ anyone else or _____ anywhere. (Ex. 10:22–23)
- 28 Did the Israelites live in darkness too during this time? (Yes/No) _____. The Israelites had _____ in the places where they lived. (Ex. 10:23)
- 29 What was Pharaoh's response to the three days of total darkness? Pharaoh _____ for Moses and told him to _____. This time, Pharaoh said even the _____ and _____ could go with them, but their flocks and herds had to be _____ behind. (Ex. 10:24)
- 30 Did Moses agree to this? (Yes/No) _____. Why not? Because the Israelites needed their livestock to go with them. That was the only way they could offer _____ and burnt _____ to the Lord their God. (Ex. 10:25–26)
- 31 Again, who hardened Pharaoh's heart to not give in just yet? The _____ hardened Pharaoh's heart. (Ex. 10:27)
- 32 What did Pharaoh tell Moses? Why? Pharaoh told Moses to get _____ of his sight and to make _____ he didn't appear before Pharaoh again. If Moses ever saw Pharaoh again, Moses would _____. (Ex. 10:28)



Seriously? After all the miraculous signs Pharaoh had seen, he still thought he had more power than God—as if Pharaoh would have been able to kill Moses!

- 33 Did Moses agree to Pharaoh's request? (Yes/No) _____. Moses said he would _____ appear before Pharaoh again. (Ex. 10:29)

How did the Holy Spirit speak to you this week as you studied these Bible verses? In other words, what did you learn this week from reading God's Word?
