

THE WHOLE COUNSEL OF GOD

**A Journey Through the
Old Testament**

Romans 15:4 For everything that was written in the past was written for our instruction,
so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures, we might have hope.

A Review of the First Six Plagues

1. Blood in the Nile

2. Frogs

3. Gnats

4. Flies

5. Livestock

6. Boils

7. Hail

8. Locusts

9. Darkness

A Review of the First Six Plagues

Reminders:

- **All ten plagues were in rapid succession.**
- **The Israelites were uninvolved.**
- **God has hardened Pharaoh's heart.**
- **God 'marvelously separated' His people.**
- **Pharaoh is a type of Satan.**

Isaiah 51

**9 Was it not You who cut Rahab to pieces,
who pierced through the dragon?**

**10 Was it not You who dried up the sea,
the waters of the great deep,
who made a road in the depths of the sea for
the redeemed to cross over?**

A Review of the First Six Plagues

Reminders:

- **All ten plagues were in rapid succession.**
- **The Israelites were uninvolved.**
- **God has hardened Pharaoh's heart.**
- **God 'marvelously separated' His people.**
- **Pharaoh is a type of Satan.**
- **The Exodus is a picture of the gospel.**
- **God is glorified in showing mercy, but also in bringing judgement.**

Exodus 9 The Seventh Plague: Hail

13 Then the LORD said to Moses, “Get up early in the morning, stand before Pharaoh, and tell him that this is what the LORD, the God of the Hebrews, says: ‘Let My people go, so that they may worship Me.

14 Otherwise, at this time I will send all My plagues against you [upon your heart] and your officials and your people, so you may know that there is no one like Me in all the earth.

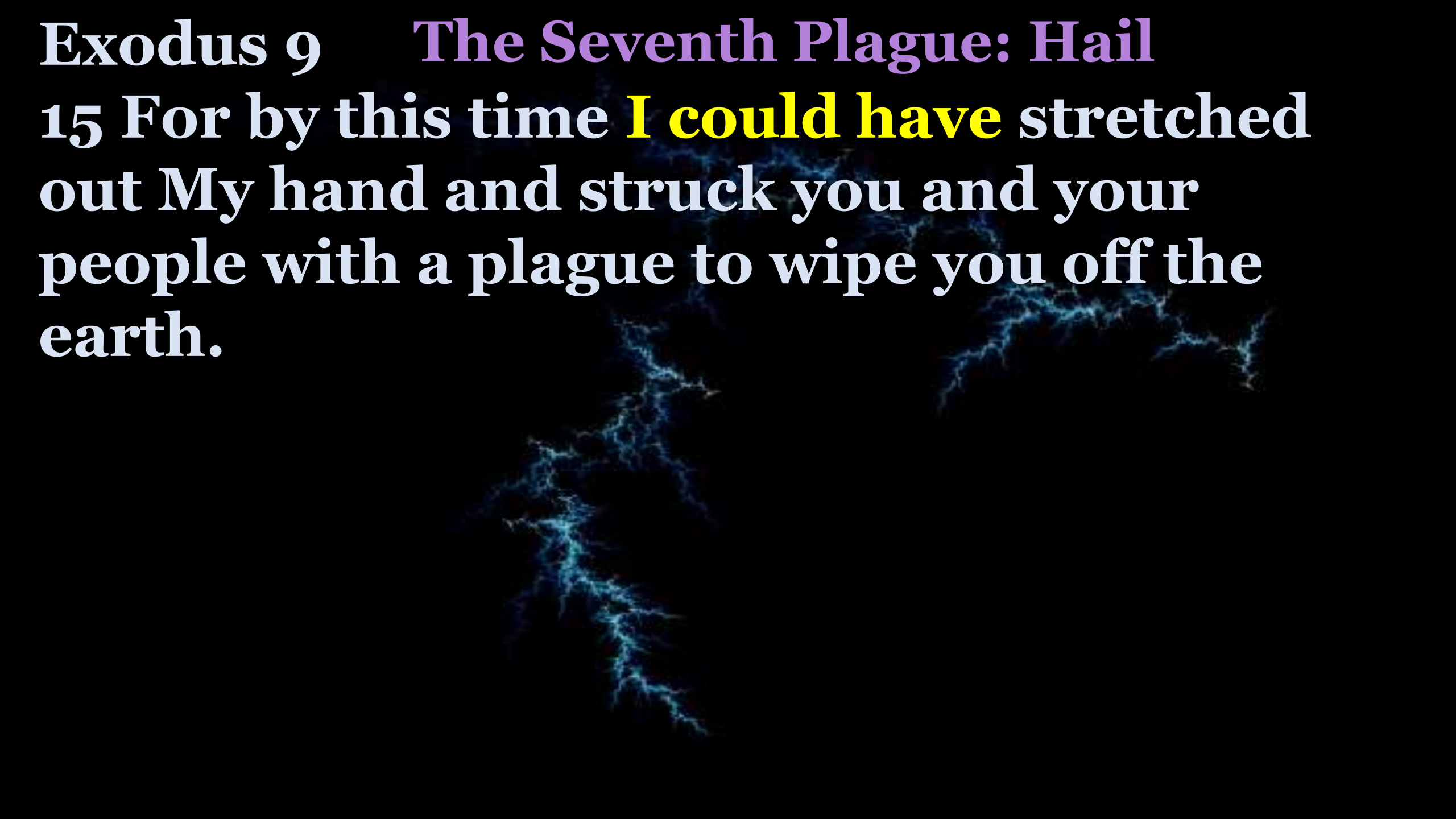
Exodus 9 The Seventh Plague: Hail

15 For by this time I could have stretched out My hand and struck you and your people with a plague to wipe you off the earth.



Exodus 9 The Seventh Plague: Hail

15 For by this time **I could have** stretched out My hand and struck you and your people with a plague to wipe you off the earth.



Exodus 9 The Seventh Plague: Hail

15 For by this time I could have stretched out My hand and struck you and your people with a plague to wipe you off the earth.

16 But I have raised you up for this very purpose, that I might display My power to you, and that My name might be proclaimed in all the earth.

Romans 9

16 So then, it does not depend on man's desire or effort, but on God's mercy.

17 For the Scripture says to Pharaoh:

"I raised you up for this very purpose, that I might display My power in you, and that My name might be proclaimed in all the earth."

18 Therefore God has mercy on whom He wants to have mercy, and He hardens whom He wants to harden.

Exodus 9 The Seventh Plague: Hail

15 For by this time I could have stretched out My hand and struck you and your people with a plague to wipe you off the earth.

16 But I have raised you up for this very purpose, that I might display My power to you, and that My name might be proclaimed in all the earth.

17 Still, you lord [exalt yourself] it over My people and do not allow them to go.

Exodus 9 The Seventh Plague: Hail

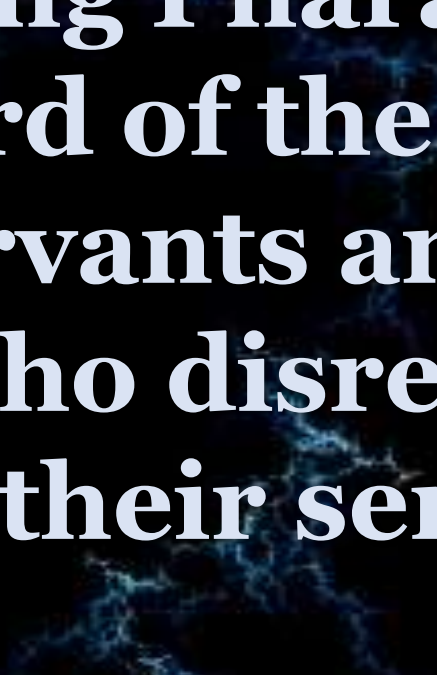
18 Behold, at this time tomorrow I will rain down the worst hail that has ever fallen on Egypt, from the day it was founded until now.

19 So give orders now to shelter your livestock and everything you have in the field.

Every man or beast that remains in the field and is not brought inside will die when the hail comes down upon them.’ ”

Exodus 9 The Seventh Plague: Hail

**20 Those among Pharaoh's officials who feared the word of the LORD hurried to bring their servants and livestock to shelter,
21 but those who disregarded the word of the LORD left their servants and livestock in the field.**



Exodus 9 The Seventh Plague: Hail

22 Then the LORD said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand toward heaven, so that hail may fall on all the land of Egypt—on man and beast and every plant of the field throughout the land of Egypt.”

23 So Moses stretched out his staff toward heaven, and the LORD sent thunder and hail, and lightning [fire] struck the earth.

So the LORD rained down hail upon the land of Egypt.

24 The hail fell and the lightning [fire] continued flashing through it.

The hail was so severe that nothing like it had ever been seen in all the land of Egypt from the time it became a nation.

Exodus 9 The Seventh Plague: Hail

25 Throughout the land of Egypt, the hail struck down everything in the field, both man and beast;

it beat down every plant of the field and stripped every tree.

26 The only place where it did not hail was in the land of Goshen, where the Israelites lived.

Exodus 9 The Seventh Plague: Hail

27 Then Pharaoh summoned Moses and Aaron.

“This time I have sinned,” he said.

“The LORD is righteous, and I and my people are wicked.

28 Pray to the LORD, for there has been enough of God’s thunder and hail.

I will let you go; you do not need to stay any longer.”

Exodus 9 The Seventh Plague: Hail

27 Then Pharaoh summoned Moses and Aaron.

“**This time** I have sinned,” he said.

“The
peop
28 Ph

**A truly repentant heart
acknowledges all sin**

enough of God’s thunder and hail.

I will let you go; you do not need to stay any longer.”

Exodus 9 The Seventh Plague: Hail

27 Then Pharaoh summoned Moses and Aaron.

“This time I have sinned,” he said.

“The LORD is righteous, and I and my people are wicked.

28 Pray to the LORD, for there has been enough of God’s thunder and hail.

I will let you go; you do not need to stay any longer.”

Exodus 9 The Seventh Plague: Hail

27 Then Pharaoh summoned Moses and

Aaron

“This

“The

people

**A truly repentant heart is concerned
with being right with God,
not just being saved from judgement**

28 Pray to the LORD, for **there has been
enough** of God’s thunder and hail.

I will let you go; you do not need to stay any
longer.”

Exodus 9 The Seventh Plague: Hail

29 Moses said to him, “When I have left the city, I will spread out my hands to the LORD. The thunder will cease, and there will be no more hail, so that you may know that the earth is the LORD’s.

30 But as for you and your officials, I know that you still do not fear the LORD our God.”

31

32

Exodus 9 The Seventh Plague: Hail

33 Then Moses departed from Pharaoh, went out of the city, and spread out his hands to the LORD.

The thunder and hail ceased, and the rain no longer poured down on the land.

34 When Pharaoh saw that the rain and hail and thunder had ceased, he sinned again and hardened his heart—he and his officials.

35 So Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he would not let the Israelites go, just as the LORD had said through Moses.

"Sin is the suicidal action of the human will against itself."

- W. G. T. Shedd

Exodus 10 The Eighth Plague: Locusts

1 Then the LORD said to Moses, “Go to Pharaoh, for I have hardened his heart and the hearts of his officials, that I may perform these miraculous signs of Mine among them, 2 and that you may tell your children and grandchildren how severely I dealt with the Egyptians when I performed miraculous signs among them, so that all of you may know that I am the LORD.”

Exodus 10 **The Eighth Plague: Locusts**

1 Then the LORD said to Moses, “Go to Pharaoh, for **I have hardened his heart** and the hearts of his officials, that I may perform these miraculous signs of Mine among them,
2 and that you may tell your children and grandchildren how severely I dealt with the Egyptians when I performed miraculous signs among them,
so that all of you may know that I am the LORD.”

Exodus 10 **The Eighth Plague: Locusts**

1 Then the LORD said to Moses, “Go to Pharaoh, for **I have hardened his heart** and the hearts of his officials, **that I may perform these miraculous signs of Mine among them,**
2 and that you may tell your children and grandchildren how severely I dealt with the Egyptians when I performed miraculous signs among them,
so that all of you may know that I am the LORD.”

Exodus 10 **The Eighth Plague: Locusts**

1 Then the LORD said to Moses, “Go to Pharaoh, for **I have hardened his heart** and the hearts of his officials, that I may perform these miraculous signs of Mine among them,
2 and **that you may tell your children and grandchildren how severely I dealt with the Egyptians** when I performed miraculous signs among them,
so that all of you may know that I am the LORD.”

Exodus 10 **The Eighth Plague: Locusts**

1 Then the LORD said to Moses, “Go to Pharaoh, for **I have hardened his heart** and the hearts of his officials, that I may perform these miraculous signs of Mine among them,
2 and that you may tell your children and grandchildren how severely I dealt with the Egyptians when I performed miraculous signs among them,
so that all of you may know that I am the LORD.”

Ezekiel 38

1 And the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

2“Son of man, set your face against Gog of the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal.

Prophecy against him 3 and declare that this is what the Lord GOD says:

Behold, I am against you, O Gog, chief prince of Meshech and Tubal.

4 I will turn you around, put hooks in your jaws, and bring you out with all your army—your horses, your horsemen in full armor, and a great company armed with shields and bucklers, all brandishing their swords.

Ezekiel 38

1 And the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

2 "Son of man, set your face against Gog of the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal.

Prophesy against him 3 and declare that this is what the Lord GOD says:

Behold, I am against you, O Gog, chief prince of Meshech and Tubal.

4 **I will turn you around, put hooks in your jaws, and bring you out with all your army**—your horses, your horsemen in full armor, and a great company armed with shields and bucklers, all brandishing their swords.

Ezekiel 38

**8 After a long time you will be summoned.
In the latter years you will enter a land that has
recovered from war,
whose people were gathered from many nations to
the mountains of Israel, which had long been
desolate.**

**They had been brought out from the nations, and all
now dwell securely.**

**9 You and all your troops, and many peoples with you
will go up, advancing like a thunderstorm; you will be
like a cloud covering the land.**

Ezekiel 38

10 This is what the Lord GOD says:

On that day, thoughts will arise in your mind, and you will devise an evil plan.

11 You will say, 'I will go up against a land of unwalled villages;

Ezekiel 38

10 This is what the Lord GOD says:

On that day, **thoughts will arise in your mind, and you will devise an evil plan.**

11 You will say, 'I will go up against a land of unwallled villages;

I will come against a tranquil people who dwell securely, all of them living without walls or bars or gates—

12 in order to seize the spoil and carry off the plunder...

Exodus 10 The Eighth Plague: Locusts

3 So Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and told him, “This is what the LORD, the God of the Hebrews, says:

‘How long will you refuse to humble yourself before Me?

Let My people go, so that they may worship Me.

4 But if you refuse to let My people go, I will bring locusts into your territory tomorrow.

Exodus 10 The Eighth Plague: Locusts

5 They will cover the face of the land so that no one can see it.

They will devour whatever is left after the hail and eat every tree that grows in your fields.

6 They will fill your houses and the houses of all your officials and every Egyptian—something neither your fathers nor your grandfathers have seen since the day they came into this land.’ ”

Then Moses turned and left Pharaoh’s presence.

Exodus 10 The Eighth Plague: Locusts

7 Pharaoh's officials asked him, "How long will this man be a snare to us?"

Let the people go, so that they may worship the LORD their God.

Do you not yet realize that Egypt is in ruins?"

8 So Moses and Aaron were brought back to Pharaoh.

"Go, worship the LORD your God," he said.

"But who exactly will be going?"

Exodus 10 The Eighth Plague: Locusts

9 “We will go with our young and old,” Moses replied.

“We will go with our sons and daughters, and with our flocks and herds, for we must hold a feast to the LORD.”

10 Then Pharaoh told them, “May the LORD be with you if I ever let you go with your little ones. Clearly you are bent on evil.

11 No, only the men may go and worship the LORD, since that is what you have been requesting.”

Exodus 10 The Eighth Plague: Locusts

Aaron were driven from Pharaoh's presence.

12 Then the LORD said to Moses,

**“Stretch out your hand over the land of Egypt,
so that the locusts may swarm over it and devour
every plant in the land—everything that the hail
has left behind.”**

**13 So Moses stretched out his staff over the land
of Egypt, and throughout that day and night the
LORD sent an east wind across the land.**

**By morning the east wind had brought the
locusts.**

Exodus 10 The Eighth Plague: Locusts

14 The locusts swarmed across the land and settled over the entire territory of Egypt.

Never before had there been so many locusts, and never again will there be.

15 They covered the face of all the land until it was black, and they consumed all the plants on the ground and all the fruit on the trees that the hail had left behind.

Nothing green was left on any tree or plant in all the land of Egypt.

Exodus 10 The Eighth Plague: Locusts

16 Pharaoh quickly summoned Moses and Aaron and said,

“I have sinned against the LORD your God and against you.

17 Now please forgive my sin once more and appeal to the LORD your God, that He may remove this death from me.”

18 So Moses left Pharaoh’s presence and appealed to the LORD.

Exodus 10 The Eighth Plague: Locusts

19 And the LORD changed the wind to a very strong west wind that carried off the locusts and blew them into the Red Sea.

Not a single locust remained anywhere in Egypt.

20 But the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he would not let the Israelites go.



Exodus 10 The Ninth Plague: Darkness

21 Then the LORD said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand toward heaven, so that darkness may spread over the land of Egypt—a darkness that can be felt.”

22 So Moses stretched out his hand toward heaven, and total darkness covered all the land of Egypt for three days.

23 No one could see anyone else, and for three days no one left his place.

Yet all the Israelites had light in their dwellings.

1 Peter 2

9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, to proclaim the virtues of Him who called you out of **darkness** into His marvelous **light**.

2 Corinthians 4

6 For God, who said, “Let **light** shine out of **darkness**,”

made His **light** shine in our hearts to give us the **light** of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Exodus 10 The Ninth Plague: Darkness

24 Then Pharaoh summoned Moses and said, “Go, worship the LORD.

Even your little ones may go with you; only your flocks and herds must stay behind.”

25 But Moses replied, “You must also provide us with sacrifices and burnt offerings to present to the LORD our God.

26 Even our livestock must go with us; not a hoof will be left behind, for we will need some of them to worship the LORD our God, and we will not know how we are to worship the LORD until we arrive.”

Exodus 10 The Ninth Plague: Darkness

27 But the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he was unwilling to let them go.

28 "Depart from me!" Pharaoh said to Moses.

"Make sure you never see my face again, for on the day you see my face, you will die."

29 "As you say," Moses replied, "I will never see your face again."

Six Impressive Truths from the Plagues

- 1. Pharaoh's hard heart** - oh, how we need the mercy of God so that our sin will not harden us.
- 2. Pharaoh's false repentance** - true repentance has nothing to appeal to except the mercy of God.
- 3. The Israelite's non-involvement**- we should stand in awe of all God has done for us, without us.
- 4. The LORD separating His people** - the LORD has 'marvelously separated' us from judgement.
- 5. The sheer power of God** - He can use anything to bring utter destruction to a nation/people.
- 6. The oppression of Satan against God's people**
Christ has secured a way out of sin's slavery.

THE WHOLE COUNSEL OF GOD

**A Journey Through the
Old Testament**

Romans 15:4 For everything that was written in the past was written for our instruction,
so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures, we might have hope.