

EXODUS 11; March 2; Final Plague, Firstborn Will Die

ANALYSIS:

1. How would Pharaoh let the Israelites go after the last plague?

2. Why were the Israelites able to borrow jewels of gold and silver from the Egyptians before they departed from Egypt?

3. How did Moses describe the fact that while there would rise a great cry throughout all the land of Egypt, the land of Goshen would be perfectly quiet?

4. Why do you think Moses went out from Pharaoh's presence the last time "in a great anger"?

5. According to this chapter, why did the LORD harden Pharaoh's heart?

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

The LORD through Moses in verse 7 told Pharaoh that he wanted to show him that he had put a difference between the Egyptians and Israel. Israel was no more righteous than were the Egyptians by natural birth, but God determined by his own choice and predestination to set his love upon Israel through Jesus Christ. Rejoice today that that same great God who destroyed Egypt and Pharaoh, saw fit to set his love and grace upon you through our Lord Jesus Christ!

This chapter tells us that the horrible cry of anguish that would rise up that night in Egypt would be unequalled in the history of Egypt. Pharaoh's rebellion against God caused immeasurable loss and heartache for himself and his people. So it will be in our own lives, families, and church if we rebel against God and harden our hearts against his revealed will for us. Sin in our lives will destroy us and everything we hold dear around us. May we today humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God that he may exalt us in due time (I Peter 5:6).

HELP:

1. Pharaoh would thrust them out; or push them out of Egypt forcefully (v 1).
2. Two reasons: The LORD gave the Israelites favor in the sight of the Egyptians, and Moses was greatly respected and revered among the Egyptians due to the plagues which he had brought upon Egypt (v 3).
3. Moses told Pharaoh that the Israelites would not even hear a dog bark that night (v 7).
4. Verses 4-8 are apparently the conclusion of the last heated exchange when Pharaoh threatened to kill Moses (10:28-29). Notice that Moses uses "ye" in verse 7 and "thy" in verse 8 in speaking to Pharaoh. When Pharaoh rejected God's warning, it exhausted Moses' patience, thus his anger.
5. So that the LORD could multiply his wonders in the land of Egypt (v 9).