

EXODUS 10:21-29

LESSON: FINAL CONFRONTATION WITH PHARAOH –

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INTRODUCTION:

In Chapter 10, two more plagues are released by God: **Swarm of locusts** (10:4-20) and **Three days of darkness**.

CHAPTER 10:12-20 SYNOPSIS

Moses is instructed once again by the Lord to stretch out his hand so that the locusts would come up over the land of Egypt and eat up all the grasses, that is, every herb of the land, and even all that was untouched by the hail. So, Moses lifted up the rod over the land of Egypt, and an east wind came from the Lord upon the land all day and all night. And when the morning came, the east wind brought the locusts. The locust flew up invading all over the land of Egypt, resting in all their coasts. An incredibly numerous mass of locusts that had never been seen before in all of Egyptian history came out of this east wind in which the Lord sent. The locust covered the land's surface everywhere that there was no possible vision before their eyes; nothing but darkness upon the face of the whole earth. And the locust began to eat up every herb, every fruit tree in which the hail had left. And there was no greenery covering the land of Egypt. Here we see Pharaoh urgently calling for Moses and Aaron; telling them that he had sinned against the Lord God, and had been wrong against Moses and Aaron. Pharaoh is asking and praying for forgiveness of his sin this once, and he wants Moses and Aaron to beg the Lord God to take away this deadly plague. And Moses, the one that talks to God, leaves Pharaoh to intercede upon Pharaoh's behalf. So, the Lord made the wind veer til it blew so strongly from the west and lifted away all the locusts, blowing them into the Red sea. And not a single locust was left in all the coasts of Egypt. But, again the Lord made Pharaoh's heart hard, so that he wouldn't let the children of Israel go.

LESSON: I. THE PLAGUE OF DARKNESS EXODUS 10:21-23

10:21 And the Lord said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, even darkness which may be felt. In verse 15 the locust covered the land's surface everywhere covering the face of the whole earth so that the land was darkened, but here is a different kind of darkness. The Lord again instructs Moses to stretch out his hand toward heaven, so that there would be darkness to come over the land of Egypt, but not from the locusts. This darkness would be so thick over the land that even the darkness would be felt. **This will be the ninth plague—darkness** (10:21-27).

10:22 And Moses stretched forth his hand toward heaven; and there was a thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three days:—Moses did as the Lord instructed him. He stretched out his hand toward heaven and there was a thick darkness cast over all the land of Egypt for three days.

10:23 They saw not one another, neither rose any from his place for three days: but all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings. It was so bad that they couldn't even see one another even near them. But, all the children of Israel had light and stayed in their dwellings.

II. THE RESULTING ENCOUNTER EXODUS 10:24-29

10:24 And Pharaoh called unto Moses, and said, Go ye, serve the Lord; only let your flocks and your herds be stayed: let your little ones also go with you. Well, Moses finally hears the words he's been wanting to hear from Pharaoh. Pharaoh calls Moses to let him know that they can go serve the Lord, but they would have to leave their flocks and herds behind, and their little ones will be able to travel with them.

10:25 And Moses said, Thou must give us also sacrifices and burnt offerings, that we may sacrifice unto the Lord our God. But, Moses was not compromising on this deal. There was a need to take their animals to make sacrifices and burnt offerings when they go before the Lord their God.

10:26 Our cattle also shall go with us; there shall not an hoof be left behind; for thereof must we take to serve the Lord our God; and we know not with what we must serve the Lord, until we come thither. Moses claimed that the cattle also had to go with them, and none of them are to be left behind because they didn't know which animals they needed to take to sacrifice to the Lord God until they get to the place to serve Him.

10:27 But the Lord hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he would not let them go. The Lord made Pharaoh's heart hard again, and Pharaoh turned around and reneged and wouldn't let the Israelites go.

10:28 And Pharaoh said unto him, Get thee from me, take heed to thyself, see my face no more; for in that day thou seest my face thou shalt die. By this time Pharaoh was upset and told Moses to get out of his sight; don't try to see him again or come near him, and he didn't want to see his face, because the day Pharaoh sees his face again, Moses will die.

10:29 And Moses said, Thou hast spoken well, I will see thy face again no more. Well, Moses agreed with Pharaoh and told him that as he had spoken, he will not see his face anymore.

SUMMARY:

The Lord again instructs Moses to stretch out his hand toward heaven, so that there would be darkness to come over the land of Egypt. However, this darkness would be so thick over the land that even the darkness would be felt. Moses did as the Lord instructed him. He stretched out his hand toward heaven and there was a thick darkness cast for three days in all the land of Egypt. They couldn't even see one another even near them. But all the children of Israel had light and stayed in their dwellings (10:21-23).

Pharaoh calls Moses to let him know that they can go serve the Lord, but they would have to leave their flocks and herds behind, and their little ones will be able to travel with them. But, Moses was not compromising on this deal. There was a need to take their animals to make sacrifices and burnt offerings when they go before the Lord their God. The cattle also had to go with them and none of them were to be left behind because they didn't know which animals they needed to take to sacrifice to the Lord God until they get to the place to serve Him. However, the Lord made Pharaoh's heart hard again, and Pharaoh turned around and reneged and wouldn't let the Israelites go. By this time Pharaoh was upset and told Moses to get out of his sight; don't try to see him again or come near him, and he didn't want to see his face, because the day Pharaoh sees his face again, Moses will die. Well, Moses agreed with Pharaoh and told him that as he had spoken, he will not see his face anymore (10:24-29).