



Introduction

Despite two more plagues, Pharaoh still won't listen.



Questions

1. Who did the LORD say had hardened the hearts of Pharaoh and his servants and why?
2. What did Pharaoh's servants say to him after Moses threatened the plague of locusts?
3. What reasons did Moses give for them needing to take all their animals with them?



Summary Points

- **v 1 and 2** The LORD tells Moses to go to Pharaoh, for he has hardened Pharaoh's heart so that his signs will show that he is LORD
- **v 3 to 11** Pharaoh is threatened that locusts will come and eat what is left of Egypt's crops if he still refuses to let the Israelites go. His servants suggest that he should let the Israelites go, but Pharaoh is stubborn (see theme) and says that only the men can go
- **v 12 to 20** The threatened plague of locusts devastates Egypt's vegetation. The locusts are removed when Moses prays to the LORD. But Pharaoh again changes his mind because God has hardened his heart
- **v 21 to 23** The LORD tells Moses to stretch his hand towards the sky to bring total darkness over Egypt. This continues for three days. The Israelites however are not affected
- **v 24 to 29** Pharaoh's suggestion that the people can go without their flocks and herds is rejected by Moses. The LORD hardens Pharaoh's heart and he says he doesn't want to see Moses again

Timeline 1500 BC (see below)



Theme

Stubbornness

A selection of verses warning that we can be so determined to have our own way that we don't listen to what God says.

God tells the prophets Ezekiel and Zechariah that the Israelites won't listen to God and have become stubborn:

Ezekiel 3 verses 7 to 9

Zechariah 7 verses 11 and 12

The apostle Paul appeals to the stubborn to think of the consequences of their attitude:

Romans 2 verses 5 to 8

The letter to the Hebrews warns against being stubborn:

Hebrews 3 verses 13 to 15



Answers to questions

Verses which answer the questions:

Q 1: v 1 and 2, Q 2: v 7, Q 3: v 26

Bible timeline

