



Introduction

Pharaoh still refuses to listen despite receiving a dire warning.



Questions

1. Why did the Egyptian people so willingly give the Israelites gold and silver?
2. What did Moses say that the final plague was to be?
3. How would the experience of the Israelites contrast with that of the Egyptians who were suffering, and why?



Summary Points

- **v 1** God tells Moses there will be one final plague which will make Pharaoh let them go (see theme)
- **v 2 and 3** God commands Moses to tell the people to ask the Egyptians for silver and gold jewellery
- **v 4 to 8** Moses tells Pharaoh that the final plague will kill all the firstborn Egyptians in the land of Egypt, but that not one Israelite will be affected. After this Pharaoh's servants will tell them to go. Moses leaves Pharaoh in hot anger
- **v 9 and 10** God tells Moses that Pharaoh will still refuse to listen, so that the Egyptians will see yet another wonder from the LORD

Timeline 1500 BC (see below)



Theme

How God deals with world rulers

The way God deals with Pharaoh, ruler of Egypt, when the Israelites come out of Egypt, shows how God deals with rulers who oppose him.

Initially, God sends Moses to tell Pharaoh what he wants and we see Pharaoh's reaction:

Exodus 5 verses 1 and 2

The LORD makes it clear at the start what is going to happen:

Exodus 7 verses 3 to 5

Moses is sent to show Pharaoh a miracle that the Egyptians are able to copy. However God shows that he is in control when Aaron's rod swallows the Egyptians' rods:

Exodus 7 verses 10 to 12

At the plague of lice, Pharaoh's magicians are unable to copy Moses' sign and they tell Pharaoh that this is supernatural:

Exodus 8 verses 18 and 19



At the plague of boils, the magicians themselves are personally affected. This time the LORD hardens Pharaoh's heart:

Exodus 9 verses 11 and 12

At the plague of hail, Egyptians who believe what Moses says can escape the effects by taking action themselves:

Exodus 9 verses 20 to 21

When Pharaoh himself is personally affected by the death of his firstborn, he tells the Israelites to go and asks Moses to bless him!:

Exodus 12 verses 30 to 32

? Answers to questions

Verses which answer the questions:

Q 1: v 2 and 3, Q 2: v 4 and 5, Q 3: v 7



Bible timeline

