

## EXODUS – LESSON THREE

- I. PHARAOH INCREASES BURDEN UPON ISRAEL AS MOSES AND AARON SPEAK IN THE NAME OF JEHOVAH TO LET GOD’S PEOPLE GO (5:1-7:13).**
- A. Pharaoh refuses to let people go to worship Jehovah in the wilderness for three days- Commands Egyptian taskmasters and Israelite officers to no longer provide straw for the making of brick. (5:1-9).
  - B. Pharaoh’s message of demanding the same output of brick but no longer providing the straw is told to the people – officers of Israel beaten when quota is not met (5:10-19).
  - C. Officers of Israel meet Moses and Aaron blaming them for the harsh treatment received at the hand of the Egyptians– Moses questions Jehovah (5:20-23).
  - D. Jehovah encourages Moses – “*Now shalt thou see what I shall do to Pharaoh*” (6:1)
  - E. Jehovah prepares Moses for speaking to the discouraged people of Israel (6:2-9).
  - F. Jehovah charges Moses to speak to Pharaoh and to the children of Israel – “*...to bring the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt*” (6:10-13).
  - G. A Genealogy focusing attention on Moses and Aaron – those who would lead the children of Israel from Egypt (6:14-27)
  - H. Jehovah commands a questioning Moses to go speak to Pharaoh to let the children of Israel go out of the land (6:28-7:7)
    - 1. Jehovah has made Moses as God to Pharaoh and Aaron is made Moses’ prophet.
    - 2. God will harden Pharaoh’s heart and multiply signs and wonders in Egypt.
    - 3. God claims that Pharaoh will not hearken to Moses, and that He will bring out the children of Israel with great judgments.
    - 4. Moses is 80 years old and Aaron is 83 when they spoke to Pharaoh.
  - I. As a sign to Pharaoh, Moses follows Jehovah’s instructions and commands Aaron to throw down his rod – it becomes a serpent (7:8-13)
    - 1. Egypt’s magicians duplicate the sign.
    - 2. Aaron’s rod swallows up their rods.
    - 3. Pharaoh’s heart hardened just as God said.

### QUESTIONS:

- 1. What specific request did Moses and Aaron make of Pharaoh?
  - a. What was Pharaoh’s first response?
  - b. What was Pharaoh’s second response?”
  - c. Were Moses and Aaron being deceitful in their request?

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2. Who were the “taskmasters” and “officers” of the people of Israel?
3. What greater burden did Pharaoh lay on the children of Israel?
4. Who all did the officers of the children of Israel blame for their difficult circumstance in Egypt?
5. What was lacking in Moses’ understanding when he questions Jehovah in 5:22...
  - (a). God alone is doing ill to His people?
  - (b). God does not work on our time table?
  - (c). One should never ask questions of Jehovah?
6. How had God appeared to Israel’s forefathers?
7. What is significant about the name “Jehovah” that He could say in the context of 6:2-8 that He was not known as “Jehovah” to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob?
8. Why did the children of Israel not hearken to Moses when he told them of Jehovah’s promises?
9. What lesson can we learn from seeing how Jehovah reacted to the fact that the children of Israel did not hearken to his promises?
10. What analogy does Moses make when God charges him to speak to Pharaoh?
11. What is the purpose of the genealogy in 6:14-27?
12. Does this genealogy present evidence that the children of Israel were in Egypt for less than 430 years?

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13. What were the names of Moses' father and mother?
  
14. How was Aaron Moses' prophet?
  
15. According to Jehovah, what *two facts* will be accomplished in Him hardening Pharaoh's heart?
  
16. Young Moses and Aaron were three years apart in age when they spoke unto Pharaoh. (T) (F)
  
17. What was Jehovah's attitude toward signs...
  - (a). Moses, when Pharaoh asks for a miracle, tell him that we should not tempt God ?
  - (b). Moses, refuse to give Pharaoh a sign because he will have a hard heart and not believe that Jehovah has sent you?
  - (c). Moses, tell Aaron to throw down the rod that it become a serpent?
  
18. What sign showing that Moses had the authority of the superior God was given that day when Egypt's magicians also produced serpents from their rods?
  
19. What was Pharaoh's response to the first sign given to him by Moses and Aaron?