

(Exodus) Exodus 11:1-10

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In Exodus 11:1-10, God commands Moses to announce the final plague, leading to the liberation of the Israelites from Egyptian bondage.

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Scripture: Exodus 11:1-12

Topics: "Expositional"

Description

In this sermon, the preacher discusses the final plague that God brings upon Pharaoh and Egypt. The Lord tells Moses that he will bring one more plague upon Pharaoh, after which he will let the Israelites go. The Israelites are instructed to ask their Egyptian neighbors for jewels of silver and gold, which is essentially their back wages for their years of slavery. The preacher emphasizes that this is still a battle of the gods, as God continues to demonstrate his power over the Egyptian gods. The sermon also mentions that the Egyptians willingly give the Israelites their back wages, as they are eager to get rid of them. Finally, Moses announces that at midnight, all the firstborn in Egypt, from Pharaoh to the maidservant, will die, but the Israelites will be spared. This event will cause a great cry throughout the land of Egypt.

Transcript

Now, in chapter 11 here, we come now to the last chapter in this section of the contest with Pharaoh, and actually there are ten plagues, some would say eleven plagues. I'm of the opinion that you might put down eleven, but at least a minimum of nine. And so here is what I would call the tenth one.

Now, in chapter 11, verse 1, and the Lord said unto Moses, Yet will I bring one plague more upon Pharaoh, and upon Egypt. Afterwards he'll let you go hence. When he shall let you go, he shall surely thrust you out hence altogether.

Speak now in the ears of the people, and let every man borrow of his neighbor, and every woman of her neighbor jewels of silver, and jewels of gold. Now, I'd like to offer an explanation right here. We'll have this before us again.

But actually what we have in this matter of borrowing, it means they were collecting back wages. You see what had happened. They had served here in the land of Egypt as slaves, and they hadn't been paid anything.

And so now they are to be paid, and this is what they're to do. The word literally is, ask of his neighbor. Go and ask for your back wages.

That's the thought that is shared. And the Lord gave the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians. The Egyptians now are glad to pay them all to get rid of them.

Moreover, the man Moses was very great in the land of Egypt, in the sight of Pharaoh's servants, and in the sight of the people. And Moses said, Thus saith the Lord, About midnight will I go out into the midst of Egypt. And all the firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die, from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sitteth upon his throne, even unto the firstborn of the maidservant that is behind the male, and all the firstborn of beasts.

And there shall be a great cry throughout all the land of Egypt, such as there was none like it, nor shall be like it any more. But against any of the children of Israel shall not a dog move his tongue, against man or beast, that ye may know how the Lord doth put a difference between the Egyptians and Israel. And all these thy servants shall come down unto me, and bow down themselves unto me, saying, Get thee out, and all the people that follow thee, and after that I will go out.

And he went out from Pharaoh in a great anger. And the Lord said unto Moses, Pharaoh shall not hearken unto you, that my wonders may be multiplied in the land of Egypt. And Moses and Aaron did all these wonders before Pharaoh, and the Lord hardened Pharaoh's heart, so that he would not let the children of Israel go out of his land.

Now, in one sense, the contest is over, but actually not, and it's still a battle of the gods.

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