

**"Let My People Go!"**

**God's Power, Protection,  
Judgment, and Deliverance**

**Exodus 5–11**

# I. Initial Request & Hardened Response (5:1-21)

- Initial Request (5:1–3)
  - Moses and Aaron deliver God’s command to let Israel go, emphasizing worship and obedience.
- Pharaoh’s Rejection (5:2)
  - Pharaoh denies YHWH’s authority, mocking the command and rejecting obedience.
- Oppression Increases (5:4–21)
  - Pharaoh punishes Israel with harsher labor, revealing his hardened heart and hatred for God’s people.

## II. YHWH's Reassurance of Israel's Deliverance (5:22-6:13)

- Moses' Unfaithful Accusation (5:22–23)
  - Moses questions God's goodness and timing after Israel suffers more.
- God's Power to Deliver (6:1)
  - God affirms His power, declaring Pharaoh will release Israel under divine compulsion.
- God's Promise to Keep His Covenant Promise (6:2–9)
  - God reminds Moses of His covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, guaranteeing deliverance. As He is "El Shaddai, so He is YHWH"

## II. YHWH's Reassurance of Israel's Deliverance (5:22-6:13)

- Moses' and Aaron's Leadership Reaffirmed (6:10–30)
- Israel's Unbelief (6:9)
  - The people refuse to listen due to despair and suffering.
- Moses' Hesitation (6:12)
  - Moses doubts his speaking ability and fears Pharaoh won't listen.
- Genealogy Given (6:14–26)
  - God validates Moses and Aaron's authority through their Levitical lineage.

## II. YHWH's Reassurance of Israel's Deliverance (5:22-6:13)

- God's Plan Declared (7:1–9)
- Moses as God's Prophet
  - God designates Moses as His representative and Aaron as his spokesman.
- God Hardens Pharaoh's Heart
  - God removes restraint, allowing Pharaoh's sin to fully manifest for divine purposes.

## **III. God's Plan to Deliver His People (7:8-11:10)**

- Moses Given a Sign to Validate His request as coming from God (7:8-10)
- Purpose of the Signs
  - God uses wonders to display His superiority over Egypt and its gods and validate Moses as His spokesman

# The Ten Plagues Overview

- Purpose of Plagues

- *To demonstrate the power of God beyond natural phenomenon*
- *To demonstrate God's superiority over Egypt's false gods*
- *To carry out His intended purposes in Pharaoh*
- *To receive the glory for the deliverance of His people*

- Increasing Severity

- Each plague intensifies in scope and judgment.

- Pharaoh's Hardness

- Despite clear miracles, Pharaoh repeatedly rejects God's commands.

# Plagues 1–4

#	Plague	Deity	Officials/Magicians	Result
1	Blood 7:20	Hapi	Duplicated sign	Heart hardened
2	Frogs 8:6	Heqt	Duplicated plague	Promised → hardened
3	Lice / Gnat 8:17	Hathor/Nut	“Finger of God”	Heart hardened
4	Flies 8:24	Uatchit	No response	Bargained → hardened

# Plagues 5–8

#	Plague	Deity	Officials/Magicians	Result
5	Livestock Diseased 9:6	Apis	No response	Heart hardened
6	Boils 9:10	Sekhmet	Could not stand	LORD hardened heart
7	Hail 9:23	Geb	Feared the LORD	Promised → hardened
8	Locusts 10:13	Serapis	Urged release	LORD hardened heart

# Plagues 9–10

#	Plague	Deity	Officials/Magicians	Result
9	Darkness 10:22	Ra	No response	LORD hardened heart
10	Death of Firstborn 12:29	—	Urged Israel out	Israel released