

Exodus 10:1-20 **Plague of Locust**

¹ Now the LORD said to Moses, "Go in to Pharaoh; for I have hardened his heart and the hearts of his servants, that I may show these signs of Mine before him, ² and that you may tell in the hearing of your son and your son's son the mighty things I have done in Egypt, and My signs which I have done among them, that you may know that I am the LORD."

³ So Moses and Aaron came in to Pharaoh and said to him, "Thus says the LORD God of the Hebrews: 'How long will you refuse to humble yourself before Me? Let My people go, that they may serve Me. ⁴ Or else, if you refuse to let My people go, behold, tomorrow I will bring locusts into your territory. ⁵ And they shall cover the face of the earth, so that no one will be able to see the earth; and they shall eat the residue of what is left, which remains to you from the hail, and they shall eat every tree which grows up for you out of the field. ⁶ They shall fill your houses, the houses of all your servants, and the houses of all the Egyptians--which neither your fathers nor your fathers' fathers have seen, since the day that they were on the earth to this day.'" And he turned and went out from Pharaoh.

⁷ Then Pharaoh's servants said to him, "How long shall this man be a snare to us? Let the men go, that they may serve the LORD their God. Do you not yet know that Egypt is destroyed?" ⁸ So Moses and Aaron were brought again to Pharaoh, and he said to them, "Go, serve the LORD your God. Who are the ones that are going?" ⁹ And Moses said, "We will go with our young and our old; with our sons and our daughters, with our flocks and our herds we will go, for we must hold a feast to the LORD." ¹⁰ Then he said to them, "The LORD had better be with you when I let you and your little ones go! Beware, for evil is ahead of you. ¹¹ Not so! Go now, you who are men, and serve the LORD, for that is what you desired." And they were driven out from Pharaoh's presence.

¹² Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the land of Egypt for the locusts, that they may come upon the land of Egypt, and eat every herb of the land--all that the hail has left." ¹³ So Moses stretched out his rod over the land of Egypt, and the LORD brought an east wind on the land all that day and all that night. When it was morning, the east wind brought the locusts. ¹⁴ And the locusts went up over all the land of Egypt and rested on all the territory of Egypt. They were very severe; previously there had been no such locusts as they, nor shall there be such after them. ¹⁵ For they covered the face of the whole earth, so that the land was darkened; and they ate every herb of the land and all the fruit of the trees which the hail had left. So there remained nothing green on the trees or on the plants of the field throughout all the land of Egypt.

¹⁶ Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron in haste, and said, "I have sinned against the LORD your God and against you. ¹⁷ Now therefore, please forgive my sin only this once, and entreat the LORD your God, that He may take away from me this death only." ¹⁸ So he went out from Pharaoh and entreated the LORD. ¹⁹ And the LORD turned a very strong west wind, which took the locusts away and blew them into the Red Sea. There remained not one locust in all the territory of Egypt. ²⁰ But the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he did not let the children of Israel go. NKJV

Facts Revealed:

- ✧ God again repeats His **purpose** in the plagues against Egypt:
 - ✧ That God may show these signs of His before Pharaoh.
 - ✧ That the story may be passed on in Israel from generation to generation.

- ✧ That the generations to come may know the mighty things God has done in Egypt, and His signs done among them.
- ✧ That Moses may **know for sure** that Yehowah is God.
- ✧ The message to Pharaoh, “How long will you refuse to humble yourself before Me? Let My people go that they may serve Me. If you refuse to let My people go, tomorrow I will bring locust into your territory.”
- ✧ The locust will devour everything left in the field from the Hail.
- ✧ Pharaoh’s servants acknowledge that Egypt is destroyed and advise Pharaoh to let Israel go.
- ✧ Pharaoh called Moses and Aaron before him and demanded to know who will be going if he lets Israel go to serve the Lord.
- ✧ Moses assured Pharaoh that everyone of Israel including the young and the old will go and they will take all their livestock with them.
- ✧ Pharaoh warned them that God had better be with them when he lets the little ones go because evil is ahead of them. So Pharaoh said that only the men would be allowed to go because that had been their first request. Then they were driven out of Pharaoh’s presence.
- ✧ God sent the locust just as He had said.
- ✧ The gods of Egypt affected by this plague were:
 - ✧ **Seth**, The god of agriculture.
 - ✧ **Isis**, the goddess of agriculture.
 - ✧ **Both proven powerless to save the growing crops even against locust sent by the God of Israel.**
- ✧ As is his custom, Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron in haste, confessed he had sinned against Yehowah Elohey and against Moses and Aaron. Pharaoh asked them to forgive him and to entreat Yehowah Elohey to take away the plague.
- ✧ Moses entreated Yehowah, and the plague was removed.
- ✧ Then God hardened Pharaoh’s heart the second time and Pharaoh did not let the Children of Israel go, just as God had said to Moses. [\[Exodus 4:21, 7:3, 9:8-12, 10:1\]](#)
- ✧ God’s purpose was to address all the gods worshiped by the Egyptians and there were still a few who were not yet addressed. [\[Exodus 12:12\]](#)