

THE BIBLE IN STORY Number 16—Exodus 7:1 – 12:51

Summary

Moses has returned to his people in Egypt.

Aaron has entered into the work with Moses.

At first the children of Israel believed, but now they refuse to believe.

Moses had a hard job to speak to a hard-hearted king and an unbelieving people.

Moses and Aaron before Pharaoh. Exodus 7:1-12:51 The Ten Plagues.

1. The rod of Moses is turned into a serpent, and the Egyptian magicians do the same thing.

Pharaoh refuses to let the children of Israel go to worship in the wilderness.

2. The water in the river is turned into blood—the magicians do the same.

Pharaoh refuses to let the Israelites go.

3. Frogs—and magicians make frogs.

4. Lice—This time the magicians cannot make lice.

4. Flies

A distinction is made between the Hebrews and the Egyptians.

Pharaoh says, “Worship in the land.”

Moses refuses. Why?

Pharaoh then says, “Go a three day journey into the wilderness, but not far away.”

5. Deaths of cattle

Pharaoh refuses to let the children of Israel go.

6. Boils on men and beasts.

Again the king hardens his heart.

7. Hail destroys crops.

Pharaoh says, “We have sinned...go and worship.” But later he refuses.

8. Locusts come on everything.

Pharaoh says, “Let only your men go.”

9. Darkness for three days.

Pharaoh says, “Go, serve your God, only leave your flocks and herds.”

The Israelites prepare for their journey.

The Egyptians give precious things to the Hebrews.

The Passover is commanded.

10. The death of the firstborn.

THOUGHT QUESTIONS

1. How did God harden Pharaoh’s heart? Note that Pharaoh hardened his own heart.
2. What was the purpose of the hardening of the King’s heart, and why did God send the ten plagues?
3. What effect did the plagues have on the Egyptians?
4. What effect did they have on the Hebrews?
5. Why did God want the Hebrews to tell these things to their children?