



Precursor to the Plagues

Exodus 6:14-7:13





The People, the Problem, the Provision

These are the Aaron and Moses to whom the Lord said: "Bring out the people of Israel from the land of Egypt by their hosts." It was they who spoke to Pharaoh king of Egypt about bringing out the people of Israel from Egypt, this Moses and this Aaron.

Exodus 6:26-27

The People, the Problem, the Provision

the Lord said to Moses, "I am the Lord; tell Pharaoh king of Egypt all that I say to you." But Moses said to the Lord, "Behold, I am of uncircumcised lips. How will Pharaoh listen to me?"

Exodus 6:29-30

The People, the Problem, the Provision

And the Lord said to Moses, "See, I have made you like God to Pharaoh, and your brother Aaron shall be your prophet. You shall speak all that I command you, and your brother Aaron shall tell Pharaoh to let the people of Israel go out of his land.

Exodus 7:1-2

We don't glory in our giftedness; we glory in our God.

His Plan, His Power, His Prerogative

But I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and though I multiply my signs and wonders in the land of Egypt, Pharaoh will not listen to you. Then I will lay my hand on Egypt and bring my hosts, my people the children of Israel, out of the land of Egypt by great acts of judgment.

Exodus 7:3-4a

His Plan, His Power, His Prerogative

Pharaoh will not listen to you. Then I will lay my hand on Egypt and bring my hosts, my people the children of Israel, out of the land of Egypt by great acts of judgment.

Exodus 7:4b

His Plan, His Power, His Prerogative

The Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I stretch out my hand against Egypt and bring out the people of Israel from among them."



Moses and Aaron

Moses and Aaron did so; they did just as the Lord commanded them.

Moses and Aaron

Now Moses was eighty years old, and Aaron eighty-three years old, when they spoke to Pharaoh.



"When Pharaoh says to you, 'Prove yourselves by working a miracle,' then you shall say to Aaron, 'Take your staff and cast it down before Pharaoh, that it may become a serpent."

So Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and did just as the Lord commanded. Aaron cast down his staff before Pharaoh and his servants, and it became a serpent.



For each man cast down his staff, and they became serpents. But Aaron's staff swallowed up their staffs.

And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.

Isaiah 25:7-8

When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

"Death is swallowed up in victory."

1 Cor 15:54



Still Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he would not listen to them, as the Lord had said.



God accomplishes his purposes through his people by showing his power in both judgment and mercy.