February 2/Day 33

Exodus 10

Verses 1-2

- Who hardened Pharaoh's heart? This is hard to read, but if you are just joining us, we saw this before. In God's sovereignty in Exodus 33:19, God tells us, "And He said, "I Myself will make all My goodness pass before you, and will proclaim the name of the LORD before you; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show compassion on whom I will show compassion."
- What was the purpose of God hardening his heart?
- What is the purpose of making a mockery of Egypt? Does this seem unkind? Or is this due to the arrogance (see verse 3 below) and idolatry in the land?

Verses 3-11

- What was the eighth plague/judgment on Egypt?
- Just a note here, are the citizens of a country affected by the disobedience of their leader toward God?
- How many locusts would overtake the land?
- How will they affect the land?
- Would this have been a common occurrence?
- A snare is a trap. Who did Pharaoh call by this name?
- What did Pharaoh say had happened to Egypt?
- When Pharaoh asked who would go out to serve the LORD, what did Moses say?
- Pharaoh flip-flops in his decisions, does he let the people go?

Verses 12-20

- What did the east winds blow in?
- Was there any food left after the locusts were finished eating?
- Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron, what adverb is used as a time reference?
- What does Pharaoh acknowledge in verse 16?
- Pharaoh asks Moses to make supplication for him. Have we seen this before?
- What did the LORD do with the winds after Moses made supplication for Pharaoh?
- How many locusts were left in Egypt when God shifted the winds?
- Though Pharaoh acknowledged his wrong-doing, did this change his behavior? Why or why not?

Verses 21-29

• What was the ninth plague/judgment of God against Egypt?

- How long did it last?
- Did this plague affect the sons of Israel as well as the Egyptians? We have seen this before, why does God make this division? Think about it.
- Why did Pharaoh want the livestock left behind? Think about it.
- Was Pharaoh willing to let them go?
- What emotion does Pharaoh show this time?
- What did Moses confirm?

Exodus 11

Verses 1-3

- This chapter is a continuation from the last. Moses has not yet left Pharaoh's presence for the last time, but it's as if he turns his attention to the people, away from Pharaoh.
- As God prepared Moses that He would deliver them after one more plague, what did God tell him the people should ask of their neighbors before they go out?
- How did the Egyptian people respond? Why? Have you ever prayed to ask God for a favorably response from others?

Verses 4-8

- Who will go out into the midst (middle) of Egypt? What time of day?
- What would happen to the firstborn of Egypt?
- What kind of great cry would there be in Egypt? What would we call this emotion?
- How was Moses feeling by now? Is anger a sin? Is it an appropriate emotion when used properly? I know many who believe anger is a sin, and if this is the case, then Jesus sinned when he drove the money-changers from the temple; yet we know Jesus was sinless and He is our example. Also, God is angry at times, yet He is just and merciful. Anger, in and of itself, is not sinful but a helpful emotion which spurs us into action; yet it is possible to sin in our anger.

Verses 9-10

• Has Pharaoh finally relented?

Exodus 12

Verses 1-13

- God begins to lay out the Hebrew calendar for Moses and Aaron in regard to the Jewish feasts and holy days.
- Where is the blood of the sacrificial lamb to be placed?
- Observe the specific instructions in regard to the choosing and sacrificing of the lamb.

- How is it to be cooked? Should there be any leftovers?
- What does verse 11 represent? What is this meal/feast called? 1 Corinthians 5:7b, shows us WHO this represents, "For Christ our Passover also has been sacrificed."
- When God strikes down the firstborn of Egypt, who else will He execute judgments against?
- What will happen when God passes over and sees blood on the door?
- Note: This Passover is PRIOR to the giving of the law at Mt. Sinai when the sons of Israel go out of Egypt. Remember this, the blood was on the door BEFORE the giving of the law.

Verses 14-20

- How many generations would celebrate the Passover?
- What do you do to prepare for the Passover? Leaven represents sin. Leaven is yeast and yeast spreads.
- What does the Feast of Unleavened Bread represent? For how many generations?
- How serious were the ordinances surrounding this feast?

Verses 21-22

- Who was responsible for receiving the information from Moses on behalf of the families of the sons of Israel?
- How did the sons of Israel apply the blood to the doorposts?
- Where were they to stay until morning?

Verses 23-27

- Again, what will the LORD do when He passes over and sees the blood on the door?
- This ordinance applies to how many generations?
- Would they observe this ordinance in the land in which He promised to deliver them?
- What were they to teach the children about this rite?
- What did the people do when they bowed low?

Verse 28

 Did the sons of Israel do as the LORD had commanded? Does is bother you that the LORD gives commands? If He is sovereign God of the universe, does He have the authority to give commands?

Verses 29-32

- Did the LORD strike the firstborn as He had said?
- Why was there a great cry in Egypt? How many households were affected?
- Did Pharaoh relent this time?

Verses 33-34

- What were the Egyptians eager for the sons of Israel to do?
- What does this passage tell us about the leaven?

Verses 35-36

Did the sons of Israel leave with riches from Egypt?

Verses 37-39

- How many men of Israel left Egypt?
- The passage says a multitude went up with the men; women and children, as well as livestock. Scholars believe there could have been a million or so people including women and children.
- What did they bring with them to eat?

Verses 40-41

• How long had the sons of Israel lived in Egypt? If you've been with me from the beginning, you'll know that Jacob, renamed Israel, was the father of 12 sons, the 12 tribes of Israel. His descendants are referred to as the sons of Israel. Jacob/Israel's 11th son, Joseph, had been sold into slavery in Egypt and became second in charge, just under Pharaoh. Famine affected the known world causing Jacob/Israel and his sons, Joseph's brothers, to seek help in Egypt. Finding Joseph there, and favor from the Pharaoh at the time (not this Pharaoh), the sons of Israel and their families settled in the land of Goshen, in Egypt. It's 430 years later.

Verse 42.

• When God wants to make a point, when He wants us to remember it, He repeats His instructions. What does he repeat here we saw earlier in today's lesson?

Verses 43-49

- What are the instructions for the Passover regarding foreigners, slaves, sojourners, and servants?
- Why must the strangers be circumcised in order to participate in the Passover? Do you remember the sign of the covenant is circumcision? Keep this in mind, the Scriptures build on this principle.

Verses 50-51

• Who delivered the sons of Israel out of Egypt? See you tomorrow.