

Lesson 9 – Exodus 7:8-25

"I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD. - Exodus 12:12

8. The LORD said to Moses and Aaron,

9. "When Pharaoh says to you, 'Perform a miracle,' then say to Aaron, 'Take your staff and throw it down before Pharaoh,' and it will become a snake."

10. So Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and did just as the LORD commanded. Aaron threw his staff down in front of Pharaoh and his officials, and it became a snake.

11. Pharaoh then summoned **wise men** and **sorcerers**, and the Egyptian **magicians** also did the same things by their **secret arts**:

12. Each one threw down his staff and it became a snake. But Aaron's staff swallowed up their staffs.

13. Yet **Pharaoh's heart became hard** and he would not listen to them, just as the LORD had said.

14. Then the LORD said to Moses, "**Pharaoh's heart is unyielding**; he refuses to let the people go.

15. Go to Pharaoh in the morning as he goes out to the water. Wait on the bank of the Nile to meet him, and take in your hand the staff that was changed into a snake.

16. Then say to him, 'The LORD, the God of the Hebrews, has sent me to say to you: Let my people go, so that they may worship me in the desert. But until now you have not listened.

17. This is what the LORD says: By this you will know that I am the LORD: With the staff that is in my hand I will strike the water of the Nile, and it will be changed into blood.

18. The fish in the Nile will die, and the river will stink; the Egyptians will not be able to drink its water."

19. The LORD said to Moses, "Tell Aaron, 'Take your staff and stretch out your hand over the waters of Egypt--over the streams and canals, over the ponds and all the reservoirs'--and they will turn to blood. Blood will be everywhere in Egypt, even in the wooden buckets and stone jars."

20. Moses and Aaron did just as the LORD had commanded. He raised his staff in the presence of Pharaoh and his officials and struck the water of the Nile, and all the water was changed into blood.

21. The fish in the Nile died, and the river smelled so bad that the Egyptians could not drink its water. Blood was everywhere in Egypt.

22. But the Egyptian **magicians** did the same things by **their secret arts**, and **Pharaoh's heart became hard**; he would not listen to Moses and Aaron, just as the LORD had said.

23. Instead, he turned and went into his palace, and **did not take even this to heart**.

24. And all the Egyptians dug along the Nile to get drinking water, because they could not drink the water of the river.

25. Seven days passed after the LORD struck the Nile.

Outline of Lesson 9

Exodus 7:8-12

If we remember what has happened so far, Moses and Aaron went before Pharaoh the first time without the staff and miracles God commanded and it was a fiasco. In chapter 6 God encourages Moses to believe HIM, who He is, His promises, and His mighty hand and outstretched arm. Now God gives him further instruction and reminds him again to use the staff and say ALL that the Lord has told him to say. In other words, God is saying, “*Don’t make it up as you go. Don’t use your own words, say EXACTLY what I say and do EXACTLY what I do.*”

There are several things to point out in this passage as a preface to the 10 Plagues of Egypt. □ Indicates a document to download from www.MinistryToday.org

1. First it is Pharaoh and his hardened heart (*we will explore this later*)
2. Second is the gods of Egypt – who are they? Where do they come from?
3. Third is the magicians of Egypt – How did they replicate 3 of the miracles?
4. Fourth is what God says about idols and demons

1. THE GODS OF EGYPT

- The Gods of Egypt – 3,000 gods – 10 are targeted by God in the plagues □
- Where Did They Come From? Who invented them? - Book of Enoch *Nephilim* □
- The Idols of Egypt and demons – See the Scriptures □

2. THE SORCERERS OF EGYPT

- Astrologers (wisemen), Sorcerers, and Magicians
- Jannes and Jambres – 2 Timothy 3:8 *who resisted withstood Moses*
- What was the source of the sorcerer’s power? *Evil spirits, demons*
- Could they do real miracles? *Yes, they replicated three of the plagues.* □

3. BIBLICAL WARNINGS ABOUT IDOLATRY & WITCHCRAFT

- God’s word against all forms of witchcraft □
- Witchcraft today – see list of works of darkness □
 - o Amulets and good luck charms
 - o Dungeons and Dragons – Harry Potter — Spells & Enchantments
 - o Is Yoga a Religion or Religious Rite? □