

EXODUS CHAPTER 9

¹ And the Lord said to Moses, "Go in to Pharaoh, and you shall say to him, 'Thus says the Lord God of the Hebrews: Let My people go, that they may serve Me.' ² If, however, you refuse to let My people go, but yet detain them— ³ behold, the hand of the Lord shall be upon your cattle in the fields, on the horses, on the donkeys, on the camels, on the oxen and on the sheep—a very great pestilence. ⁴ And I will make a marvelous distinction in that time between the livestock of the Egyptians and the livestock of the children of Israel: nothing shall die of all that belongs to the children of Israel." ⁵ And God fixed a limit, saying, "Tomorrow the Lord will do this thing on the land." ⁶ And the Lord did this thing on the next day, and all the livestock of the Egyptians died, but of the livestock of the children of Israel not one of them died. ⁷ And when Pharaoh saw that of all the livestock of the children of Israel, that not one had died, the heart of Pharaoh was hardened, and he did not let the people go.

⁸ And the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying, "Take for yourselves handfuls of ashes from the furnace, and let Moses scatter it toward heaven before Pharaoh, and before his servants. ⁹ And let it become dust over all the land of Egypt, and there shall be sore boils breaking forth upon men and upon beasts, in all the land of Egypt." ¹⁰ So he took ashes from the furnace before Pharaoh, and Moses scattered it toward heaven, and it became sore boils breaking forth both on men and on beasts. ¹¹ And the sorcerers could not stand before Moses because of the sores, for the sores were on the sorcerers, and in all the land of Egypt. ¹² And the Lord hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he did not listen to them, as the Lord appointed.

¹³ And the Lord said to Moses, "Rise up early in the morning, and stand before Pharaoh; and you shall say to him, 'Thus says the Lord God of the Hebrews: Let My people go, that they may serve Me.' ¹⁴ For at this present time I will send forth all My plagues into your heart, and the heart of your servants and of your people; that you may know that there is not another such as I in all the earth. ¹⁵ For now I will stretch forth My hand and strike you and kill your people, and you shall be consumed from off of the earth. ¹⁶ And for this purpose have you been preserved, that I might display My strength in you, and that My name might be declared in all the earth. ¹⁷ Do you then yet exert yourself to hinder My people, so as not to let them go? ¹⁸ Behold, tomorrow at this hour I will rain a very great hail, such as has not been in Egypt from the time it was created until this day. ¹⁹ Now then hasten to gather your livestock, and all that you have in the fields, for all the men and the livestock, as many as shall be found in the fields, and shall not enter into a house, (but the hail shall fall upon them,) shall die.'" ²⁰ He who feared the word of the Lord among Pharaoh's servants gathered his cattle into the houses. ²¹ And he that did not attend in his mind to the word of the Lord left the cattle in the fields.

²² And the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand toward heaven, and there shall be hail on all the land of Egypt, both on the men and on the cattle, and on all the herbs on the land." ²³ And Moses stretched forth his hand toward heaven, and the Lord sent thunder and hail; and the fire ran along upon the ground, and the Lord rained hail on all the land of Egypt. ²⁴ So there was hail and

flaming fire mingled with hail; and the hail was very great, such as was not in Egypt from the time there was a nation upon it. ²⁵ And the hail struck both man and beast in all the land of Egypt, and the hail struck all the grass in the field, and the hail broke in pieces all the trees in the field. ²⁶ Only in the land of Goshen, where the children of Israel were, was there not hail.

²⁷ And Pharaoh sent and called for Moses and Aaron, and said to them, “I have sinned this time: the Lord is righteous, and I and my people are wicked. ²⁸ Pray then for me to the Lord, and let Him cause the thundering of God to cease, and the hail and the fire, and I will send you forth and you shall remain no longer.” ²⁹ And Moses said to him, “When I have departed from the city, I will stretch out my hands to the Lord, and the thundering shall cease, and the hail and the rain shall be no longer, so that you may know that the earth is the Lord’s. ³⁰ But as for you and your servants, I know that you have not yet feared the Lord.” ³¹ Now the flax and the barley were struck, for the barley was advanced, and the flax was seeding. ³² But the wheat and the rye were not struck, for they were late. ³³ And Moses went forth from Pharaoh out of the city, and stretched out his hands to the Lord, and the thunders ceased and the hail, and the rain did not drop on the earth. ³⁴ And when Pharaoh saw that the rain and the hail and the thunders had ceased, he continued to sin; and *he* hardened his heart, and the heart of his servants. And the heart of Pharaoh was hardened, and he did not send forth the children of Israel, as the Lord said to Moses.