



EXODUS 10

IN 5 MINUTES

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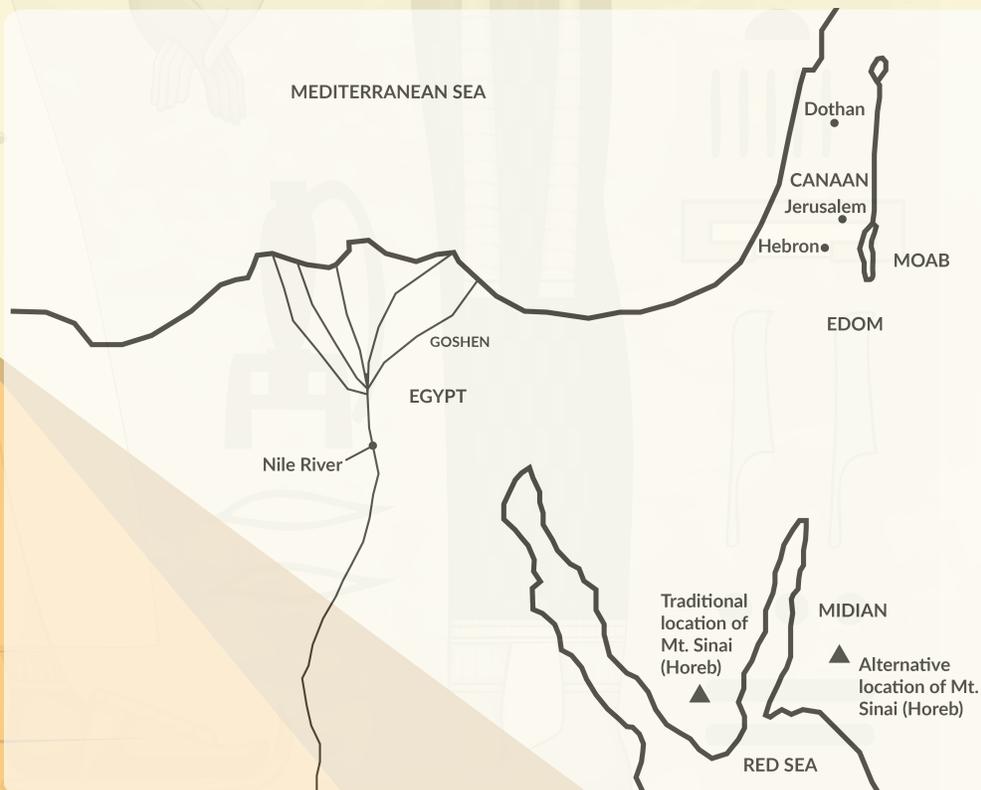
- Moses was born around 1591 B.C. and left Egypt at 40 years old (Acts 7:23).
- According to Exodus 7:7, Moses was 80 years old when he stood before Pharaoh as the representative of God.

Characters:

- **Israelites (Hebrews)** – They were the descendants of Jacob’s family that grew into a large nation. During this period of history, the Israelites were enslaved by the Egyptians.
- **Moses** – A Hebrew who grew up in the house of Pharaoh. He fled Egypt in Exodus 2 and went to live in Midian. God used him to deliver the Israelites from Egyptian bondage.
- **Aaron** – Moses’ brother. The son of Amram and Jochebed.
- **Pharaoh** – The king of Egypt who defied the commands of the Lord.

Where:

- The events recorded in Exodus 9 happened in Egypt.
- The Israelites lived in the land of Goshen, a region of Egypt.
- God destroyed a locust swarm by blowing it into the Red Sea.



Outline:

- THE EIGHTH PLAGUE: LOCUSTS (10:1-20):

- + God hardened Pharaoh's heart in order to show His mighty works in Egypt.
- + Moses and Aaron were told to return to Pharaoh and tell him a plague of locusts were going to devour Egypt and all its sustenance.
- + The Locusts would cover the face of the land, eat everything left over after the hail, and fill the houses of the Egyptians.
- + Pharaoh's servants had seen enough, and they begged Pharaoh to let the Israelites go into the wilderness to worship.
- + Pharaoh told Moses he would allow the Hebrew men to go, but they would have to leave their women, children, and livestock in Egypt.
- + God didn't accept Pharaoh's terms and, the next day, He sent the Locusts swarms to Egypt.
- + The swarms were dense "as had never been before, nor ever will be again."
- + They ate all the plants, fruits, and trees that had been spared from the hail.
- + Pharaoh plead with Moses to take the Locusts away.
- + God sent a very strong east wind, which blew the locusts into the Red Sea.
- + God hardened Pharaoh's heart and he would not let the people go.

- THE NINTH PLAGUE: DARKNESS (10:21-29):

- + God brought darkness on all of Egypt. It was pitch black and described as "darkness to be felt."
- + For three days, no one in Egypt saw another person or left their house.
- + The darkness did not affect the homes of the Israelites.
- + Pharaoh called Moses and gave him permission to worship in the wilderness, but required the Hebrews to leave their flocks and herds behind.
- + Moses told Pharaoh they needed to take their animals because they would need to make sacrifices to the Lord.
- + God hardened Pharaoh's heart and he would not let the people go.
- + He told Moses he would kill him if he ever saw his face again.

Application:

- Can God harden a wicked person's heart for His own purposes?
- He certainly can! He doesn't owe any of us a 2nd, or 10th, or 100th chance.
- God hardened Pharaoh's heart to prove a point and to write a story that would teach people about God's supremacy and the foolishness of pride.
- We want to be very careful about the condition of our hearts. God doesn't owe any of us His grace, and we certainly don't want to find ourselves in a situation where our hearts have been so hard for so long that God is writing us into His story as an antagonist.

