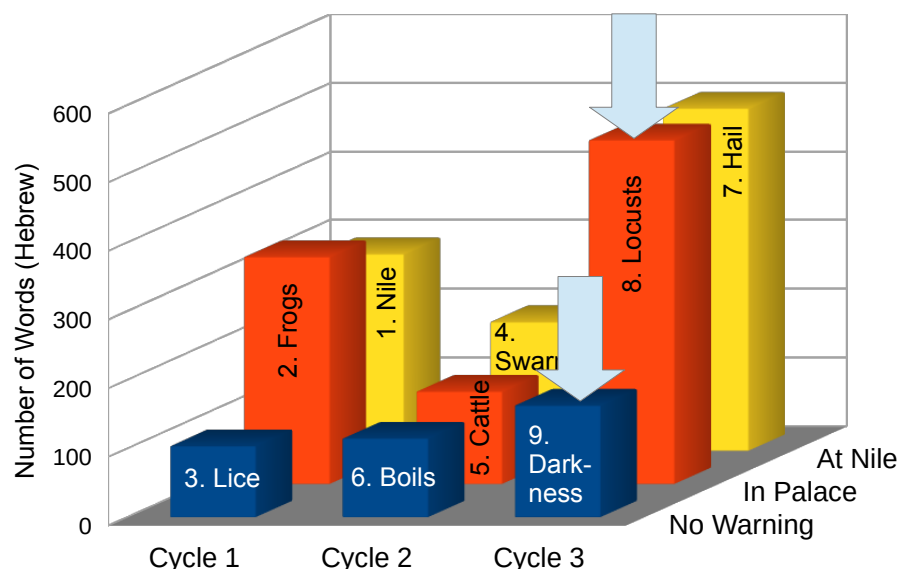


Agency			Setting
Aaron's Rod	No Rod	Moses' Rod or Hand	
7:14-25 Nile to Blood	8:20-32 Swarm Beasts	9:13-35 Hail Famine	Stand (Nile)
8:1-15 Frogs Beasts	9:1-7 Cattle Pestilence	10:1-20 Locusts Famine	Go (Palace)
8:16-19 Lice Beasts	9:8-12 Boils Pestilence	10:21-29 Darkness	None

Beasts, Pestilence, Famine, (War): Lev 26, Ez 14



For Discussion

10:4-29

- How does God relate the plague of locusts to the hail, and why?
- Did the Israelites suffer from the plague of locusts?
- Did they suffer from any of the plagues?
- What may have inspired the compromise that Pharaoh proposes in 10:11?
- What does Pharaoh have right, and what does he have wrong, in his negotiation in 10:16-17?
- How does the ninth plague respond to Pharaoh's boasts in the eighth plague?
- The request behind all of the plagues is "Let my people go, that they may serve me." Reviewing all the plagues, how does each of Pharaoh's counterproposals reflect the world's attempts to compromise our service to the Lord?

Exod 10:4-7, Locusts (2)

Warning: 4 Else, if thou refuse to let my people go, behold, to morrow will I bring the locusts into thy coast: 5 And they shall cover the face of the earth, that one cannot be able to see the earth: and they shall eat the residue of that which is escaped, which **remaineth** unto you from the **hail**, and shall eat every tree which groweth for you out of the field: 6 And they shall fill **thy** houses, and the houses of all **thy** servants, and the houses of all **the Egyptians**; which neither thy fathers, nor thy fathers' fathers have seen, since the day that they were upon the earth unto this day. And he turned himself, and went out from Pharaoh.

Negotiation (1): 7 And **Pharaoh's servants** said unto him, How long shall this man be a snare unto us? let the men go, that they may serve the LORD their God: knowest thou not yet that Egypt is destroyed?

The Heart of Pharaoh's Servants

Exo 9:34 And when Pharaoh saw that the rain and the hail and the thunders were ceased, he sinned yet more, and hardened his heart, **he and his servants**.

Exo 14:5 And it was told the king of Egypt that the people fled: and **the heart of Pharaoh and of his servants was turned** against the people, and they said, Why have we done this, that we have let Israel go from serving us?

Exod 10:8-12, Locusts (3)

Negotiation 1 (cont.): 8 And Moses and Aaron were brought again unto Pharaoh: and he said unto them, **Go, serve** the LORD your God: but who are they that shall go? 9 And Moses said, We will go with our young and with our old, with our sons and with our daughters, with our flocks and with our herds will we go; for we must hold a feast unto the LORD. 10 And he said unto them, Let the LORD be so with you, as I will let you go, and your little ones: look to it; for **evil is before you**. 11 Not so: **go now ye that are men**, and **serve** the LORD; for that ye did desire. And they were driven out from Pharaoh's presence.

Command: 12 And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand over the land of Egypt for the locusts, that they may come up upon the land of Egypt, and eat every herb of the land, even all that **the hail hath left**.

Gen 50:6 And Pharaoh said, Go up, and bury thy father, according as he made thee swear. 7 And Joseph went up to bury his father: and with him went up all the servants of Pharaoh, the elders of his house, and all the elders of the land of Egypt, 8 And all the house of Joseph, and his brethren, and his father's house: **only their little ones, and their flocks, and their herds, they left in the land of Goshen.**

Exod 10:13-15, Locusts (4)

Imposition: 13 And Moses stretched forth his rod over the land of Egypt, and the LORD brought an east wind upon the land all that day, and all that night; and when it was morning, the east wind brought the locusts. 14 And the locusts went up over all the land of Egypt, and rested in all the coasts of Egypt: very grievous were they; before them there were no such locusts as they, neither after them shall be such. 15 For they covered the face of the whole earth, so that the land was darkened; and they did eat every herb of the land, and all the fruit of the trees which **the hail had left**: and there remained not any green thing in the trees, or in the herbs of the field, through all the land of Egypt.



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Exod 10:16-20, Locusts (5)

Negotiation: 16 Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron in haste; and he said, **I have sinned against the LORD your God, and against you.** 17 Now therefore forgive, I pray thee, my sin only this once, and intreat the LORD your God, that he may take away from me this death only.

Relief: 18 And he went out from Pharaoh, and intreated the LORD. 19 And the LORD turned a mighty strong west wind, which took away the locusts, and cast them into the Red sea; there remained not one locust in all the coasts of Egypt.

Hardening: 20 But the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, so that he would not let the children of Israel go.

Sinned ... against you

Gen 39:9 There is none greater in this house than I; neither hath he kept back any thing from me but thee, because thou art his wife: how then can I do this great wickedness, and **sin against God?**

Psa 51:4 **Against thee, thee only, have I sinned,** and done this evil in thy sight ...

Luk 15:21 And the son said unto him, Father, I have **sinned against heaven, and in thy sight,** and am no more worthy to be called thy son.

Exod 10:21-29, Darkness

Command: 21 And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand toward heaven, ~~that there may be~~ **let there be darkness** over the land of Egypt, even darkness which may be felt.

Imposition: 22 And Moses stretched forth his hand toward heaven; **and there was a thick darkness** in all the land of Egypt three days: 23 They saw not one another, neither rose any from his place for three days:

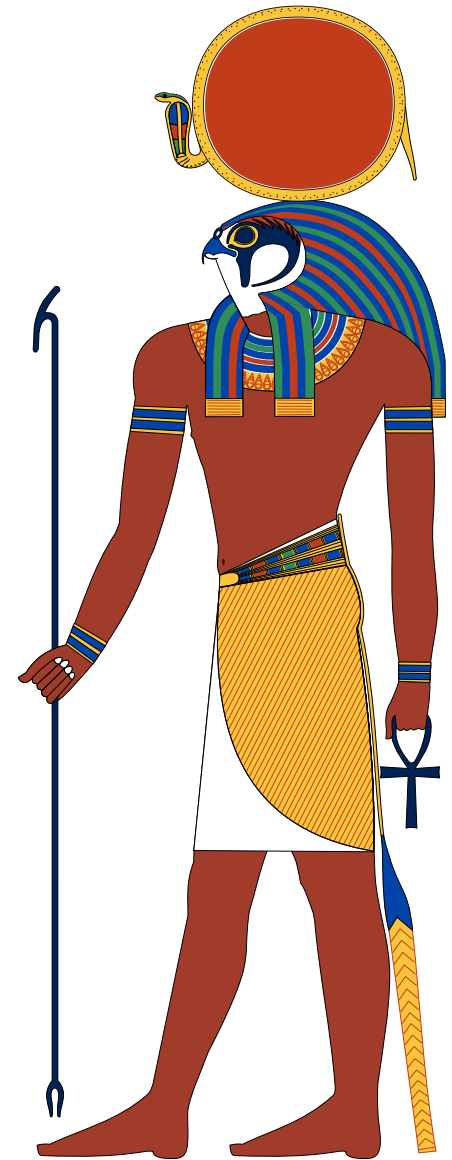
Later References

Psa 105:27-28 They shewed his signs among them, and wonders in the land of Ham. 28 He sent darkness, and made it dark; and they rebelled not against his word.

Rev 16:8 And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire. 9 And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory. 10 And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain, 11 And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds.

A Final Blow to the Sun god Ra?

Exod 10:10b (Pharaoh) look to it; for evil (*ra-ah*) is before you.



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Exod 10:23b Exemption

but all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings. (**explicit**)

1 Nile: Exo 7:19 ... stretch out thine hand upon the waters of Egypt, upon **their** streams, upon **their** rivers, and upon **their** ponds, and upon all **their** pools of water, that they may become blood; ... (implicit)

2 Frogs: Exo 8:3 And the river shall bring forth frogs abundantly, which shall go up and come into **thine** house, and into **thy** bedchamber, and upon **thy** bed, and into the house of **thy** servants, and upon **thy** people, and into **thine** ovens, and into **thy** kneadingtroughs: (implicit)

3 Lice Exo 8:16 ... Say unto Aaron, Stretch out thy rod, and smite the dust of the land, that it may become lice throughout **all the land of Egypt**. (implicit, cf. flies and hail)

4 Swarm Exo 8:22 And I will sever in that day the land of Goshen, in which my people dwell, that no swarms of flies shall be there; ... 24 ... and there came a grievous swarm of flies into the house **of Pharaoh**, and into **his servants'** houses, and into **all the land of Egypt**: ... (**explicit**)

5 Cattle Exo 9:4 ... there shall **nothing die** of all that is the children's of Israel. (**explicit**)

6 Boils Exo 9:9 And it shall become small dust in **all the land of Egypt**, and shall be a boil breaking forth with blains upon man, and upon beast, throughout **all the land of Egypt**. (implicit)

7 Hail Exo 9:22 And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch forth thine hand toward heaven, that there may be hail in **all the land of Egypt**, upon man, and upon beast, and upon every herb of the field, throughout the land of Egypt. ... 26 Only in the land of **Goshen**, where the children of Israel were, was there **no hail**.(**explicit**)

8 Locusts Exo 10:6 And they shall fill **thy** houses, and the houses of all **thy** servants, and the houses of all **the Egyptians**; ... (implicit)

2Pe 2:9 The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:

Exod 10:24-29, Darkness (2)

Negotiation: 24 And Pharaoh called unto Moses, and said, **Go ye, serve the LORD; only let your flocks and your herds be stayed:** let your little ones also go with you. 25 And Moses said, Thou must give us also sacrifices and burnt offerings, that we may sacrifice unto the LORD our God. 26 Our cattle also shall go with us; there shall not an hoof be left behind; for thereof must we take to serve the LORD our God; and we know not with what we must serve the LORD, until we come thither.

Hardening: 27 But the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he would not let them go. 28 And Pharaoh said unto him, Get thee from me, take heed to thyself, see my face no more; for in that day thou seest my face thou shalt die. 29 And Moses said, Thou hast spoken well, I will see thy face again no more.

Pharaoh's Counter-Proposals

Exo 5:2 And Pharaoh said, Who is the LORD, that I should obey his voice to let Israel go? **I know not the LORD, neither will I let Israel go.**

Exo 8:25 And Pharaoh called for Moses and for Aaron, and said, Go ye, sacrifice to your God **in the land.**

Isa 52:11 Depart ye, depart ye, go ye out from thence, touch no unclean thing; go ye out of the midst of her; be ye clean, that bear the vessels of the LORD.

Exo 10:11 Not so: go now **ye that are men**, and serve the LORD; for that ye did desire. And they were driven out from Pharaoh's presence.

Psa 50:9 I will take no bullock out of thy house, nor he goats out of thy folds. ... 12 If I were hungry, I would not tell thee: for the world is mine, and the fulness thereof. ... 14 Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most High: 15 And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.