

EXODUS 1 1:4-10

MOSES WARNS PHARAOH
OF THE FINAL PLAGUE

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- How is God’s presence “in the midst of the land of Egypt” (11:4) different from his presence “in the midst of the land [of Goshen]” (8:22)?
- What is significant about the cry of the Egyptians (11:6) in the light of the overall history?
- How does the knowledge conveyed by this judgment (11:7) differ from that given in the earlier plagues?
- Was Moses right to be angry in 11:8? Why or why not?
- How do the Lord’s words in 11:9 correct Moses’ anger in 11:8?
- How did the Lord seek to correct Moses’ anger in Exod 32?
- Did Moses learn the lesson about anger?
- What is the function of the similarities between 11:9-10 and 7:3-4?

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6 a great **cry**

Ex. 3:7 And the LORD said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt, and have **heard their cry** by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows; [cf. 3:9]

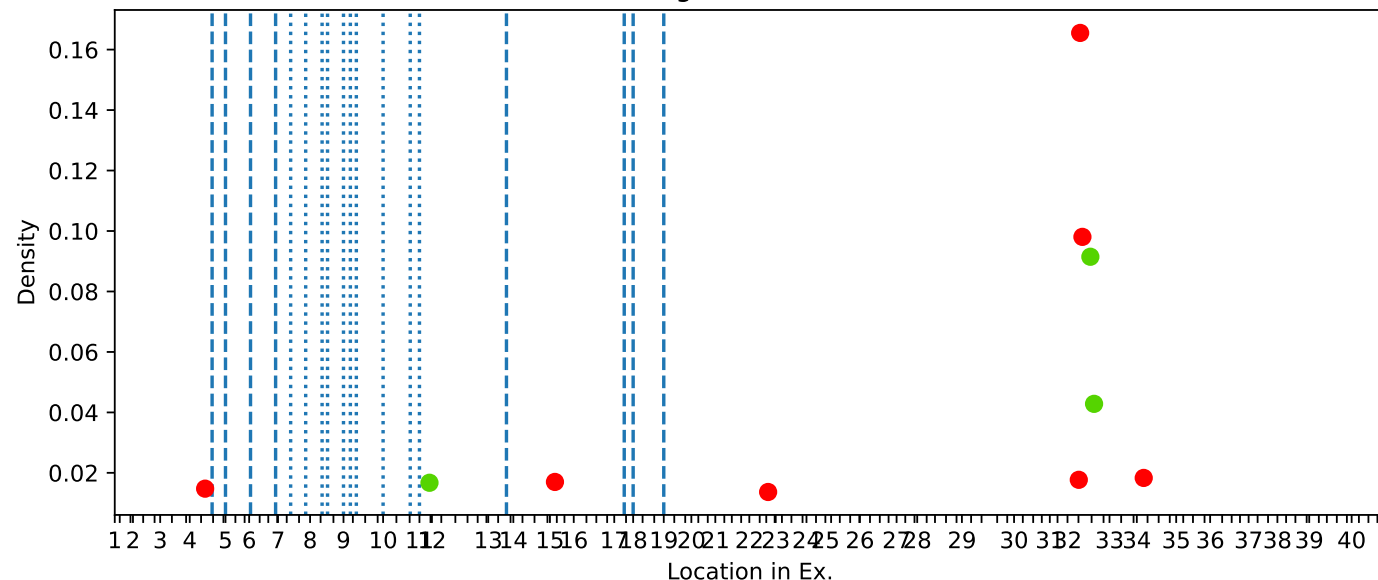
Ex. 5:15 Then the officers of the children of Israel came and **cried** unto Pharaoh, saying, Wherefore dealest thou thus with thy servants? [cf. 5:8]

7b that **ye** may know

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11:8, Moses' Anger

אף (*af* H639), חרה (*charah* H2734), חרי (*choriy* H2750), חרון (*charon* H2740). **Red**: subject is God. **Green**: subject is Moses.



The Lord's Example in Exodus 32

Exo 32:10 Now therefore let me alone, that my **wrath** may **wax hot** against them, and that I may consume them: and I will make of thee a great nation. 11 And Moses besought the LORD his God, and said, LORD, why doth thy **wrath wax hot** against thy people, which thou hast brought forth out of the land of Egypt with great power, and with a mighty hand? 12 Wherefore should the Egyptians speak, and say, For mischief did he bring them out, to slay them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth? Turn from thy **fierce wrath**, and repent of this evil against thy people. ... 14 And the LORD repented of the evil which he thought to do unto his people.

Exod 34:6 The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, **longsuffering [slow to anger]**, and abundant in goodness and truth,

Psa 106:32 They angered him [the Lord] also at the waters of strife, so that it went ill with Moses for their sakes: 33 Because they **provoked his [Moses'] spirit**, so that he spake unadvisedly with his lips.

Deu 32:35 To me (the Lord) belongeth vengeance, and recompence; their foot shall slide in due time: for the day of their calamity is at hand, and the things that shall come upon them make haste.

Warnings against Wrath

New Testament

Rom 12:17 Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. 18 If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. 19 Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather **give place unto wrath**: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. 20 Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. 21 Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

Eph 4:31 Let all **bitterness**, and **wrath**, and **anger**, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: 32 And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

Col 3:8 But now ye also put off all these; **anger**, **wrath**, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.

Old Testament

Pro 22:24 Make no friendship with an **angry man**; and with a **furious man** thou shalt not go: 25 Lest thou learn his ways, and get a snare to thy soul. (cf. 29:22)

Pro 25:28 He that hath **no rule over his own spirit** is like a city that is broken down, and without walls.

Pro 21:24 Proud and haughty scorner is his name, who dealeth in **proud wrath**.

Framing Exodus 7-11

7:3-4	11:9-10
3 And I will harden Pharaoh's heart , and multiply my signs and my wonders in the land of Egypt . 4 But Pharaoh shall not hearken unto you , that I may lay my hand upon Egypt,	9 Pharaoh shall not hearken is not hearkening unto you ; that my wonders may be multiplied in the land of Egypt . 10 And Moses and Aaron did all these wonders before Pharaoh: and the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart ,
and bring forth mine armies, and my people the children of Israel, out of the land of Egypt by great judgments.	so that he would not let the children of Israel go out of his land .

Section	Structure	Agents	Result
6:28-11:10	Inclusio (7:3-4;11:9-10)	Moses and Aaron	Pharaoh refuses to release Israel
12:1-13:16	Alternation (History, Legacy)	The Lord	Pharaoh releases Israel