

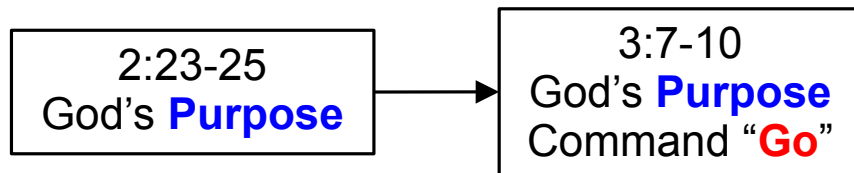
# For Discussion

7:3-13

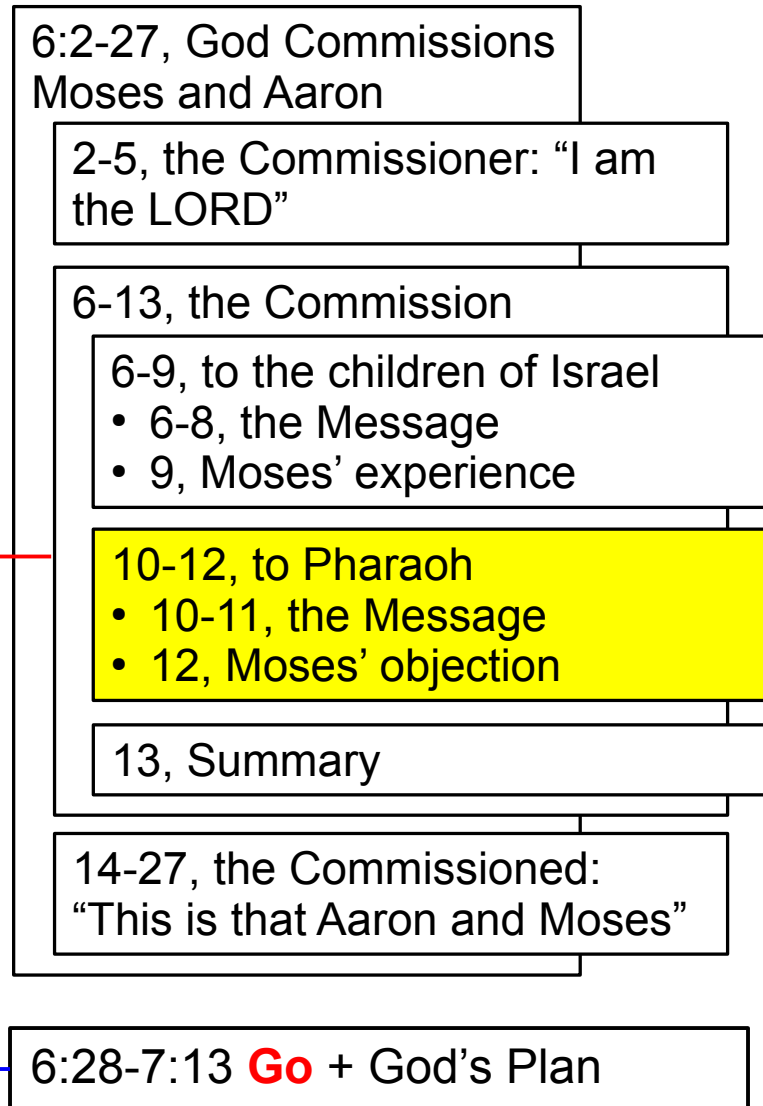
Theme	First Panel 1:1-4:18	Second Panel 4:19-40:38
Entering Egypt	1:1-7, Eleven tribes go to Egypt & multiply	4:19-31, Moses returns to Egypt with his family
Oppression	1:8-22, Pharaoh oppresses Israel	5:1-6:1, Oppression increases
Leaders raised up	2:1-4, Moses born	6:2-27, Moses & Aaron appointed
Moses & Pharaoh	2:5-10, Moses as a son	6:28-13:16, Moses as a deliverer
Travel to Horeb	2:11-15, Moses flees to Midian	13:17-17:7, Israel from Egypt to Sinai
Conflict	2:16-17, Moses overcomes shepherds	17:8-16, Moses overcomes Amalek
Moses and Jethro	2:18-22, Moses' Midianite family	18:1-27, Moses' Midianite family
Encounter with God at Horeb	2:23-4:18, Moses to "serve God upon this mountain," 3:12	19:1-40:38, At Horeb, Israel enters covenant with God

- What is the difference between a sign and a wonder?
- Who is the first person in the Bible to perform miracles?
- How do Moses' signs relate to the Lord Jesus?
- Why does God call Israel "mine armies" (7:4)?
- What lesson does this have for us today?
- What two outcomes will God accomplish by hardening and judging (7:5)?
- What lesson can we learn from the note about Moses' age in 7:7?
- How does the miracle of 7:9-10 differ from that of 4:3?
- What distinct meanings did the Egyptians attach to the two serpents?
- What is significant, in the Egyptian understanding, about the superiority of the animals produced by Moses and Aaron?
- What does the NT teach about the significance of the two serpents and what they represent?

# God's Longsuffering with Moses



Mode	Question	Statement
Focus	God Said ...	The LORD Said ...
Moses	3:11-12 Moses: Who am I? God: <b>I will be with</b> you.	4:10-12 Moses: I cannot speak The LORD: <b>Go, I will be with</b> your mouth
The People	3:13-15 Moses: ( <b>They</b> will ask) What is his name? God: The LORD God of your fathers	4:1-9 Moses: <b>They</b> will not believe The LORD: Three signs
	3:16-22 <b>Go</b> + God's Plan & <b>Purpose</b>	



# God's Plan in 7:3-5

<p><b>Mental state</b></p>	<p>7:3 And I will <b>harden Pharaoh's heart,</b></p>	<p>4 But Pharaoh <b>shall not hearken</b> unto you,</p>	<p>5 And the Egyptians <b>shall know</b> that I am the LORD,</p>
<p><b>Miracles</b></p>	<p>and <b>multiply my signs and my wonders</b> in the land of Egypt.</p>	<p><del>that I may</del> and I will <b>lay my hand upon Egypt</b>, ... by great judgments</p>	<p>when I <b>stretch forth mine hand upon Egypt</b>,</p>
<p><b>Deliverance</b></p>		<p>and <b>bring forth</b> mine armies, and my people the children of Israel, out of the land of Egypt</p>	<p>and <b>bring out</b> the children of Israel from among them.</p>

# Signs and Wonders

## Sign (אוֹת *owt* H226): Convey a Message

Ex. 4:28 And Moses told Aaron all the words of the LORD who had sent him, and all the **signs** which he had commanded him. 29 And Moses and Aaron went and gathered together all the elders of the children of Israel: 30 And Aaron spake all the words which the LORD had spoken unto Moses, and did the **signs** in the sight of the people.

Ex. 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; **to the end thou mayest know that I am the LORD** in the midst of the earth. 23 And I will put a division between my people and thy people: to morrow shall this **sign** be.

Ex. 10:1 And the LORD said unto Moses, Go in unto Pharaoh: for I have hardened his heart, and the heart of his servants, that I might shew these my **signs** before him: 2 And that thou mayest tell in the ears of thy son, and of thy son's son, what things I have wrought in Egypt, and my **signs** which I have done among them; **that ye may know how that I am the LORD.**

## Wonder (מוֹפֵת *mowfet* H4159): Seize Attention

Exo 4:21 And the LORD said unto Moses, When thou goest to return into Egypt, see that thou do all those **wonders** before Pharaoh, which I have put in thine hand: ...

Exo 11:9 And the LORD said unto Moses, Pharaoh shall not hearken 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, so that he would not let the children of Israel go out of his land.

## The Prophet Like Moses (Deut 18:15)

Act 2:22 Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and **wonders** and **signs**, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know:

## 7:4 Pharaoh's Response

Exo 3:19 And I am sure that the king of Egypt will not let you go, no, not by a mighty hand.

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.

### 7:4 Signs and Wonders → Judgments

Ex. 9:3 Behold, **the hand of the LORD is upon** thy cattle which is in the field, upon the horses, upon the asses, upon the camels, upon the oxen, and upon the sheep: there shall be a very grievous murrain.

Judg. 2:15 Whithersoever they went out, the **hand of the LORD was against** them for evil, as the LORD had said, and as the LORD had sworn unto them: and they were greatly distressed.

## “Mine Armies”: Spiritual Warfare

Exo 1:9 And he said unto his people, Behold, the people of the children of Israel are more and mightier than we: 10 Come on, let us deal wisely with them; lest they multiply, and it come to pass, that, when there falleth out any war, they join also unto our enemies, and fight against us, ...

2Ti 2:3 Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good **soldier of Jesus Christ**.

Php 2:25 Yet I supposed it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother, and companion in labour, and **fellowsoldier**,

Phm 1:2 And to our beloved Apphia, and Archippus our **fellowsoldier**, and to the church in thy house:

2 Cor10:3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: 4 (For the **weapons of our warfare** are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) 5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

Eph 6:11 Put on the whole **armour of God**, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For **we wrestle not against flesh and blood**, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. 13 Wherefore take unto you the whole **armour of God**, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

## 7:7 Never too old to start ...

Psa 90:10 The days of our years are **threescore years and ten**; and if by reason of strength they be **fourscore years**, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away. *Note author!*

Jos 14:10 ... and now, **lo, I am this day fourscore and five years old**. 11 As yet I am as strong this day as I was in the day that Moses sent me: as my strength was then, even so is my strength now, for war, both to go out, and to come in. 12 Now therefore give me this mountain, ...

## Two Kinds of “serpent”

Exo 4:2 And the LORD said unto him, What is that in thine hand? And he said, A rod. 3 And he said, Cast it on the ground. And he cast it on the ground, and it became a **serpent** (*נחש nachash* H5175, LXX ὄφις *ofis* G3789); ...

Exo 7:9 ... then thou shalt say unto Aaron, Take thy rod, and cast it before Pharaoh, and it shall become a serpent (*תנין tannin* H8577, LXX δράκων *drakōn* G1404)

## Tannin (“dragon”) in the Bible

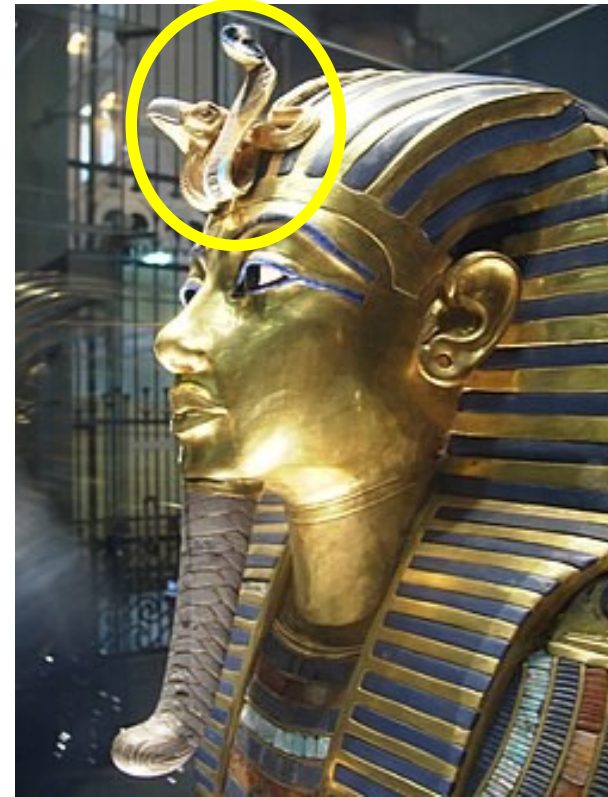
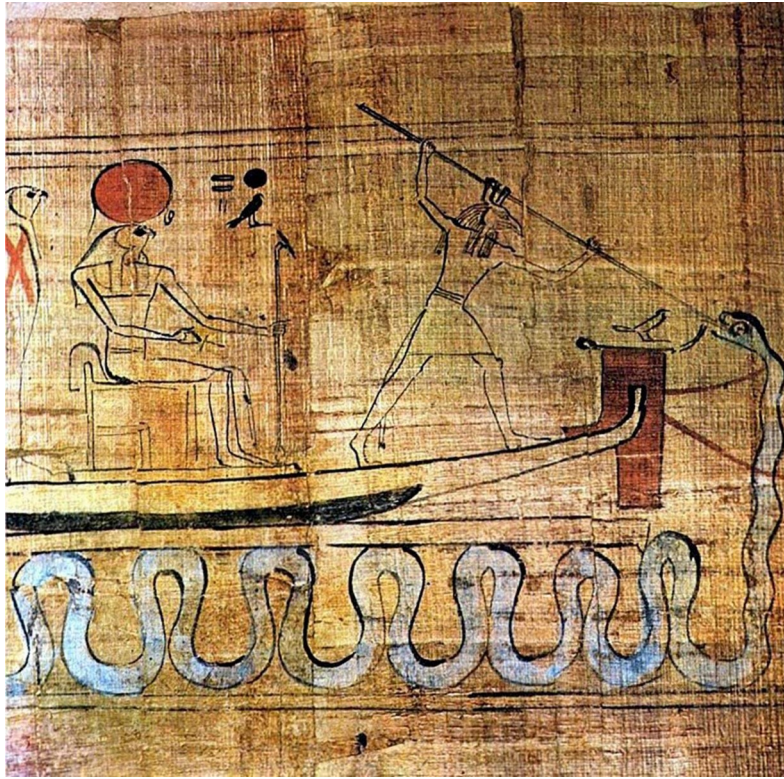
Psa 74:13 Thou didst **divide the sea** by thy strength: thou brakest the heads of the **dragons (תנין)** in the waters.

Isa 51:9 Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the LORD; awake, as in the ancient days, in the generations of old. Art thou not it that hath cut **Rahab**, and wounded the **dragon (תנין)**? 10 Art thou not it which hath **dried the sea**, the waters of the great deep; ...

Job 26:12 He **divideth the sea** with his power, and by his understanding he smiteth through the proud (**Rahab**).

Rev 12:9 And the great **dragon** was cast out, that old **serpent**, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. *cf. 20:2*

# Two Serpents in Egyptian Religion



Exod 7:9 תנין *tannin* H8577  
LXX “dragon”

Python (?)

God Apophis, promotes chaos

Evil: chaos

Exod 4:2 נחש *nachash* H5175  
LXX “serpent”

Cobra

Goddess Wadjet, protects Egypt

Good: royal authority

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