

Study Notes and Questions for Exodus 8, 9 and 10

- What plagues were visited upon Egypt in this chapter 8?
- Why do you think God allowed a distinction between the land where the Israelites lived and the land of the Egyptians?
- Why couldn't Israel worship the Lord and stay in Egypt (see 5:1, 3; 8:25–28)?
- In the New Testament, Egypt symbolizes slavery to sin. Why can't Christians worship the Lord and stay in slavery to sin (see Romans 6:15–23)?
- What was Israel supposed to learn from the plague-judgments, and how was she supposed to respond (see 5:21–6:8; 10:1–2)?
- How did God show His care for Israel in the midst of the plagues?
- In Hebrew thought, the heart is the core of a person—the seat of intellect, emotions, and will. What do you think it means to have a hard heart?
- What do you learn from the fact that under the first five plagues it is said that Pharaoh hardened his own heart, but under the sixth, eighth, and ninth it is said that the Lord hardened it?
- What indications are there that Pharaoh's conscience was affected by some of these plagues?
- What compromises does Pharaoh eventually start offering (see 8:25–28; 10:8–11, 24)? What do you learn about the enemy from these compromises?
- What lessons of leadership do you think Moses learned through his experience mediating between God and Pharaoh?
- To what extent are Christians protected from the suffering in the world as Israel was protected when God judged Egypt? Why do you suppose this is so?
- Observe the parallels between God's judgments on Egypt in Exodus and His judgments on the world in Revelation 8:1–9:21; 16:1–21. Why do you suppose Revelation echoes Exodus?