Exo 8:20 - 9:35 Hash'kem Baboker Rise Up Early in the Morning

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Introduction

Tzur Yisrael Triennial Parasha 55 (#14.3): Hash'kem Baboker Rise Up Early in the Morning, note A

Exo 8-20 to 9:35

The plague of flies

$\frac{20}{20}$ And YHVH said unto Moses,

"Rise up early in the morning, and stand before Pharaoh; lo, he cometh forth to the water; and say unto him, "Thus saith YHVH, Let my people go, that they may serve me.²¹ Else, if thou wilt not let my people go, behold, I will send swarms (הָאָרָב ^{he·} 'a· ^{Ro}) *of flies* upon thee, and upon thy servants, and upon thy people, and into thy houses: and the houses of the Egyptians shall be full of swarms *of flies*, and also the ground (הָאָדָמָת) whereon they are.²² And I will sever (הָאַדָמָת) ^{ve·} hif·lei· ^{Ti}) ^B 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 YHVH in the midst of the earth.²³ And I will put a division (הָאַדָמָת) ^c between my people and thy people: to morrow shall this sign be (ha· 'Ot).' "

^A Ahavta <u>http://www.ahavta.org/Commentary%20Y-1/Y1-49.htm</u>. Sep 24; Exodus 8:20-9:35(E) Exodus 8:16-9:35(H), Isaiah 34:11 - 35:4; Hebrews 12:14-17

Tzur Yisrael: Brit: Luk 11:20, Joh 11:47-53, Rev 8:1-9:6

^B **H6395** palah ללה KJC:9 separated Exo 33:16, Ezr 6:21; sever Exo 8:21-22 (2), Exo 9:4; apart Psa 4:3; difference Exo 11:7; marvellous Psa 17:7; set Psa 4:3; wonderfully Psa 139:14

^C H6304 KJC: 4, redemption Psa 111:9, Psa 130:7; division Exo 8:23; redeem Isa 50:2

 $\frac{24}{24}$ And YHVH did so; 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: the land was corrupted by reason of the swarm of flies.

Pharaoh inclines to let the people go, but yet is hardened

 $\frac{25}{10}$ And Pharaoh called for Moses and for Aaron, and said,

"Go ye, sacrifice ($\mbox{ic}^{Ziv \cdot Chu}$) to your God in the land. $^{\rm D}$ "

 $\frac{26}{26}$ And Moses said,

"It is not meet so to do; for we shall sacrifice the abomination of the Egyptians to YHVH our God: lo, shall we sacrifice the abomination (תוֹצָבת 'to' 'a' Vat) of the Egyptians before their eyes, and will they not stone us? ^E ²⁷ We will go three days' journey into the wilderness, and sacrifice to YHVH our God, as he shall command us."

 $\frac{28}{28}$ And Pharaoh said,

"I will let you go, that ye may sacrifice to YHVH your God in the wilderness; only ye shall not go very far away: entreat for me."

 $\frac{29}{2}$ And Moses said,

"Behold, I go out from thee, and I will entreat (וְהַעְתַרְתִּי) ^{ve· ha'· tar· Ti}) ^F YHVH that the swarms of flies may depart from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people, to morrow: but let not Pharaoh deal deceitfully any more in not letting the people go to sacrifice to YHVH."

 $\frac{30}{10}$ And Moses went out from Pharaoh, and entreated YHVH. $\frac{31}{10}$ And YHVH did according to the word of Moses; and he removed the swarms of flies from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people; there remained not one. $\frac{32}{10}$ And Pharaoh hardened his heart at this time also, neither would he let the people go.

Plagues of Livestock, Boils and Hail The plague on livestock

9:1 Then YHVH said unto Moses,

"Go in unto Pharaoh, and tell him, 'Thus saith YHVH God of the Hebrews, Let my people go, that they may serve me. ² For if thou refuse to let them go, and wilt hold them still, ³ Behold, the hand of YHVH is upon thy cattle which is in the field, upon the horses, upon the asses, upon the camels, upon the oxen, and upon the

prayer, 1 Job 22:26-27, 33:26

^D Pharaoh's objection to Jehovah's second demand which is to perform the sacrifice in the wilderness, Moses says the Egyptians will stone us for our sacrifice because it's an abomination to them.

^E **Exo 8:26 LEB** And Moses said, "To do so is not right, because we will sacrifice to Yahweh our God a thing detestable to the Egyptians. Look, if we sacrifice before their eyes the thing detestable to the Egyptians, will they not stone us?

^F athar H6279 ^{KJC:20} עתר see Word-Study-G4336-proseuchomai-pray, article #507.

Entreate(d), 18 Gen 25:21 (2), Exo 8: 8-9, 29, 30; 9:28; 10:18,17, Jdg 13:8, 2Sa 21:14, 2Sa 24:25, 1Ch 5:20, 2Ch 33:13, 2Ch 33:19, Ezr 8:23, Isa 19:22

sheep: there shall be a very grievous murrain. 4 And YHVH shall sever between the cattle of Israel and the cattle of Egypt: and there shall nothing die of all that is the children's of Israel."

⁵ And YHVH appointed a set time, saying, To morrow YHVH shall do this thing in the land. ⁶ And YHVH did that thing on the morrow, and all the cattle of Egypt died: but of the cattle of the children of Israel died not one. ⁷ And Pharaoh sent, and, behold, there was not one of the cattle of the Israelites dead. And the heart of Pharaoh was hardened, and he did not let the people go.

The plague of boils

⁸ And YHVH said unto Moses and unto Aaron,

"Take to you handfuls of ashes of the furnace, and let Moses sprinkle it toward the heaven in the sight of Pharaoh. 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."

10 And they took ashes of the furnace, and stood before Pharaoh; and Moses sprinkled it up toward heaven; and it became a boil breaking forth with blains upon man, and upon beast. א הַתַרְטָמִים he about the magicians (הַתַרְטָמִים)

 $^{ha\cdot char\cdot tum\cdot Mim}$) ^G could not stand before Moses because of the boils; for the boil was upon the magicians, and upon all the Egyptians. ¹² And YHVH hardened the heart of Pharaoh, and he hearkened not unto them; as YHVH had spoken unto Moses.

The message of Moses about the hail,

$\frac{13}{13}$ And YHVH said unto Moses,

"Rise up early in the morning, and stand before Pharaoh, and say unto him, 'Thus saith YHVH God of the Hebrews, Let my people go, that they may serve me. ¹⁴ For I will at this time send all my plagues upon thine heart, and upon thy servants, and upon thy people; that thou mayest know that there is none like me in all the earth. ¹⁵ For now I will stretch out my hand, that I may smite thee and thy people with pestilence; and thou shalt be cut off from the earth. ¹⁶ And in very deed for this cause have I raised thee up, for to show in thee my power; and that my name may be declared throughout all the earth. ¹⁷ As yet exaltest thou thyself against my people, that thou wilt not let them go? ¹⁸ Behold, to morrow about this time I will cause it to rain a very grievous hail, such as hath not been in Egypt since the foundation thereof even until now. ¹⁹ Send therefore now, and gather thy cattle, and all that thou hast in the field; for upon every man and beast which shall be found in the field, and shall not be brought home, the hail shall come down upon them, and they shall die."

 $\frac{20}{10}$ He that feared the word of YHVH among the servants of Pharaoh made his servants and his cattle flee into the houses: $\frac{21}{10}$ And he that regarded not the word of YHVH left his servants and his cattle in the field.

The plague of hail

²² And YHVH 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."

^G Gen 41:8, 24; Exo 7:11, 22, 8:7, 18-19, 9:11; Dan 1:20, 2:2

²³ And Moses stretched forth his rod toward heaven: and YHVH sent thunder and hail, and the fire ran along upon the ground; and YHVH rained hail upon the land of Egypt. ²⁴ So there was hail, and fire mingled with the hail, very grievous, such as there was none like it in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation. ²⁵ And the hail smote throughout all the land of Egypt \aleph all that was in the field, both man and beast; and the hail smote every herb of the field, and brake every tree of the field.

 $\frac{26}{10}$ Only in the land of Goshen, where the children of Israel were, was there no hail.

Pharaoh pleads with Moses, but yet is hardened

²⁷ And Pharaoh sent, and called for Moses and Aaron, and said unto them,

"I have sinned this time: YHVH is righteous, and I and my people are wicked. ²⁸ Entreat YHVH (for it is enough) that there be no more mighty thunderings and hail; and I will let you go, and ye shall stay no longer."

²⁹ And Moses said unto him,

"As soon as I am gone out of the city, I will spread abroad my hands unto YHVH; and the thunder shall cease, neither shall there be any more hail; that thou mayest know how that the earth is YHVH's. $\frac{30}{30}$ But as for thee and thy servants, I know that ye will not yet fear YHVH God."

³¹ And the flax and the barley was smitten: for the barley was in the ear, and the flax was bolled. ³² But the wheat and the rye were not smitten: for they were not grown up. ³³ And Moses went out of the city from Pharaoh, and spread abroad his hands unto YHVH: and the thunders and hail ceased, and the rain was not poured upon the earth.

 $\frac{34}{10}$ 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. $\frac{35}{10}$ And the heart of Pharaoh was hardened, neither would he let the children of Israel go; as YHVH had spoken by Moses.

E-Sword Notes

Exo 8:23

Does this mean that there was no distinction between Israel and Egypt from the three previous plagues? In the Greater Exodus, then can we expect the same?

Exo 8:24 TSK

the land: How intolerable a plague of flies can prove, is evident from the fact that whole districts have been laid waste by them. The inhabitants have been forced to quit their cities, not being able to stand against the flies and gnats with which they were pestered. Hence different people had deities whose office it was to defend them against flies. Among these may be reckoned Baalzebub, the fly-god of Ekron; Hercules, muscarum abactor, Hercules the expeller of flies; and hence Jupiter had the titles of $\alpha\pi$ ομυιος, μυιαγρος, μυιοχορος, because he was supposed to expel flies, and especially clear his temples of these insects. See Bryant.

Exo 5:1 CB Notes re Exo 8:25

told Pharaoh. This was in Zoan (compare <u>Psa 78:12</u>, <u>Psa 78:43</u>), where Pharaoh had made his palace. It could not have been written in Babylon, for there the kings were not seen, and were hidden behind their ministers. Here, in Egypt, the king was his own minister, and could be easily approached. Note Jehovah's sixfold (<u>App-10</u>)^H demand and Pharaoh's sixfold objection:

I. "Thus saith Jehovah Elohim" (Exo 5:1).

(1) "Who is Jehovah? "(Exo 5:2). Question occurs only here.

II. "Let My People go"(Exo 5:1).

(2) "Go. Sacrifice in the Land" (Exo 8:25).

III. "We will go three days' journey into the wilderness" (Exo 8:27).

(3) "Go", only "not very far away" (<u>Exo 8:28</u>).

- IV. "Let My People go" (Exo 10:3).
 - (4) "Who are they that shall go? "(Exo 10:8).

V. **All must go** (<u>Exo 10:9</u>).

(5) Not so. Men, but not children or flocks (Exo 10:11).

(6) Go. Children, but not flocks (Exo 10:24).

VI. Flocks too: for "we know not. till", &c. (Exo 10:25, Exo 10:26).

^H THE SPIRITUAL SIGNIFICATION OF NUMBERS: Numbers are used in Scripture, not merely as in Nature, with supernatural design, but with spiritual significance, which may be summarized as follows

Isa 34:1-11 - God's Judgments against the Nations

The judgments wherewith God revenges his church

¹Come near, ye nations, to hear; and hearken, ye people: let the earth hear, and all that is therein; the world, and all things that come forth of it.

 2 For the indignation of YHVH is upon all nations, and his fury upon all their armies: he hath utterly destroyed them, he hath delivered them to the slaughter.

 $\frac{3}{2}$ Their slain also shall be cast out, and their stink shall come up out of their carcases, and the mountains shall be melted with their blood.

 $\frac{4}{2}$ And all the host of heaven shall be dissolved, and the heavens shall be rolled together as a scroll: and all their host shall fall down, as the leaf falleth off from the vine, and as a falling fig from the fig tree.

 $\frac{5}{5}$ For my sword shall be bathed in heaven: behold, it shall come down upon Idumea, and upon the people of my curse, to judgment.

⁶ The sword of YHVH is filled with blood, it is made fat with fatness, and with the blood of lambs and goats, with the fat of the kidneys of rams: for YHVH hath a sacrifice in Bozrah, and a great slaughter in the land of Idumea.

 7 And the unicorns shall come down with them, and the bullocks with the bulls; and their land shall be soaked with blood, and their dust made fat with fatness.

 8 For it is the day of YHVH's vengeance, and the year of recompences for the controversy of Zion.

 9 And the streams thereof shall be turned into pitch, and the dust thereof into brimstone, and the land thereof shall become burning pitch.

 $\frac{10}{10}$ It shall not be quenched night nor day; the smoke thereof shall go up for ever: from generation to generation it shall lie waste; none shall pass through it for ever and ever.

The desolation of her enemies

 $\frac{11}{11}$ But the cormorant and the bittern shall possess it; the owl also and the raven shall dwell in it: and he shall stretch out upon it the line of confusion, and the stones of emptiness.

Hebrews 12:14-17 - Be not like Esau who was unrepentant

¹⁴ Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord: ¹⁵ Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled; ¹⁶ Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright. ¹⁷ For ye know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected: for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears.

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