

IN THE DESERT

WK 3: The Great Confrontation

THE PLAYERS

MOSES: Exodus 3:12 NLT God answered, “I will be with you. And this is your sign that I am the one who has sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God at this very mountain.”

PHARAOH: Exodus 5:2 NLT “Is that so?” retorted Pharaoh. “And who is the LORD? Why should I listen to him and let Israel go? I don’t know the LORD, and I will not let Israel go.”

HEBREWS: Exodus 9:19 NLT Then the LORD said to Moses, “I will come to you in a thick cloud, Moses, so the people themselves can hear me when I speak with you. Then they will always trust you.” Moses told the LORD what the people had said.

EGYPTIANS: Numbers 14:13 NLT But Moses objected. “What will the Egyptians think when they hear about it?” he asked the LORD. “They know full well the power you displayed in rescuing your people from Egypt.”

THE PURPOSE

Exodus 9:13-16 NLT Then the LORD said to Moses, “Get up early in the morning and stand before Pharaoh. Tell him, ‘This is what the LORD, the God of the Hebrews, says: Let my people go, so they can worship me. ⁽¹⁴⁾ If you don’t, I will send more plagues on you and your officials and your people. Then you will know that there is no one like me in all the earth. ⁽¹⁵⁾ By now I could have lifted my hand and struck you and your people with a plague to wipe you off the face of the earth. ⁽¹⁶⁾ But I have spared you for a purpose—to show you my power and to spread my fame throughout the earth.’”

Exodus 10:2 NLT “I’ve also done it so you can tell your children and grandchildren about how I made a mockery of the Egyptians and about the signs I displayed among them—and so you will know that I am the LORD.”

THE PROCESS (10 PLAGUES)

Exodus 7:17 NLT So this is what the LORD says: “I will show you that I am the LORD.” Look! I will strike the water of the Nile with this staff in my hand, and the river will turn to blood.

Exodus 8:2 NLT If you refuse to let them go, I will send a plague of frogs across your entire land.

Exodus 8:16 NLT So the LORD said to Moses, “Tell Aaron, ‘Raise your staff and strike the ground. The dust will turn into swarms of gnats throughout the land of Egypt.’”

Exodus 8:21 NLT If you refuse, then I will send swarms of flies on you, your officials, your people, and all the houses. The Egyptian homes will be filled with flies, and the ground will be covered with them.

Exodus 9:2-3 NLT If you continue to hold them and refuse to let them go, ⁽³⁾ the hand of the LORD will strike all your livestock—your horses, donkeys, camels, cattle, sheep, and goats—with a deadly plague.

Exodus 9:8-9 NLT Then the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, “Take handfuls of soot from a brick kiln, and have Moses toss it into the air while Pharaoh watches. ⁽⁹⁾ The ashes will spread like fine dust over the whole land of Egypt, causing festering boils to break out on people and animals throughout the land.”

Exodus 9:18-19 NLT So tomorrow at this time I will send a hailstorm more devastating than any in all the history of Egypt. ⁽¹⁹⁾ Quick! Order your livestock and servants to come in from the fields to find shelter. Any person or animal left outside will die when the hail falls.

Exodus 10:4-5 NLT If you refuse, watch out! For tomorrow I will bring a swarm of locusts on your country. ⁽⁵⁾ They will cover the land so that you won’t be able to see the ground. They will devour what little is left of your crops after the hailstorm, including all the trees growing in the fields.

Exodus 10:21 NLT Then the LORD said to Moses, “Lift your hand toward heaven, and the land of Egypt will be covered with a darkness so thick you can feel it.”

Exodus 11:5 NLT All the firstborn sons will die in every family in Egypt, from the oldest son of Pharaoh, who sits on his throne, to the oldest son of his lowliest servant girl who grinds the flour. Even the firstborn of all the livestock will die.

Numbers 33:4 NLT Meanwhile, the Egyptians were burying all their firstborn sons, whom the LORD had killed the night before. The LORD had defeated the gods of Egypt that night with great acts of judgment!

THINK & DISCUSS: *How are you listening and responding to God?*