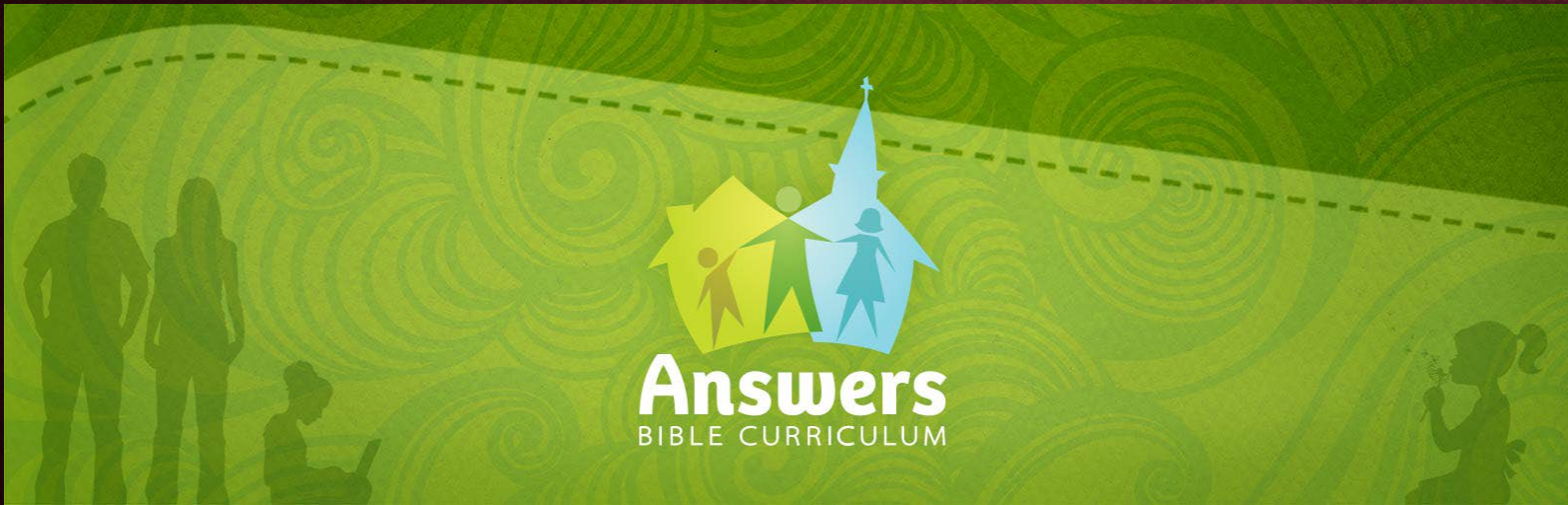


Moses: Minister of the Covenant

LESSON 3: GOD DISPLAYS HIS POWER



**Isaiah 41:10 Fear not, for I am with you;
be not dismayed, for I am your God;
I will strengthen you, I will help you,
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. (ESV)**

A CHALLENGE



EXODUS 6:28–7:13, OBSERVATION

- **“I am Yahweh.”**
- **Moses’ complaint**
- **Moses as God, Aaron as prophet**
- **“I will harden Pharaoh’s heart”**
- **“that I may multiply...”**
- **Staff miracle copied by magicians**
- **Aaron’s staff eats the others**
- **Pharaoh’s heart was hardened**



EXODUS 6:28–7:13, INTERPRETATION

- **Why does God begin in 6:29 with his own identity?**
- **Who hardened Pharaoh's heart in 7:13?**
- **How is it right for God to harden Pharaoh's heart?**
- **How were Pharaoh's magicians able to do the same miracle?**
- **What is the significance of God's staff eating the magician's staves?**

THE PLAGUES (1-3)

Plague	Exodus	Pharaoh	Magicians	Deity
1. Water turned to blood	7:20-22	Heart was hardened	Made water turn to blood	Hapi
2. Frogs	8:5-7	Agreed to set the slaves free but later hardened his heart	Made frogs appear	Heqet
3. Gnats or lice	8:16-17	Heart was hardened	Could not repeat it and called it “the finger of God”	Geb and Akhor

THE PLAGUES (4–6)

Plague	Exodus	Pharaoh	Magicians	Deity
4. Flies	8:20-24	Agreed to set the slaves free but later hardened his heart	Not mentioned	Khepri?
5. Death of Livestock	9:6-7	His heart was hardened	Not mentioned	Hathor
6. Boils	9:10-12	Yahweh hardened his heart	Received the boils and could not stand	Isis

THE PLAGUES (7-8)

Plague	Exodus	Pharaoh	Magicians	Deity
7. Hail and fire (lightning)	9:23-26	Agreed to set the slaves free but later hardened his heart	Pharaoh's servants hardened their hearts	Nut
8. Locusts	10:12, 16-20	Agreed to let only the men go, then later all, then later Yahweh hardened his heart	Pled to let the Hebrews slaves go	Seth?

THE PLAGUES (9)

Plague	Exodus	Pharaoh	Magicians	Deity
9. Darkness	10:21-23, 27-29	Agreed to let them go without their flocks, then later all, then later Yahweh hardened his heart	Pled to let the Hebrews slaves go	Ra

INTERPRETATION AND APPLICATION

- **God was showing forth his glorious power through these plagues, power to deliver his people and judge their oppressors**
- **God will judge the earth with similar plagues one day**
- **Come to God before your time of judgment!**
- **Do not remain stubbornly proud in sin, humble yourself**
- **Be clothed with Christ; know him and follow him**
- **Will you continue to challenge God?**