

## **20FORWARD: Year of Prosperity—2025**

**“If you keep doing what you’ve always done, you’ll keep getting what you’ve always got.”**

**Theme: “IT STARTS WITH ME.”**

**EXODUS: Journey To The Promised Land**

### **Chapter 9**

#### **More Plagues Upon Egypt**

##### **Verses 1-7 : The fifth plague: Disease on livestock**

The 5<sup>th</sup> plague, disease on the cattle in the field, on the horses, on the donkeys, on the camels, on the oxen and on the sheep, was not as much for the sake of the children of Israel, but **God** wanted Pharoah to let the children of Israel go free for the sake of the **Lord Himself**. **“Let My people go, that they may serve Me.”**

This plague was directed against the Egyptian god “Hathor” who was thought to be a mother goddess in the form of a cow. Egyptian religion considered cattle sacred, and the cow was often a symbol of fertility. **God** shows Pharoah and all of the Egypt that **He** was mightier than their imagined pagan god.

##### **Verses 8-12: The sixth plague : Boils**

The 6<sup>th</sup> plague, as was the 3<sup>rd</sup> plague, came without warning. The Bible calls it boils. We know this 6<sup>th</sup> plague as “soot.” It was like ashes from a furnace. It had the idea of a swelling, painful, skin inflammation. This soot covered and affected people and animals. This plague was directed against the Egyptian god “Imhotep.” He was supposed to be the god of medicine.

We also see in these verses that God hardened the heart of Pharaoh. Previously, **God** announced that **He** would harden Pharaoh's heart, but until now Pharaoh had hardened his own heart. Harden is the expression, not of divine purpose, but of the result of disobedience to **God's Word**.

### **Jeremiah 23: 1-4**

#### **Verses 13-26: The 7<sup>th</sup> plague : Hail**

Rainfall would come only seldomly in Egypt. The prediction of a severe hailstorm accompanied by a violent electrical storm was greeted with much skepticism. This plague was directed against several Egyptian gods. Notable among them was Nut, the sky goddess. The Egyptians began to think that the wrath of God was being poured down from heaven in all severity.

#### **Verses 27-35 : Pharaoh falsely repents, and his heart grows harder.**

Pharaoh said, “ **I have sinned, the Lord is righteous, and my people and I are wicked.**” These are perfect words of repentance; however, they did not come from his heart.

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**Bible Study**

**Scriptures :**

Exodus 9 : 1-7

Exodus 9 : 8-12

Jeremiah 23 : 1-4

Exodus 9 : 13-26

Exodus 9 : 27-35