

בָּא Bo (Go)

Exodus 10:1–13:16

בָּא אֶל-פַּרְעֹה Go to Pharaoh

בָּא Qal (verbal stem) Imperative- This is a command from God to Moses

Q: Has God ever given you a directive to go confront someone with a request?

Text:

^{NAU} **Exodus 10:1** Then the LORD said to Moses, "Go to Pharaoh, for I have hardened his heart and the heart of his servants, that I may perform these signs of Mine among them,² and that you may tell in the hearing of your son, and of your grandson, how I made a mockery of the Egyptians and how I performed My signs among them, that you may know that I am the LORD."

18 times in Exodus, the Scripture refers to Pharaoh having his heart hardened.

God hardened Pharaoh's heart with respect to allowing the exodus of the Israelites:

^{NAU} **Exodus 4:21** The LORD said to Moses, "When you go back to Egypt see that you perform before Pharaoh all the wonders which I have put in your power; but I will harden his heart so that he will not let the people go.

^{NAU} **Exodus 7:3** "But I will harden Pharaoh's heart that I may multiply My signs and My wonders in the land of Egypt.

^{NAU} **Exodus 9:12** And the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he did not listen to them, just as the LORD had spoken to Moses.

^{NAU} **Exodus 10:1** Then the LORD said to Moses, "Go to Pharaoh, for I have hardened his heart and the heart of his servants, that I may perform these signs of Mine among them,

^{NAU} **Exodus 10:20** But the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he did not let the sons of Israel go.

^{NAU} **Exodus 10:27** But the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he was not willing to let them go

^{NAU} **Exodus 11:10** Moses and Aaron performed all these wonders before Pharaoh; yet the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he did not let the sons of Israel go out of his land.

^{NAU} **Exodus 14:4** "Thus I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and he will chase after them; and I will be honored through Pharaoh and all his army, and the Egyptians will know that I am the LORD." And they did so.

^{NAU} **Exodus 14:8** The LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh, king of Egypt, and he chased after the sons of Israel as the sons of Israel were going out boldly.

^{NAU} **Exodus 14:17** "As for Me, behold, I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and I will be honored through Pharaoh and all his army, through his chariots and his horsemen

Passive, no subject:

^{NAU} **Exodus 7:13** Yet Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he did not listen to them, as the LORD had said.

^{NAU} **Exodus 7:22** But the magicians of Egypt did the same with their secret arts; and Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he did not listen to them, as the LORD had said.

^{NAU} **Exodus 8:19** Then the magicians said to Pharaoh, "This is the finger of God." But Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he did not listen to them, as the LORD had said.

^{NAU} **Exodus 9:7** Pharaoh sent, and behold, there was not even one of the livestock of Israel dead. But the heart of Pharaoh was hardened, and he did not let the people go

^{NAU} **Exodus 9:35** Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he did not let the sons of Israel go, just as the LORD had spoken through Moses.

Pharaoh hardened his own heart:

^{NAU} **Exodus 8:15** But when Pharaoh saw that there was relief, he hardened his heart and did not listen to them, as the LORD had said

^{NAU} **Exodus 8:32** But Pharaoh hardened his heart this time also, and he did not let the people go.

^{NAU} **Exodus 9:34** But when Pharaoh saw that the rain and the hail and the thunder had ceased, he sinned again and hardened his heart, he and his servants.

Based on the above we know God hardened Pharaoh's heart with reference to Moses' request to allow the Israelites to leave Egypt. We also know from Ex. 9:34 that Pharaoh sinned and hardened his own heart.

Q: Did God cause Pharaoh to sin?

A:

^{NAU} **1 John 3:5** ⁵ You know that He appeared in order to take away sins; and in Him there is no sin.

^{NAU} **James 1:13-14** ¹³ Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, and He Himself does not tempt anyone. ¹⁴ But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust.

Sin is rebellion against God. God cannot violate His own attributes and cause or even tempt anyone to rebel against Himself.

Based on the entirety of God's word we know that Pharaoh had already hardened his own heart toward the true God of Israel, preferring the Egyptian pantheon of false gods.

^{NAU} **Exodus 5:2** ² But Pharaoh said, "Who is the LORD (YHWH) that I should obey His voice to let Israel go?"

Pharaoh had hardened his heart vertically toward the true God. Then God hardened Pharaoh's heart with respect to a horizontal political decision, letting the Israelites go. He gave Pharaoh over to foolishness and irrationality. He did not cause Pharaoh to sin, but channeled that sin to accomplish His own purposes. He put banks on the river of sin and directs the water of that river according to His sovereign plan to reveal Himself.

^{NAU} **Proverbs 21:1** The king's heart is *like* channels of water in the hand of the LORD; He turns it wherever He wishes.

When the prophet Habakkuk asked the Lord why He does not do something about Judah's sins, the Lord replied that He is raising up Babylon to judge Israel. Then Habakkuk asked the Lord how He can use Babylon, a nation even more wicked than Judah. The Lord told him the Babylonians will be judged also.

P: God selectively allows some sin and then uses it to accomplish His purposes on earth.

Q: What is His purpose in this context?

“that you may know that I am the LORD”

This purpose clause appears nine times in Exodus. He wants the Israelites and the Egyptians to know He is the LORD (YHWH), the existent one, the one and only Creator God who rules the universe.

^{ESV} **Exodus 6:7** I will take you to be my people, and I will be your God, and you shall know that I am the LORD your God, who has brought you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.

^{ESV} **Exodus 7:5** The Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I stretch out my hand against Egypt and bring out the people of Israel from among them."

^{ESV} **Exodus 14:4** And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and he will pursue them, and I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, and the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD." And they did so.

^{ESV} **Exodus 14:18** And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gotten glory over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen.

The Name of God, “LORD” (YHWH), appears 59 times in this parashah, Exodus 10:1 through 13:16.

The Hebrew verbal root הָיָה means ‘be’ or ‘exist’.

God’s existence lies at the base of all other existence in the universe. He not only created space, time, matter, and energy; the universe is dependent upon Him for its continued existence. He is the ultimate reality, the the Existent One, as opposed to all the false gods.

Q: Why would God tell Moses to lead the Israelites out of Egypt, then cause the ruler of Egypt to obstruct this action?

A:

1. God wanted to demonstrate His power over the Egyptian gods so that the Egyptians might know that He was the one and only God.
 - a. ^{NAU} **Exodus 7:4-5** ⁴ "When Pharaoh does not listen to you, then I will lay My hand on Egypt and bring out My hosts, My people the sons of Israel, from the land of Egypt by great judgments. ⁵ "The Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I stretch out My hand on Egypt and bring out the sons of Israel from their midst."
2. It would also show the Israelites His great power and deliverance. This would serve as a teaching tool for their children and grandchildren.
3. Even though it caused hardship for Moses, the Israelites, and the Egyptians, it would reveal the true Lord of the universe.

If the Lord had not hardened Pharaoh’s heart, if Pharaoh had said on the first try, “Sure Moses, go ahead and leave” then there would have been no miracles and no demonstrations of God’s power over nature, and His supremacy over the Egyptian gods. The Egyptians would just go on worshipping their false gods.

The Lord desires all people to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. He wanted the Egyptians to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth.

^{NAU} **1 Timothy 2:3-4** ³ This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴ who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Perhaps many Egyptians began to worship the true God of the universe, as did the Israelites.

Q: Why did God choose Abraham and his descendents through Jacob (Israel)?

God told Abraham

^{NAU} **Genesis 12:3** ³...in you all the families of the earth will be blessed."

Two ways the Lord has blessed all the families of the earth through the Jews:

1. Salvation through Yeshua the Messiah who would sacrifice Himself for the sins of the world.
2. Through Jewish prophets and historians, the Lord provided the world with the Bible that speaks about Yeshua from start to finish, and tells us how to live.

Q: What is God's desire today, in 2019?

A: All will know He is the Lord of the universe, and believe in Him.

^{ALW} **1 Timothy 2:1-4** God our Savior... desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Q: What is His purpose for us today, all those who follow Yeshua?

A: Our purpose in life is to serve God by representing Him in what we do and say, so that many will be reconciled to Him.

^{NAU} **2 Corinthians 5:18-20** ¹⁸ ...God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, ¹⁹ namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation. ²⁰ Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

Go as the Lord directs.

^{NAU} **Matthew 28:19-20** ¹⁹ "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Q: How do we do this? Where do we start?

^{ALW} **1 Timothy 2:1-4** First of all, then, I urge that entreaties *and* prayers, petitions *and* thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all people...³ This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴ who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Prayer is the first step and most important step. Pray for people in your circle of friends and relatives, pray for your church, pray for your community, for your nation; for people to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth.

Then do your part in making disciples, according to your spiritual gift, your resources, and the Lord's direction.

The Last Three Plagues

Locust Plague, Ex. 10:3-20

This was the eighth plague, a blow against the Egyptian god of crops.

Exodus 10:15 ¹⁵ For they covered the surface of the whole land, so that the land was darkened; and they ate every plant of the land and all the fruit of the trees that the hail had left. Thus nothing green was left on tree or plant of the field through all the land of Egypt.

After the locusts had consumed everything:

Text:

Exodus 10:16-17 ¹⁶ Then Pharaoh hurriedly called for Moses and Aaron, and he said, "I have sinned against the LORD your God and against you. ¹⁷ "Now therefore, please forgive my sin only this once, and make supplication to the LORD your God, that He would only remove this death from me."

Q: Was this a real confession?

Fake repentance:

^{NAU} **2 Corinthians 7:10** ¹⁰ For the sorrow that is according to *the will of God* produces a repentance without regret, *leading* to salvation, but the sorrow of the world produces death.

Sorrow for the consequences is different than sorrow for sin against God.

True repentance is a change of mind in submission to God, leading to change of behavior.

Ninth Plague, Ex. 10:21-29

Text:

^{NAU} **Exodus 10:21-23** ²¹ Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand toward the sky, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, even a darkness which may be felt." ²² So Moses stretched out his hand toward the sky, and there was thick darkness in all the land of Egypt for three days. ²³ They did not see one another, nor did anyone rise from his place for three days, but all the sons of Israel had light in their dwellings.

This was a strike against the sun god, Ra, a chief deity in Egypt.

Q: Was this ninth plague a symbol of spiritual darkness, that the Egyptians were in a spiritual cave and needed light?

^{CJB} **John 1:9** This was the true light, which gives light to everyone entering the world.

Tenth Plague, Exodus 11

Death of the firstborn- Darkness leads to death. Pharaoh was considered a god, yet his son and heir died. This demonstrated that Pharaoh was not a real god.

Passover

^{NAU} **Exodus 12:3** ³ ...'On the tenth of this month they are each one to take a lamb for themselves, according to their fathers' households, a lamb for each household.

Passover is a symbol, a picture of Yeshua the Messiah and His atoning death, an event that would happen nearly 1500 years later in AD 30. The yearly Passover celebration was a prophetic reminder, a shadow of future reality.

The lamb represents Yeshua the Messiah.

^{NAU} **John 1:28-29** ²⁸ These things took place in Bethany beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing. ²⁹ The next day he saw Jesus coming to him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

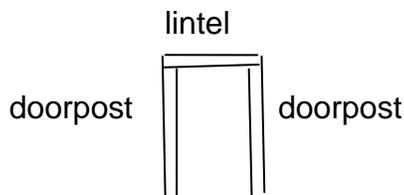
The Passover lamb's death and blood speak of Yeshua's atoning sacrificial death, His payment for our sins, satisfying God's justice.

^{NAU} **Isaiah 53:5-7** ⁵ But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; The chastening for our well-being *fell* upon Him, And by His scourging we are healed. ⁶ All of us like sheep have gone astray, Each of us has turned to his own way; But the LORD has caused the iniquity of us all To fall on Him. ⁷ He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He did not open His mouth; Like a lamb that is led to slaughter, And like a sheep that is silent before its shearers, So He did not open His mouth.

Text:

^{NAU} **Exodus 12:7** ⁷ 'Moreover, they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses in which they eat it.

The lamb's blood on the doorposts and lintel signified salvation through the blood of the lamb, faith on the part of the Israelites who believed God's word and paid attention to His instruction. The wrath of God in the form of death passed over their homes.



In AD 30, Yeshua was nailed to the cross at 9:00am (third hour).

^{NAU} **Mark 15:25** ²⁵ It was the third hour when they crucified Him.

It was dark from Noon to 3:00pm

^{NAU} **Mark 15:33** ³³ When the sixth hour came, darkness fell over the whole land until the ninth hour.

Three hours of darkness when Yeshua was on the cross. Three days of darkness in Egypt during the ninth plague.

According to the first century historian Josephus, the lambs for the Passover meal were slain on the Preparation day (outside the walls of the city) at 3:00pm. Yeshua, the Lamb of God, died (outside the walls of the city) at 3:00pm in the afternoon (ninth hour) – **precisely** at the time that the sacrifices were to commence.

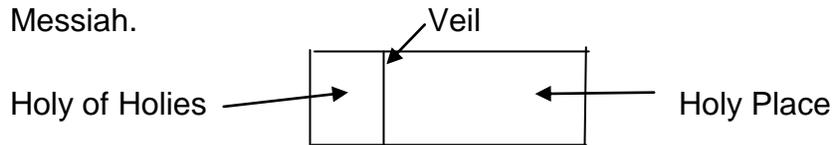
^{NAU} **Mark 15:34** ³⁴ At the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "ELOI, ELOI, LAMA SABACHTHANI?" which is translated, "MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?"

John 19:30 ³⁰ ... He said, "It is finished!" And He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

^{NAU} **Luke 23:46** ⁴⁶ And Jesus, crying out with a loud voice, said, "Father, INTO YOUR HANDS I COMMIT MY SPIRIT." Having said this, He breathed His last

^{NAU} **Matthew 27:51** ⁵¹ And behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth shook and the rocks were split

The split veil between the Holy Place and the Holy of Holies was a sign that Yeshua made a way for people to enter into the Lord's presence in the name of Yeshua the Messiah.



Ap: Today, those who believe in Yeshua, Son of God and Lord of the universe, are protected from God's wrath, under His blood, by His atoning work on the cross.

The Book of Revelation refers to Yeshua as the Lamb 30 times.

^{NAU} **Revelation 5:12-13** ¹²... "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing." ¹³ And every created thing which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all things in them, I heard saying, "To Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, *be* blessing and honor and glory and dominion forever and ever."

God the Father and God the Son are both worshipped.

^{NAU} **Revelation 6:16** ¹⁶ and they said to the mountains and to the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the presence of Him who sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb;

Yeshua the Lamb, is also the Judge and dispenser of wrath.

^{NAU} **Revelation 12:11** ¹¹ "And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even when faced with death.

The only way we can survive in the day of intense persecution is by means of our connection with God through the atoning death of Yeshua.

^{NAU} **Revelation 14:10** ¹⁰ he also will drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is mixed in full strength in the cup of His anger; and he will be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb.

The Lamb will actually oversee Hell.

^{NAU} **Revelation 17:14** ¹⁴ "These will wage war against the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, because He is Lord of lords and King of kings,

When it comes to the Lamb, all resistance is futile. He wins in the end.

^{NAU} **Revelation 21:22** ²² I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.

^{NAU} **Revelation 21:23** ²³ And the city has no need of the sun or of the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God has illumined it, and its lamp *is* the Lamb.

In the New Jerusalem and New Earth, there is no need for a temple that represents God's presence because we are in the presence of God. Also there is no need for the sun because the energy radiating from Him replaces the sun's task of supplying light and energy.