

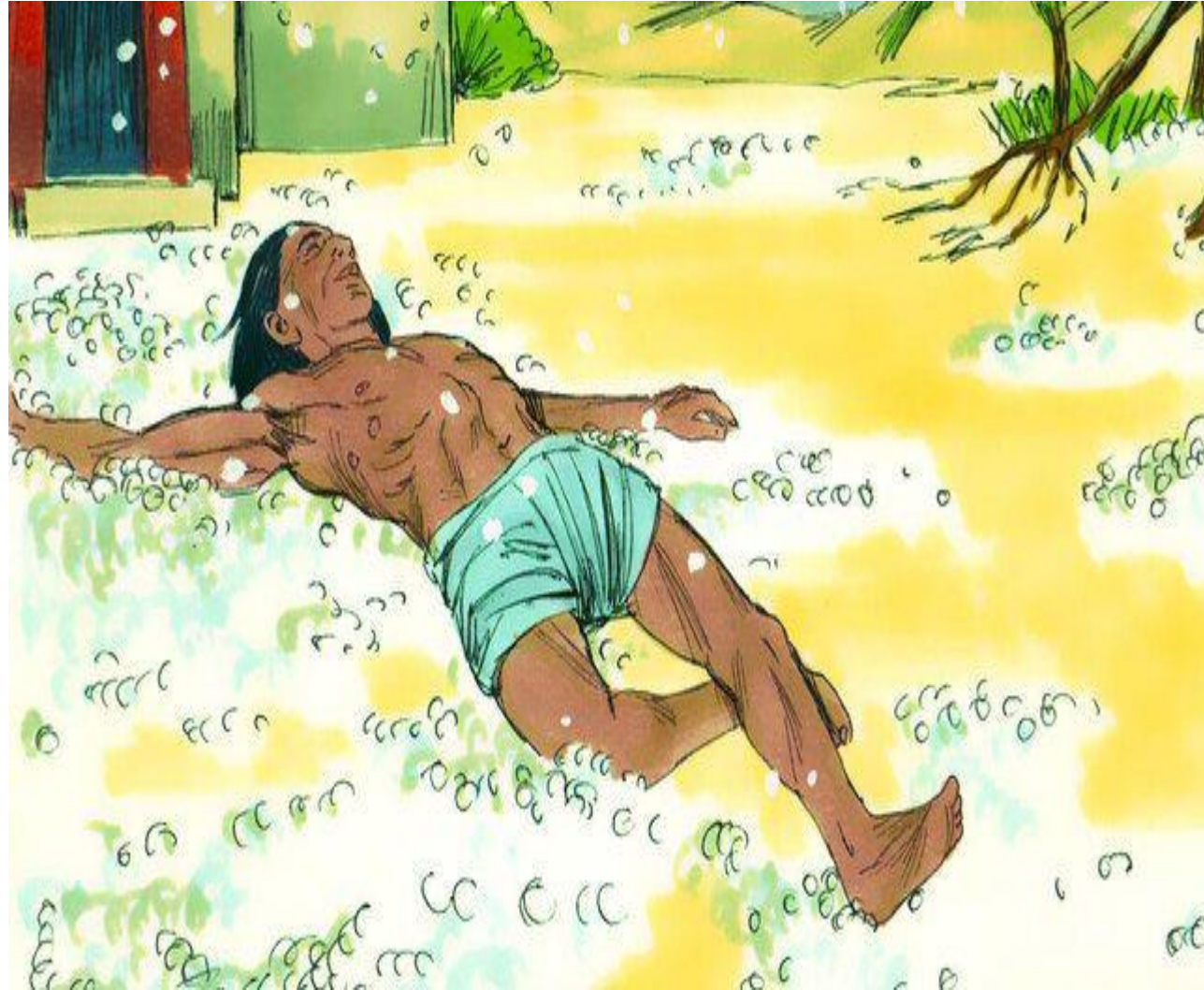
Point of Decision

Joseph's Hope Pt 5

Ex 9:13-26

Ex 4:21-23

Ex 6:1-5



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The Command of God

Then the LORD said to Moses, “Rise up early in the morning and present yourself before Pharaoh and say to him, ‘Thus says the LORD, the God of the Hebrews, “Let my people go, that they may serve me. ¹⁴ For this time I will send all my plagues on you yourself, and on your servants and your people, so that you may know that there is none like me in all the earth.”

Ex 9:13-14

God's word to Pharaoh

“For by now I could have put out my hand and struck you and your people with pestilence, and you would have been cut off from the earth. ¹⁶ But for this purpose I have raised you up, to show you my power, so that my name may be proclaimed in all the earth. ¹⁷ You are still exalting yourself against my people and will not let them go.”

Ex 9:15-17

Exodus Summary

First

And the LORD said to Moses, “When you go back to Egypt, see that you do before Pharaoh all the miracles that I have put in your power. But I will harden his heart, so that he will not let the people go. ²² Then you shall say to Pharaoh, ‘Thus says the LORD, Israel is my firstborn son, ²³ and I say to you, “Let my son go that he may serve me.” If you refuse to let him go, behold, I will kill your firstborn son.’ ”

Last

Ex 4:21-23



Moses was given words & signs from God to show that he was God's messenger.

“If they will not believe you, ... or listen to the first sign, they may believe the latter sign. ⁹ If they will not believe... or listen to your voice, you shall take some water from the Nile and pour it on the dry ground... & it will become blood on the dry ground.”

Ex 4:8-9 abv

Moses encounters a great surge of optimism.

Then Moses and Aaron went and gathered together all the elders of the people of Israel. ³⁰ Aaron spoke all the words that the LORD had spoken to Moses and did the signs in the sight of the people. ³¹ And the people believed; and when they heard that the LORD had visited the people of Israel and that he had seen their affliction, they bowed their heads and worshiped.

Ex 4:29-31

The Plague Crisis

Moses spoke thus to the people of Israel, ***but they did not listen to Moses, because of their broken spirit and harsh slavery.***

¹⁰ So the LORD said to Moses, ¹¹ “Go in, tell Pharaoh king of Egypt to let the people of Israel go out of his land.” ¹² But Moses said to the LORD, “Behold, the people of Israel have not listened to me. How then shall Pharaoh listen to me, for I am of uncircumcised lips?”

Ex 6:9-12

Everything Falls Apart

Pharaoh rejects the message...

Increasing Israel's burden

The people turn on Moses

God encourages Moses with hope

I will send your people out w/ Powerful Hand

I hear the painful groans of your people

I remember the covenants I made with Israel

I will take you into the Promised Land

Pharaoh-

More awareness that there is a God of power who Moses knows but he doesn't

Egyptians-

Realization that there is a God of these Hebrews that is working against them and for those who listen to Moses' words

Hebrews-

Realization that Moses is God's mouthpiece and that God is moving powerfully... for them



In the plague of hail God tells the Egyptians how to save all living creatures.

“Behold, about this time tomorrow I will cause very heavy hail to fall... ¹⁹ Now therefore send, get your livestock and all that you have in the field into safe shelter, for every man and beast that is in the field and is not brought home will die when the hail falls on them.” ’ ” **Ex 9:18-19 abv**



Many Egyptians were saved.

Then whoever feared the word of the LORD among the servants of Pharaoh hurried his slaves and his livestock into the houses, ²¹ but whoever did not pay attention to the word of the LORD left his slaves and his livestock in the field.

Ex 9:20-21

Are you afraid to lose?

Reporter - 2016 Rio



**Are you
afraid to
lose?**

Reporter - 2016 Rio



**Afraid to lose? The only thing that I'm
afraid of is finishing the race with
anything left in my tank.**

Answer - 2016 Rio de Janeiro

Believe

Be Obedient

Be Strong

Be Watchful