

INTRODUCTION

(Romans 15:4; 1 Corinthians 10:11) The Old Testament was written for our learning, admonition.

The Egyptians had enslaved the Israelites, and God sends Moses to Pharaoh to ask his permission to allow the Israelites to make their exodus out of Egypt.

God sends plagues to convince Pharaoh to do so: (Exodus 7:20) waters turned to blood. (8:5) frogs. (8:17) lice. (8:24) flies. (9:3) murrain. (9:9) boil. (9:18) hail. (10:4) locusts. (10:22) darkness. (11:5) death of the firstborn.

Pharaoh, in offering compromise, is typical of Satan's tempting offers today.

PHARAOH'S 4 COMPROMISING PROPOSALS TO ISRAEL

1. (Ex. 8:25) " ... Go, sacrifice to your God in the land"

Pharaoh says, "OK, sacrifice; however, do it here and don't bother with a journey."

Today, some say, "I can be a Christian and not leave my house to worship with brethren."

2. (Ex. 8:28) " ... I will let you go, that you may sacrifice to the Lord your God in the wilderness; only you shall not go very far away"

Pharaoh says, "OK, get rid of the flies, go sacrifice, but stay within reach."

Today, some say, "I'll go to the assembly; however, I don't want to commit too much or too seriously." (Luke 8:14; Luke 9:59-62; 2 Timothy 4:10)

3. (Ex. 10:11) "Go now, you who are men, and serve the Lord"

Pharaoh says, "OK, the men may go and sacrifice, but leave the children here."

Some say, "I won't bring my children. They will be a distraction. They won't get much from the assembly. I'll not influence them in religious matters."

4. (Ex. 10:24) "Go, serve the Lord; only let your flocks and your herds be kept back. Let you little ones also go with you."

Pharaoh says, "OK, young and old may go; but, keep your treasure in Egypt."

So, some say, "I'm in attendance, and I'll give my talent but not my wallet. I'm leaving my treasure at home (in Egypt)."

(Matthew 6:21) "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

CLOSE: "Egypt" (the world) will always make us "an offer" of compromise.