

# The Fighter Moses

(Exodus II)

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# Text

Title: The Fighter Moses

Passage: Exodus 7:8 – 13:16

Key verse: Exodus 10:3

„So Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and said to him, “This is what the Lord, the God of the Hebrews, says: ‘How long will you refuse to humble yourself before me? Let my people go, so that they may worship me. “

# Introduction

Previous lesson: Exodus 1,1-7,7

God raised Moses as a leader for the exodus out of his broken shepherd heart for his people.

This lesson: The fighter Moses

Moses grows as a fighter.

Moses goes to Pharaoh 10 times, calls him to repentance.

Prayer topic: God wants us to be fighters against Humanism and Atheism

# Overview

Part 1: Let my people go, so they may serve me (8,8 – 10,29)

Part 2: Death of the firstborn and exodus of the Israelites (11,1 – 13,16)

# Overview of Part 1

Going through the ten plagues not chronologically, but by theme

- 1) Moses' non-abandoning struggle
- 2) The hardened heart of Pharaoh
- 3) God's power through ten plagues
- 4) Pharaoh's fake repentance
- 5) God makes a difference
- 6) Moses did not compromise

# Flashback

5,1 „Let my people go“

Moses first time standing before Pharaoh.

Result:

- \* Pharaoh did not obey
- \* Increased pressure of suffering for Israel
- \* Moses being accused from his own people

What did Moses do? He prayed

God renewed his promise and strengthened him to fight against Pharaoh

# 1.1: Moses' non-abandoning struggle

Moses stepped before Pharaoh with confidence and courage.

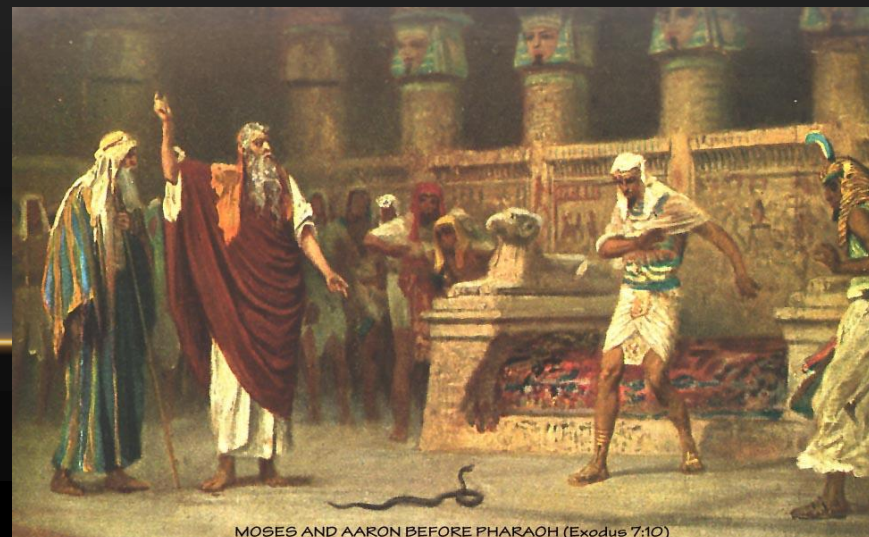
He demonstrated the power of God.

Verse 10: “So Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and did just as the Lord commanded. Aaron threw his staff down in front of Pharaoh and his officials, and it became a snake.”

Challenge: The Egyptian sorcerers copied the miracles.

Resolution: Aaron's staff swallowed up their staffs.

Yet Pharaoh hardened his heart and he did not listen to Moses and Aaron (14).



# 1.1: Moses' non-abandoning struggle

Moses went to Pharaoh 10 times.

He proclaim God's word to him and announce the judgment of God.

=> Moses believed in God and fought to the end



# 1.1: Moses' non-abandoning struggle

Application:

We feel weak and fearful, depend on ourselves and other's recognition. But when we obey, we experience the power of God.

God's Word has power to bring spiritually dead young people back to life and raise them as a large army of God for world mission.

One word of God changes one person through the bible study.

=> Fight 10 rounds and experience the mighty work of God.



# 1.2: The hardened heart of Pharaoh

Verse 13: "Yet Pharaoh's heart became hard and he would not listen to them, just as the Lord had said."

Pharaoh's heart was hardened.

Why?

Stubbornness is a deliberate and malicious rebellion against the dominion of God.

Problem is not ignorance but desire to be his own God.

"God hardened his heart" means that after staying stiff-necked, he could no longer repent.

# 1.3: God's power through ten plagues

Blood



Frogs



Gnats



Flies



Plague  
on livestock



Boils



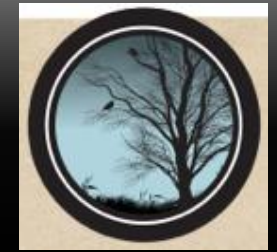
Hail



Locusts



Darkness



# 1.3: God's power through ten plagues

Aim of the plagues:

to make Pharaoh repent and obey God's command

He should acknowledge his helplessness and surrender to God.

When Pharaoh still did not repent, all the firstborn Egyptians had to die in the 10th plague.

# 1.3: God's power through ten plagues

Not accidental catastrophes, but God's hand.

Every single plague was announced, it came and stopped when Moses prayed.

God reveal Himself as the Lord.

- 7:17 Pharaoh should know that God is the Lord.
- 10:2 Israel should know that God is the Lord.

through the process of salvation, God's name was proclaimed to the world.

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# 1.4: Pharaoh's fake repentance

Pharaoh did emergency repentance and asked for Moses prayer.  
It was not repentance.

False repentance: avoid the punishment.

True repentance: accept the Word of God and obey

Consequence of disobedience:

Egypt was devastated by one plague after another.

The consequence of sin is death.

Disobedience brings the curse of God upon us, our families, our people.

Obedience of faith brings the overflowing blessing of God.

# 1.5: God makes a difference

God makes a difference between His people and the Egyptians.

Egyptians – experienced one plague after another  
Israel – protected; God did not allow to harm them.

God's heart:

- not punishment or destruction
- salvation, healing and renewal.

\* In the midst of the announcement of judgment, God repeatedly showed His love and the way of repentance.

\* Those who feared God's Word brought themselves to safety.

# 1.5: God makes a difference

Does God judge people? No, people judge themselves.

When Pharaoh hardened his heart, he loaded the plagues of God upon himself.

When Egyptians accepted the warnings of God and they were not struck by the hailstorm.

Whoever accepts Jesus and believes in Him is saved from the terrible consequences of sin and receives eternal life. But the one who rejects the light of God remains in darkness and stands judged. (Joh 3:16-18)



# 1.6: Moses did not compromise

Moses fought hard against Pharaoh's self-determination and rebellion.

Pharaoh tried several compromises:

- sacrifice in Egypt
- only men should go
- only the people without cattle and or belongings

Moses insisted to obey God 100%

Moses growth: left Pharaoh "with fierce anger".

=> Satan wants us to compromise, e.g. not necessarily to leave the old life, to serve the work of God alone or to keep our material for ourselves.

# 1.6: Moses did not compromise

Today's challenges:

- unbelief
- humanism
- relativism

Be spiritual fighters and challenge the Pharaoh through one-to-one Bible study.

God wants the students to come out of the clutches of sin and the spirit of the time, to be spiritually awakened and to be able to rise as a vast army of God for world mission.

# 1.6: Moses did not compromise

One person is very important.

One person, who obeys God, changes the flow of history

- \* a leader like Moses,
- \* a prayer mother like Monica,
- \* a bible teacher like Ezra.

=> Be a fighters of faith without compromise

# 1.6: Moses did not compromise

Examples:

Sh. Jochen serving his bible student Olaf until he could graduate.

One next gen had many worldly ideas, but Dr. Peter Chang did not compromise. He helped him to accept God's direction and receive some training in New Jersey. Thus he could grow as a shepherd.

# 1.6: Moses did not compromise

Today's situation:

Spiritual leaders compromise with sin and with worldly teaching

They would rather apologize than rebuke sin clearly.

They are deceived by humanism and have no spiritual authority.

God wants to use us as spiritual fighters like Moses, that through us young people may come to spiritual revival, that our country may be revived and used for world mission

# Overview of Part 2

Title: The killing of the firstborn and the exodus of the Israelites

Passage: 11,1 – 13,16

Ch. 11 Moses announces the death of the firstborn (10<sup>th</sup> plague)

Ch. 12:1-28 Preparation for Passover

12:29-51 Death of the firstborn and exodus

Ch. 13 Consecration of firstborn, Feast of unleavened bread  
(regulations for the new life)

# Moses announces the death of the firstborn

11:1 “Now the Lord had said to Moses, I will bring one more plague on Pharaoh and on Egypt. After that, he will let you go from here, and when he does, he will drive you out completely.”

Moses announced the last plague, the killing of the firstborn.

God had waited so long patiently for Pharaoh's penance.

But when he would not obey, God had to force him to his knees.

If they experienced the plague of death, they would eventually drive the Israelites away.

# Moses announces the death of the firstborn

Preparation: borrow gold jewelry from their neighbors  
They would later take it with them as bounty from Egypt.

Moses announced the exact plan to Pharaoh:

- the angel of the Lord would beat all the firstborn of man and cattle in Egypt
- not even a dog would murmur against Israel.
- Pharaoh would finally drive them away.



# Preparation for Passover

Chapter 12: detailed description of preparation for Passover and Exodus.

- A male lamb to be slaughtered in each house.
- Painting of the doorposts and the threshold with the blood of the lamb
- The flesh roasted over the fire
- To be eaten completely that night.

God would pass by and spare those who have the blood sign.

"Passaover" means "to pass by".

Day of judgment over Egypt is day of redemption for Israel.

# Preparation for Passover

Instructions for to celebrate the Passover every year

- 14th day of the 1st month
- in each family
- remember God's wonderful grace of salvation
- remember the power of God.
- reminded how they had fled completely unprepared (unleavened breads).
- Thanked God who had saved them from the plague of death.

# Preparation for Passover

Today:

God saved us from the power of sin through Jesus and gave us the new life.

We should die because of our sin, but Jesus' blood saved us from the curse of sin and gave us the new life.

All who believe in the blood of the Lamb Jesus Christ are saved from the plague of death.

Personal: I rebelled against God and became a cold-hearted computer man. I hurt many others and was a curse. God visited me through Bible study and the forgiving grace of Jesus. He called me as a shepherd and Bible teacher.

Now I have a new life that I can participate in the spiritual fight against the lies of atheism and the zeitgeist so that Germany and Europe can be spiritually revived.

# Death of the firstborn and exodus

12:29, “And at midnight the Lord struck all the firstborn in Egypt from the first son of the Pharaoh, who sat on his throne, to the first son of the prisoner in prison, and all the firstborn of the cattle.”


At midnight the terrible plague came upon Egypt. The angel of the LORD went through all the land and the firstborn died in all the houses.

There was crying all over Egypt.

In every house there was a dead.

Now Pharaoh and all the officials asked Moses to go out with all the people.

12:51, “On that same day the LORD led the Israelites out of the land of Egypt, flock after flock.”



# Death of the firstborn and exodus

It was the unimaginable work of God.

Even the Israelites were surprised and had not prepared any food.

When God opened the door after 430 years of slavery, they moved out.

It was a night of guarding for the Lord to lead them out of Egypt land.

God saved this slave people and raised them as a kingdom of priests through which God's blessing would flow to all nations.

God's grace of salvation goes far beyond our imagination.

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# Consecration of firstborn, Feast of unleavened bread

Chapter 13:

- sanctify the firstborns to the Lord
- celebrate the feast of unleavened bread.

Remember what God has done in saving us.

God wants to do something unimaginable in our generation, that's why he calls us as fighters, as global leaders.

# Conclusion

God raised Moses as a fighter.

Hi fought in 10 rounds against the stubbornly hardened Pharaoh and finally brought about the exodus of the Israelites.

God revealed his power through 10 plagues with which he struck Egypt until Pharaoh finally had to give up.

God also wants to raise us as spiritual warriors, to fight against the lies of humanism and relativism and to bring about the spiritual revival among the students.

=> Be a fighter of faith to be used for God's work of salvation.