

Exodus 10:21-29 **Darkness**

21 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, darkness which may even be felt." 22 So Moses stretched out his hand toward heaven, and there was thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three days. 23 They did not see one another; nor did anyone rise from his place for three days. But all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings.

24 Then Pharaoh called to Moses and said, "Go, serve the LORD; only let your flocks and your herds be kept back. Let your little ones also go with you." 25 But Moses said, "You must also give us sacrifices and burnt offerings, that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God. 26 Our livestock also shall go with us; not a hoof shall be left behind. For we must take some of them to serve the LORD our God, and even we do not know with what we must serve the LORD until we arrive there."

27 But the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he would not let them go. 28 Then Pharaoh said to him, "Get away from me! Take heed to yourself and see my face no more! For in the day you see my face you shall die!" 29 And Moses said, "You have spoken well. I will never see your face again." NKJV

Facts Revealed:

- ✧ Without early warning to Pharaoh, God sent the plague of darkness over Egypt for three days.
- ✧ This was a thick darkness that could be felt so that they could not even rise from their place for three days. Apparently the Egyptians could not even get light from their lamps.
- ✧ The gods of Egypt affected by this plague were:
 - ✧ **Ra**, the sun god who had two forms. - - either the body of a man and head of a ram, or the body of a man and the head of a goose.
 - ✧ **Khepre**, a sun god with the body of a man and the head of a beetle.
 - ✧ **Harakhte**, the sun god with the body of a man and head of a hawk.
 - ✧ **Aton**, a sun-disk god.
 - ✧ **Horus**, the winged sun-disk god who was the son of Osiris and Isis, also having a hawk head.
 - ✧ **Atum**, the god of the setting sun.
 - ✧ **Thoth**, the moon god.
 - ✧ **Nut**, the sky goddess.
 - ✧ **Shu**, the sky god.

All these were powerless to overcome the darkness sent by the God of Israel.

- ✧ Again God made a distinction between the Egyptians and Israel, the Egyptians suffered darkness, and Israel had light.
- ✧ Pharaoh called Moses and offered to let the little ones go with them, but demanded that the flocks and herds remain behind.
- ✧ Moses told Pharaoh, no, but that not even one hoof would remain behind.
- ✧ Again God hardened Pharaoh's heart this third time, just as He had said to Moses. [\[Exodus 4:21, 7:3, 9:8-12, 10:1\]](#)
- ✧ God's purpose was to address all the gods worshiped by the Egyptians and there were still a few who were not yet addressed. [\[Exodus 12:12\]](#)
- ✧ Pharaoh said to Moses, "Get away from me! Take heed to yourself and see my face no more! For in the day you see my face you shall die!"

- ✧ Moses said, “You have spoken well. I will never see your face again.”
- ✧ God spoke to Moses, and Moses warned Pharaoh about the death of the firstborn to come before he left the presence of Pharaoh in great anger. [\[Exodus 11:1-8\]](#)