

## Exodus 9:1-7 **Plague of disease on the animals**

<sup>1</sup> Then the LORD said to Moses, "Go in to Pharaoh and tell him, 'Thus says the LORD God of the Hebrews: "Let My people go, that they may serve Me. <sup>2</sup> For if you refuse to let them go, and still hold them, <sup>3</sup> behold, the hand of the LORD will be on your cattle in the field, on the horses, on the donkeys, on the camels, on the oxen, and on the sheep. There will be a very severe pestilence. <sup>4</sup> And the LORD will make a difference between the livestock of Israel and the livestock of Egypt. So nothing shall die of all that belongs to the children of Israel.' " <sup>5</sup> Then the LORD appointed a set time, saying, "Tomorrow the LORD will do this thing in the land." <sup>6</sup> So the LORD did this thing on the next day, and all the livestock of Egypt died; but of the livestock of the children of Israel, not one died. <sup>7</sup> Then Pharaoh sent, and indeed, not even one of the livestock of the Israelites was dead. But the heart of Pharaoh became hard, and he did not let the people go. NKJV

### Facts Revealed:

- ✧ God sent Moses to Pharaoh with the demand to let Israel go or suffer the death of all animals in the field.
- ✧ God set an appointed time for the plague.
- ✧ God again showed a distinction between the Egyptians and Israel.
- ✧ Only the Egyptian's animals died, and the animals of Israel were immune.
- ✧ The gods of Egypt defeated by this plague were:
  - ✧ **Apis**, the sacred bull god.
  - ✧ **Ptah**, a firstborn bull always kept in the open.
  - ✧ **Mnevis**, the sacred bull of god Ra, also a firstborn kept in the open.
  - ✧ **Ra**, the god of the city Helipolis.
  - ✧ **Hathor**, who had the body of a woman and head of a cow, the protectress of the cows and the goddess of love, beauty, music, and joy.
  - ✧ **Knem**, the ram god who had the body of a man and head of a ram.
- ✧ These gods all failed to protect anything from the plague of God Most High. All cattle, horses, sheep, goats, donkeys, camels, and oxen in the open fields died. The only animals that did not die of the Egyptians were the animals in barns or buildings. Those animals were spared for a later plague.
- ✧ Not even one of the animals died belonging to the Children of Israel
- ✧ Pharaoh sent investigators to check, and not even one of the livestock of the Israelites was dead.
- ✧ Pharaoh's heart grew hard again and he did not let Israel go, as Yehowah had said to Moses. [\[Exodus 3:19-22, Exodus 4:21-23, Exodus 7:3-5\]](#)
- ✧ This is the seventh time Pharaoh hardened his own heart. [\[Exodus 5:1-9, 7:1-13, 7:14-23, 8:1-15, 8:16-19, 8:20-32, 9:1-7\]](#)