

## Gleanings from the Pentateuch

The Exodus From Egypt (pt 2)  
Exodus 7-14

## Exodus from Egypt

Two prominent features:

1. The overarching purpose of God in the Exodus
2. The means God employed to achieve this purpose

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God's Overarching Purpose

- *To display His power that He might be "known" as Yahweh*
  - that Egypt and Pharaoh would know that Yahweh alone is God
  - that Israel (and others) would know that He is Yahweh

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God's "Unusual" Means

- *the hardening of Pharaoh's heart*
  - referred to 18x (subject: Pharaoh 3x; no subject 5x; the Lord 10x)
  - reason – to ensure that Pharaoh does not let Israel go!

## Pharaoh's Hard Heart

Preface:

- *Pharaoh was not an neutral person*
  - He was an obstinate idolater
  - He was without excuse for His unbelief
  - His judgment by God at any point was just

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Observations:

1. It was in accord with Pharaoh's desire
  - God did not create evil in Pharaoh but directed it for His purposes
  - concurrent action – the action of Pharaoh and the ultimate action of God
  - Pharaoh was guilty for his stubborn refusal to obey God

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### Observations:

#### 2. It was God's intention from the start

- Exodus 4:21 & 7:3 – God stated His clear intention beforehand
- The hardening of Pharaoh in each instance was in accord with God's intention (“as the Lord had said”)

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##### ➤ *Implications:*

- it was not God's response to Pharaoh but God's purpose for Pharaoh
- God's purpose was not to save Pharaoh but to harden him so as to display His power to the honor of His name (9:16)

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### Conclusion

#### ➤ *Romans 9:14-18*

*“So then He has mercy on whom He desires, and He hardens whom He desires.”*