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Exodus 10:1-11:3

(1) Then GOD said to Moses, “Go to Pharaoh. For I have hardened his heart and the hearts of his courtiers, in order that I may display these My signs among them, (2) and that you may recount in the hearing of your child and of your child’s child how I made a mockery of the Egyptians and how I displayed My signs among them—in order that you may know that I am GOD.” (3) So Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and said to him, “Thus says the ETERNAL, the God of the Hebrews, ‘How long will you refuse to humble yourself before Me? Let My people go that they may worship Me. (4) For if you refuse to let My people go, tomorrow I will bring locusts on your territory. (5) They shall cover the surface of the land, so that no one will be able to see the land. They shall devour the surviving remnant that was left to you after the hail; and they shall eat away all your trees that grow in the field. (6) Moreover, they shall fill your palaces and the houses of all your courtiers and of all the Egyptians—something that neither

שמות י"א-י"א:ג

(א) וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶל-מֹשֶׁה בֹּא
אֶל-פְּרֹעֹה כִּי-אֲנִי הִכְבַּדְתִּי
אֶת-לְבוֹ וְאֶת-לֵב עֲבָדָיו לְמַעַן
שַׁתִּי אֶתְּתִי אֵלָה בְּקִרְבּוֹ: (ב)
וְלְמַעַן תִּסְפָּר בְּאָזְנֵי בְנֶךָ וּבֶן-בְּנֶךָ
אֵת אֲשֶׁר הִתְעַלְלֹתִי בְּמִצְרַיִם
וְאֶת-אֶתְּתִי אֲשֶׁר-שַׁמְתִּי בָם
וַיִּדְעֹתָם כִּי-אֲנִי יְהוָה: (ג) וַיָּבֹא
מֹשֶׁה וְאַהֲרֹן אֶל-פְּרֹעֹה וַיֹּאמְרוּ
אֵלָיו כֹּה-אָמַר יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵי
הָעִבְרִיִּים עַד-מָתַי מֵאַנְתָּ לַעֲנֹת
מִפְּנֵי שְׁלַח עַמִּי וַיַּעֲבֹדְנִי: (ד) כִּי
אִם-מָאֵן אַתָּה לְשַׁלַּח אֶת-עַמִּי
הַנְּנִי מִבְּיַד מַחֲרָר אַרְבָּה בְּגִבְלֶךָ:
(ה) וְכִסְּהָ אֶת-עֵינַי הָאָרֶץ וְלֹא
יִוָּכַל לִרְאוֹת אֶת-הָאָרֶץ וְאָכְלוּ
אֶת-יֵתֶר הַפְּלִטָה הַנִּשְׁאָרָה לָכֶם
מִן-הַבָּרָד וְאָכְלוּ אֶת-כָּל-הָעֵץ
הַצֹּמַח לָכֶם מִן-הַשָּׂדֶה: (ו)
וּמָלְאוּ בְּתִיק וּבְתִיק כָּל-עֲבָדָיִךָ
וּבְתִיק כָּל-מִצְרַיִם אֲשֶׁר לֹא-רָאוּ
אֲבֹתֶיךָ וְאֲבוֹת אֲבֹתֶיךָ מִיּוֹם
הַיּוֹתָם עַל-הָאָדָמָה עַד הַיּוֹם הַזֶּה
וַיִּפֹּן וַיֵּצֵא מֵעַם פְּרֹעֹה: (ז)

your fathers nor fathers' fathers have seen from the day they appeared on earth to this day.” With that he turned and left Pharaoh’s presence. (7) Pharaoh’s courtiers said to him, “How long shall this one be a snare to us? Let those involved go to worship the ETERNAL their God! Are you not yet aware that Egypt is lost?” (8) So Moses and Aaron were brought back to Pharaoh and he said to them, “Go, worship the ETERNAL your God! Who are the ones to go?” (9) Moses replied, “We will all go—regardless of our station—we will go with our sons and daughters, our flocks and herds; for we must observe GOD’s festival.” (10) But he said to them, “GOD be with you—the same as I mean to let your dependents go with you! Clearly, you are bent on mischief. (11) No! You gentlemen go and worship GOD, since that is what you want.” And they were expelled from Pharaoh’s presence. (12) Then GOD said to Moses, “Hold out your arm over the land of Egypt for the locusts, that they may come upon the land of Egypt and eat up all the grasses in the land, whatever the hail has left.” (13) So Moses held out his rod over the land of Egypt, and GOD drove an east wind over the land all that day and all night; and when morning came, the east wind

וַיֹּאמְרוּ עֲבָדֵי פַרְעֹה אֵלָיו
עַד־מַתִּי יִהְיֶה זֶה לָנוּ לְמוֹקֵשׁ
שְׁלַח אֶת־הָאֲנָשִׁים וַיַּעֲבְדוּ
אֶת־יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיהֶם הַטֹּרֵם תִּדְעַ
כִּי אַבְדָּה מִצְרַיִם: (ח) וַיּוֹשֵׁב
אֶת־מֹשֶׁה וְאֶת־אַהֲרֹן אֶל־פַּרְעֹה
וַיֹּאמֶר אֲלֵהֶם לָכוּ עֲבָדוּ
אֶת־יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם מִי וּמִי
הֵהָלָכִים: (ט) וַיֹּאמֶר מֹשֶׁה
בְּנַעַרְיֵנוּ וּבְזִקְנֵינוּ נִלְךְ בְּבְנֵינוּ
וּבְבָנוֹתֵנוּ בְּצֹאנֵנוּ וּבְבָקָרֵנוּ נִלְךְ
כִּי חָג־יְהוָה לָנוּ: (י) וַיֹּאמֶר
אֲלֵהֶם יְהִי כֵן יְהוָה עִמָּכֶם כַּאֲשֶׁר
אָשַׁלַּח אֶתְכֶם וְאֶת־טַפְּכֶם רְאוּ
כִי רָעָה נִגַּד פְּנֵיכֶם: (יא) לֹא כֵן
לָכוּ־נָא הַגְּבֻרִים וְעַבְדוּ אֶת־יְהוָה
כִּי אַתֶּה אַתָּם מִבְּקָשִׁים וַיִּגְרַשׁ
אַתֶּם מֵאֵת פְּנֵי פַרְעֹה: {ס}(יב)
וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶל־מֹשֶׁה נִטֵּה יָדְךָ
עַל־אֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם בְּאֲרָבָה וַיַּעַל
עַל־אֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם וַיֹּאכַל
אֶת־כָּל־עֵשֶׂב הָאֶרֶץ אֵת כָּל־אֲשֶׁר
הַשְּׂאִיר הַבְּרָד: (יג) וַיִּט מֹשֶׁה
אֶת־מִטְּהוֹ עַל־אֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם וַיְהוֶה
נְהַג רוּחַ־קָדִים בְּאֶרֶץ כָּל־הַיּוֹם
הַהוּא וְכָל־הַלִּילָה הַבִּקֹּר הָיָה
וְרוּחַ הַקָּדִים נָשָׂא אֶת־הָאֲרָבָה:
(יד) וַיַּעַל הָאֲרָבָה עַל כָּל־אֶרֶץ
מִצְרַיִם וַיָּנַח בְּכָל גְּבוּל מִצְרַיִם

had brought the locusts. (14) Locusts invaded all the land of Egypt and settled within all the territory of Egypt in a thick mass; never before had there been so many, nor will there ever be so many again. (15) They hid all the land from view, and the land was darkened; and they ate up all the grasses of the field and all the fruit of the trees that the hail had left, so that nothing green was left, of tree or grass of the field, in all the land of Egypt. (16) Pharaoh hurriedly summoned Moses and Aaron and said, “I stand guilty before the ETERNAL your God and before you. (17) Forgive my offense just this once, and plead with the ETERNAL your God that this death but be removed from me.” (18) So he left Pharaoh’s presence and pleaded with GOD. (19) GOD caused a shift to a very strong west wind, which lifted the locusts and hurled them into the Sea of Reeds; not a single locust remained in all the territory of Egypt. (20) But GOD stiffened Pharaoh’s heart, and he would not let the Israelites go. (21) Then GOD said to Moses, “Hold out your arm toward the sky that there may be darkness upon the land of Egypt, a darkness that can be touched.” (22) Moses held out his arm toward the sky and thick darkness descended upon all the land of Egypt for three

כַּבֵּד מְאֹד לְפָנָיו לֹא־הָיָה כֵן
אֲרָבָה כְּמָהוּ וְאַחֲרָיו לֹא
יְהִי־כֵן: (טו) וַיִּכֶס אֶת־עֵין
כָּל־הָאָרֶץ וַתַּחֲשֹׁךְ הָאָרֶץ וַיֹּאכַל
אֶת־כָּל־עֵשֶׂב הָאָרֶץ וְאֶת כָּל־פְּרִי
הָעֵץ אֲשֶׁר הוֹתִיר הַבָּרָד
וְלֹא־נֹתַר כָּל־יֵרֶק בְּעֵץ וּבְעֵשֶׂב
הַשָּׂדֶה בְּכָל־אֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם: (טז)
וַיִּמְהַר פִּרְעֹה לְקַרְא לְמֹשֶׁה
וְלֹא־הָרִן וַיֹּאמֶר חֲטָאתִי לַיהוָה
אֱלֹהֵיכֶם וְלָכֶם: (יז) וְעַתָּה שָׂא
נָא חֲטָאתִי אִךְ הַפֶּעַם וְהִעַתְּתִירוּ
לַיהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם וַיִּסַּר מֵעַלֵי רֶגַל
אֶת־הַמָּוֶת הַזֹּאת: (יח) וַיֵּצֵא מֵעַם
פִּרְעֹה וַיַּעֲתֶר אֶל־יְהוָה: (יט)
וַיַּהֲפֹךְ יְהוָה רוּחַיִם חֲזָק מְאֹד
וַיִּשְׂא אֶת־הָאֲרָבָה וַיִּתְקַעְהוּ יָמָה
סוּף לֹא נִשְׂאֵר אֲרָבָה אֶחָד בְּכָל
גְּבוּל מִצְרַיִם: (כ) וַיַּחֲזֶק יְהוָה
אֶת־לֵב פִּרְעֹה וְלֹא שָׁלַח אֶת־בְּנֵי
יִשְׂרָאֵל: {פ} (כא) וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה
אֶל־מֹשֶׁה נִטֵּה יָדְךָ עַל־הַשָּׁמַיִם
וַיְהִי חֹשֶׁךְ עַל־אֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם וַיִּמַּשׁ
חֹשֶׁךְ: (כב) וַיִּט מֹשֶׁה אֶת־יָדוֹ
עַל־הַשָּׁמַיִם וַיְהִי חֹשֶׁךְ־אֶפְלָה
בְּכָל־אֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם שְׁלֹשַׁת יָמִים:
(כג) לֹא־רָאוּ אִישׁ אֶת־אָחִיו
וְלֹא־קָמוּ אִישׁ מִתַּחַתָּיו שְׁלֹשַׁת
יָמִים וְלִכְל־בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל הָיָה אוֹר

days. (23) People could not see one another, and for three days no one could move about; but all the Israelites enjoyed light in their dwellings. (24) Pharaoh then summoned Moses and said, “Go, worship GOD! Only your flocks and your herds shall be left behind; even your dependents may go with you.” (25) But Moses said, “You yourself must provide us with sacrifices and burnt offerings to offer up to the ETERNAL our God; (26) our own livestock, too, shall go along with us—not a hoof shall remain behind: for we must select from it for the worship of the ETERNAL our God; and we shall not know with what we are to worship GOD until we arrive there.” (27) But GOD stiffened Pharaoh’s heart and he would not agree to let them go. (28) Pharaoh said to him, “Be gone from me! Take care not to see me again, for the moment you look upon my face you shall die.” (29) And Moses replied, “You have spoken rightly. I shall not see your face again!” (1) And GOD said to Moses, “I will bring but one more plague upon Pharaoh and upon Egypt; after that he shall let you go from here; indeed, when he lets you go, he will drive you out of here one and all. (2) Tell the people to borrow, each man from his neighbor and each woman from

בְּמוֹשְׁבֹתָם: (כד) וַיִּקְרָא פַרְעֹה
אֶל־מֹשֶׁה וַיֹּאמֶר לְכוּ עִבְדוּ
אֶת־יְהוָה רַק צֹאנֵיכֶם וּבְקָרְכֶם
יֵצֵג גַּם־טַפְּכֶם יִלְךְ עִמָּכֶם: (כה)
וַיֹּאמֶר מֹשֶׁה גַם־אֶתָּה תִתֵּן בְּיַדְנוּ
זִבְחִים וְעֹלֹת וְעֲשִׂינוּ לַיהוָה
אֱלֹהֵינוּ: (כו) וְגַם־מִקְלָנֹנוּ יִלְךְ
עִמָּנוּ לֹא תִשָּׂא רַסָּה כִּי מִמֶּנּוּ
נִקַּח לְעִבְד אֶת־יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ
וְאַנְחֵנוּ לֹא־נִדְעֵ מה־נִּעֲבֹד
אֶת־יְהוָה עַד־בֵּאֵנוּ שָׁמָּה: (כז)
וַיַּחְזֵק יְהוָה אֶת־לֵב פַּרְעֹה וְלֹא
אָבָה לְשַׁלְּחָם: (כח) וַיֹּאמֶר־לוֹ
פַּרְעֹה לֵךְ מֵעָלַי הַשֶּׁמֶר לְךָ
אֶל־תִּסּוֹף רֵאוֹת פָּנָי כִּי בַיּוֹם
רֵאתְךָ פָּנָי תָּמוּת: (כט) וַיֹּאמֶר
מֹשֶׁה כֵּן דְּבַרְתָּ לֹא־אֶסָּף עוֹד
רֵאוֹת פָּנֶיךָ: {פ} (א) וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה
אֶל־מֹשֶׁה עוֹד נִגַע אֶחָד אָבִיא
עַל־פַּרְעֹה וְעַל־מִצְרַיִם אַחֲרַיִךְ
יִשְׁלַח אֶתְכֶם מִזֶּה כְּשִׁלְחוֹ כָלֵה
גֵרֶשׁ יִגְרֶשׁ אֶתְכֶם מִזֶּה: (ב)
דְּבַר־נָא בְּאָזְנֵי הָעָם וַיִּשְׁאַלּוּ
אִישׁ מֵאֵת רֵעֵהוּ וְאִשָּׁה מֵאֵת
רֵעוּתָהּ כָּל־יִכְסֹף וְכָל־זָהָב: (ג)
וַיִּתֵּן יְהוָה אֶת־חֵן הָעָם בְּעֵינָי
מִצְרַיִם גַּם הָאִישׁ מֹשֶׁה גָדוֹל
מְאֹד בְּאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם בְּעֵינָי
עַבְדֵי־פַרְעֹה וּבְעֵינָי הָעָם: {ס}

hers, objects of silver and gold.” (3)
GOD disposed the Egyptians
favorably toward the people.
Moreover, Moses himself was much
esteemed in the land of Egypt,
among Pharaoh’s courtiers and
among the people.

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