

The Exodus Series – I am the LORD

Seven Separate “I will” Promises:

From **Exodus 6:6-8**

1. “I will bring you out...”
2. “I will deliver you...”
3. “I will redeem you...”
4. “I will take you to be My people...”
5. “I will be your God. . .”
6. “I will bring you into the land...”
7. “I will give it to you for a possession...”

The Hardening of Pharaoh’s Heart

God did not cause or prewrite Pharaoh’s evil choices but knew Pharaoh and what he would choose.

Exodus 3:19 - 20

19 But I know that the king of Egypt will not let you go unless compelled by a mighty hand.

20 So I will stretch out my hand and strike Egypt with all the wonders that I will do in it; after that he will let you go.

God in His providence foreknew and responded to Pharaoh by luring him into his own destruction.

- **In the beginning, Pharaoh hardens his own heart, or his heart becomes hard (his choice)**
 - **Exodus 7:13 NKJV** And Pharaoh's heart grew hard, and he did not heed them, as the LORD had said.
 - **Exodus 7:14 NKJV** So the LORD said to Moses: “Pharaoh's heart is hard; he refuses to let the people go.
Exodus 7:22 NKJV Then the magicians of Egypt did so with their enchantments; and Pharaoh's heart grew hard, and he did not heed them, as the LORD had said.
 - **Exodus 8:15 NKJV** But when Pharaoh saw that there was relief, he hardened his heart and did not heed them, as the LORD had said.
 - **Exodus 8:19 NKJV** Then the magicians said to Pharaoh, “This is the finger of God.” But Pharaoh's heart grew hard, and he did not heed them, just as the LORD had said.
 - **Exodus 9:7 NKJV** 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.
- **God repeatedly gave Pharaoh the chance to humbly repent and release the children of Israel**
 - **Exodus 5:1** Afterward Moses and Aaron went and said to Pharaoh, “Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, ‘Let my people go, that they may hold a feast to me in the wilderness.’”
 - **Exodus 7:16** And you shall say to him, ‘The LORD, the God of the Hebrews, sent me to you, saying, “Let my people go, that they may serve me in the wilderness.” But so far, you have not obeyed.
 - **Exodus 8:1** Then the LORD said to Moses, “Go in to Pharaoh and say to him, ‘Thus says the LORD, “Let my people go, that they may serve me.

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- **Exodus 8:20** Then the LORD said to Moses, “Rise up early in the morning and present yourself to Pharaoh, as he goes out to the water, and say to him, ‘Thus says the LORD, “Let my people go, that they may serve me.
- **Exodus 9:1** Then the LORD said to Moses, “Go in to Pharaoh and say to him, ‘Thus says the LORD, the God of the Hebrews, “Let my people go, that they may serve me.
- **Exodus 9:13** Then the LORD said to Moses, “Rise up early in the morning and present yourself before Pharaoh and say to him, ‘Thus says the LORD, the God of the Hebrews, “Let my people go, that they may serve me.
- **Exodus 10:3** So Moses and Aaron went in to Pharaoh and said to him, “Thus says the LORD, the God of the Hebrews, ‘How long will you refuse to humble yourself before me? Let my people go, that they may serve me.
- **Three times Pharaoh gives in and lets them go.**
 - **Exodus 8:8** Then Pharaoh called Moses and Aaron and said, “Plead with the LORD to take away the frogs from me and from my people, and I will let the people go to sacrifice to the LORD.”
 - **Exodus 8:25** Then Pharaoh called Moses and Aaron and said, “Go, sacrifice to your God within the land.”
 - **Exodus 9:28** Plead with the LORD, for there has been enough of God's thunder and hail. I will let you go, and you shall stay no longer.”
- **From the 6th plague and onward, God steps in and we see the active "the LORD hardened..."**
 - **Exodus 9:12** But the LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh, and he did not listen to them, as the LORD had spoken to Moses.
 - **Exodus 10:1** Then the LORD said to Moses, “Go in to Pharaoh, for I have hardened his heart and the heart of his servants, that I may show these signs of mine among them,
 - **Exodus 10:20** But the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he did not let the people of Israel go.
 - **Exodus 10:27** But the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he would not let them go.
 - **Exodus 11:10** Moses and Aaron did all these wonders before Pharaoh, and the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he did not let the people of Israel go out of his land.
 - **Exodus 14:8** And the LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and he pursued the people of Israel while the people of Israel were going out defiantly.

Often, in the Old Testament, the ages of prominent people will be given just before a life-defining event.

- **Genesis 7:6** Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of waters came upon the earth.
- **Genesis 21:5** Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him.
- **Genesis 41:46** Joseph was thirty years old when he entered the service of Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh and went through all the land of Egypt.
- **Exodus 7:7** Now Moses was eighty years old, and Aaron eighty-three years old, when they spoke to Pharaoh.

Why is God doing all this to Egypt?

How is God answering the Pharaoh who said, “Who is the LORD? I don’t know the LORD...?”

Exodus 7:17a Thus says the LORD, “By this you shall know that I am the LORD