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# DAILY READING

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Exodus 9:1-21

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## **EXODUS 9:1-21**

### **THE FIFTH PLAGUE: DEATH OF LIVESTOCK**

**9** Then the Lord said to Moses, “Go in to Pharaoh and say to him: This is what the Lord, the God of the Hebrews, says: Let my people go, so that they may worship me. **2** But if you refuse to let them go and keep holding them, **3** then the Lord’s hand will bring a severe plague against your livestock in the field—the horses, donkeys, camels, herds, and flocks. **4** But the Lord will make a distinction between the livestock of Israel and the livestock of Egypt, so that nothing of all that the Israelites own will die.” **5** And the Lord set a time, saying, “Tomorrow the Lord will do this thing in the land.” **6** The Lord did this the next day. All the Egyptian livestock died, but none among the Israelite livestock died. **7** Pharaoh sent messengers who saw that not a single one of the Israelite livestock was dead. But Pharaoh’s heart was hard, and he did not let the people go.

## **THE SIXTH PLAGUE: BOILS**

<sup>8</sup> Then the Lord said to Moses and Aaron, “Take handfuls of furnace soot, and Moses is to throw it toward heaven in the sight of Pharaoh. <sup>9</sup> It will become fine dust over the entire land of Egypt. It will become festering boils on people and animals throughout the land of Egypt.” <sup>10</sup> So they took furnace soot and stood before Pharaoh. Moses threw it toward heaven, and it became festering boils on people and animals. <sup>11</sup> The magicians could not stand before Moses because of the boils, for the boils were on the magicians as well as on all the Egyptians. <sup>12</sup> But the Lord hardened Pharaoh’s heart and he did not listen to them, as the Lord had told Moses.

## **THE SEVENTH PLAGUE: HAIL**

<sup>13</sup> Then the Lord said to Moses, “Get up early in the morning and present yourself to Pharaoh. Tell him: This is what the Lord, the God of the Hebrews says: Let my people go, so that they may worship me. <sup>14</sup> For this time I am about to send all my plagues against you, your officials, and your people. Then you will know there is no one like me on the whole earth. <sup>15</sup> By now I could have stretched out my hand and struck you and your people with a plague, and you would have been obliterated from the earth. <sup>16</sup> However, I have let you live for this purpose: to show you my power and to

make my name known on the whole earth. <sup>17</sup> You are still acting arrogantly against my people by not letting them go. <sup>18</sup> Tomorrow at this time I will rain down the worst hail that has ever occurred in Egypt from the day it was founded until now. <sup>19</sup> Therefore give orders to bring your livestock and all that you have in the field into shelters. Every person and animal that is in the field and not brought inside will die when the hail falls on them.” <sup>20</sup> Those among Pharaoh’s officials who feared the word of the Lord made their servants and livestock flee to shelters, <sup>21</sup> but those who didn’t take to heart the Lord’s word left their servants and livestock in the field.