

# The Battle Is The LORDS!

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Purpose: to show that the battle is really the Lords when we get out of the way and do what we're told to do.

If you have been in church for any length of time, you will at some point heard that Christians are in a battle.

This is true, but the real question is: How do we win?

Here is what has happened so far:

- God prepares Moses for the job
  - 40 years in Egypt
  - 40 years in the desert
  - The burning bush experience
  - Moses now learns to do whatever God tells him to do and is ready to approach Pharaoh
- God gives Pharaoh a chance
  - Moses goes to Pharaoh and asks him to let God's people go
  - Moses tells Pharaoh God's message, but Pharaoh makes life worse
  - Next, Moses shows Pharaoh a notable miracle, yet his heart is still hardened.

God told Moses what He was going to do and what He wanted Moses to do.

*Exo 7:9 - "When Pharaoh speaks to you, saying, 'Show a miracle for yourselves,' then you shall say to Aaron, 'Take your rod and cast it before Pharaoh, and let it become a serpent.' "*

Moses and Aaron did what they were told to do:

*Exo 7:10 - So Moses and Aaron went in to Pharaoh, and they did so, just as the LORD commanded. And Aaron cast down his rod before Pharaoh and before his servants, and it became a serpent.*

Pharaoh responds:

*Exo 7:11 - But Pharaoh also called the wise men and the sorcerers; so the magicians of Egypt, they also did in like manner with their enchantments.*

Who were these sorcerers? Janis & Jambris

*2Ti 3:8 - Now as Jannes and Jambres resisted Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, disapproved concerning the faith;*

**Sorcerers -**

Strong:

A primitive root; properly to *whisper* a spell, that is, to *inchant* or practise magic: - sorcerer, (use) witch (-craft).

BDB Definition:

- 1) (Piel) to practice witchcraft or sorcery, use witchcraft
- 1a) sorcerer, sorceress (participle)

### **Magicians**

Strong:

a *horoscopist* (as *drawing* magical lines or circles): - magician.

BDB Definition:

- 1) diviner, magician, astrologer
- 1a) engraver, writer (only in derivative sense of one possessed of occult knowledge)

These were real enemies with deceptive satanic powers.

God begins to show His power:

**Exo 7:12** - *For every man threw down his rod, and they became serpents. But Aaron's rod swallowed up their rods.*

Pharaoh is not moved:

**Exo 7:13** - *And Pharaoh's heart grew hard, and he did not heed them, as the LORD had said.*

God begins to act

**Exo 7:14** - *So the LORD said to Moses: "Pharaoh's heart is hard; he refuses to let the people go.*

**Exo 7:15** - *Go to Pharaoh in the morning, when he goes out to the water, and you shall stand by the river's bank to meet him; and the rod which was turned to a serpent you shall take in your hand.*

**Exo 7:16** - *And you shall say to him, "The LORD God of the Hebrews has sent me to you, saying, "Let My people go, that they may serve Me in the wilderness"; but indeed, until now you would not hear!*

**Exo 7:17** - *Thus says the LORD: "By this you shall know that I am the LORD. Behold, I will strike the waters, which are in the river with the rod that is in my hand, and they shall be turned to blood.*

**Exo 7:18** - *And the fish that are in the river shall die, the river shall stink, and the Egyptians will loathe to drink the water of the river.' ' "*

**Exo 7:19** - *Then the LORD spoke to Moses, "Say to Aaron, "Take your rod and stretch out your hand over the waters of Egypt, over their streams, over their rivers, over their ponds, and over all their pools of water, that they may become blood. And there shall be blood throughout all the land of Egypt, both in buckets of wood and pitchers of stone.' "*

**Exo 7:20** - *And Moses and Aaron did so, just as the LORD commanded. So he lifted up the rod and struck the waters that were in the river, in the sight of Pharaoh and in the sight of his servants. And all the waters that were in the river were turned to blood.*

**Exo 7:21** - *The fish that were in the river died, the river stank, and the Egyptians could not drink the water of the river. So there was blood throughout all the land of Egypt.*

**Exo 7:22** - *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.*

**Exo 7:23** - *And Pharaoh turned and went into his house. Neither was his heart moved by this.*

**Exo 7:24** - *So all the Egyptians dug all around the river for water to drink, because they could not drink the water of the river.*

**Exo 7:25** - *And seven days passed after the LORD had struck the river.*

# 1 - When God says he "hardened Pharaoh's heart" it simply means that he "gave him up to the hardness of his heart; that is, he stopped resisting him. We see this in many instances in the bible:

**1Sa 16:14** - *But the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and a distressing spirit from the LORD troubled him.*

**1Sa 18:12** - *Now Saul was afraid of David, because the LORD was with him, but had departed from Saul.*

**Rom 1:24** - *Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves,*

**Rom 1:26** - *For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature.*

**Rom 1:28** - *And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting;*

#2 – God always gives us a chance to repent.

- First he tells Pharaoh what he requires
- Next, he gives Pharaoh an example of His power
- From here on things get progressively worse for Pharaoh

Conclusion:

- Two things that we will see from here onward:
  - The rise of God's servant Moses
  - The fall of the Pharaoh, the enemy of God's people
- All this took place because Moses got out of the way and did what he was told
- When we get out of the way and do what God tells us to do, the same will happen to us!