

The Battle Begins Exodus 5:1-7:13

I. Pharaoh's Resistance – 5:1-18

1. Moses requests Israel's release – 1
Request made in the name of Jehovah
2. Pharaoh rejects Moses' request - 2-3
Who is your God that I should listen to him?
Moses repeats the request, it is denied
3. Pharaoh retaliates against Israel - 4-18
Accuses them of idleness - 4-5
Makes them gather their own straw – 6-7
Requires the same amount of bricks – 8-9
Beaten when they fail to meet quotas – 10-18
God sometimes allows things to get worse

II. Israel's Reaction – 5:19-23

1. Leaders complain to Moses - 19-21
Blame him for their increased burdens
2. Moses voices complaint to God – 22-23
Why are you bringing evil on this people?
Why have you sent me to deliver them?
Things have only gotten worse
You have done nothing to deliver them

III. God's Reassurance - 6:1-12

1. God's resolve is stated - 1-8
I am Jehovah - God of the patriarchs - 1-3
I established my covenant with them - 4
I have heard your groaning - 5
I will bring out of bondage & redeem you - 6
I will make you my people & be your God - 7
I will bring you into the land of promise - 8
2. Moses' reluctance after failure - 9-12
People did not listen to Moses anymore
Moses did not want to go to Pharaoh
What's the use, he will not listen to me

IV. God's Commitment to Israel – 6:13-7:5

1. His Purpose: is unchanged - 6:13
He will deliver His people from bondage
2. His People; need deliverance – 6:14-15
The tribes of Israel need deliverance
3. His Plan: use Moses and Aaron – 6:16-30
Their family lineage is traced – 16-27
God's commission is renewed – 28-29
Moses is still unconvinced - 30
4. His Power; will enable you - 7:1-5
Don't be deterred by hardness of heart
God will use rejection to display His power
God will convince Egyptians that He is God

V. God's Power Revealed – 7:6-13

1. Display of power required
Moses is still unconvinced – 6:30
Moses & Aaron are old – 7:7

- Human ability is not sufficient
2. This is spiritual warfare – 7:8-13
Pharaoh did not accept God's authority – 8-9
He needed to see God's mighty power
Egypt's gods duplicated first miracles – 10-12
Two supernatural forces in conflict
God's supremacy must be proven
Pharaoh's heart hardened against God -13
Egyptians were ripe for judgment
Continued to mistreat Israelites
Israel needed to see God's mighty power