

EPISODE NO. 59

Exo. 9:18-26

Hail

Then Yahweh said to Moses, 18 "Listen, I will send a very bad hailstorm at this time tomorrow. It will be the worst one that has ever happened in Egypt since it became a nation! 19 You should give the order now for your livestock and everything you own in the field to take shelter. The hail will fall upon every person and animal that has not taken shelter and is still unprotected in the field. And they will DIE!"

20 Those important officers of Pharaoh who respected Yahweh's order brought their slaves and livestock into shelters. 21 But those who ignored Yahweh's order exposed their slaves and livestock in the field.

22 Then Yahweh said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand toward the sky, so that hail will fall all over the land of Egypt — upon people, upon animals, and upon every plant in the fields of the land of Egypt." 23 When Moses extended his walking-cane toward the sky, Yahweh sent thunder and hail. And lightning flashed down to the ground. So, Yahweh caused hail to come down upon the land of Egypt. 24 Hail fell. And, lightning was flashing everywhere throughout the hailstorm. It was the worst storm that had ever occurred since Egypt became a nation. 25 Throughout Egypt, the hail smashed everything in the fields — from people to animals. All the plants in the field were pounded by the hail. All the trees in the fields were pulverized. 26 The only place where it did not hail was in the Goshen area, where the sons of Israel lived.