

## Sermon Notes

### *Exodus – The Revealing of God’s Glory and His Design for the Chosen*

“Staff and Snake Prelude”– Exodus 7:8-13

#### I. Introduction.

##### A. Snakes! Yikes!

1. Squeamish for people today, but extolled in Ancient Egypt.

##### B. Today’s story is a preview of coming events.

1. Pharaoh’s heart will remain hard.

##### C. The text.

1. Exodus 7:8-13

##### D. Yahweh as warrior king.

1. God will vanquish the gods of Egypt.

#### II. Exposition

##### A. Verses 8-9

1. God anticipates Pharaoh’s hard heart.
2. Similar to requests of Jesus.
3. Power/magic is key.
  - a. Who has the most power?

##### B. Verse 10

1. The staff
  - a. Moses or Aaron’s?
2. The snake
  - a. Importance in lower Egypt.
    1. Fear
    2. Worship
3. Worshipping the serpent.
  - a. Egyptian history

##### b. Importance to Pharaoh.

1. John Currid
- c. Reciting of Pharaoh.

##### C. Verse 10

1. The pride of Egypt thrown to the ground.
2. Genesis 3:14

##### D. Verse 11

1. Magic and sorcery were mainstays of Ancient Egypt.
2. How did the sorcerer’s staff become snakes?
  - a. Power of Satan
  - b. Slight of hand
  - c. Definition of a miracle
    1. Beyond explanation
    2. John 10:37-38; 14:10-11
  - d. Hengstenberg
  - e. Satan’s ability – II Thessalonians 2:9

##### E. Verse 12

1. God’s power is supreme.
  - a. Psalm 97:7-9

##### F. Verse 13

1. Heart hard and “heavy.”
2. Similar to the times of Jesus.
  - a. Luke 7:22; 16:19-31

#### III. Points for Reflection

- A. The staff used by Aaron became a Staff of Life to the Hebrews for it was God’s instrument of redemption.
- B. Just as the Egyptians worshipped the cobra for its promise of power, men and women still worship things that they perceive will give them power.
- C. Hardness of heart is the normal unbeliever’s response to the gospel.