

Question 1 (vs. 3:11) Answer 3:12

Question 2 (3:13) Answer 3:14

Objection 1 (4:1) Answer 4:2-9

Objection 2 (4:10) Answer 4:11-17

And notice 4:21 as an example of God preparing Moses in advance to know what will happen. You will think of the many times the Lord Jesus told His followers of events in the future so that when they came to pass they would know He had spoken truly.

D. The Contest with Pharaoh Exodus 5-12

1. A preliminary look at Pharaoh's heart.

If you check all the references you will find times when God says he will harden Pharaoh's heart and others where it says Pharaoh hardened His heart. Both are true. But notice that Pharaoh at all times does what he wants to do. He never says.. "Oh, I wish God would let me give this people permission to go...I want them to leave but God won't let me.." No, he never says anything like that. He does exactly what he wants to do but it is under the will and guidance of God. God knows that His people will not be content with His dealing unless there is some powerful lesson to direct them that way. Even with the great oppression in Egypt they will yearn to return at times and Egypt will become almost a fabled helper to them in later years. God is not unjust with Pharaoh but he is working a redemption plan and in that the Egyptian monarch plays a role that he does not understand but which he actually relishes! See Isaiah 10 for further help on that sort of thing in a parallel illustration with the King of Assyria.

2. The initial contact: 5

- a. Meeting Pharaoh 5:1-2
- b. The request 5:3
- c. An intolerant response 5:4-9
- d. Increased burdens 5:10-19
- e. The reproach of the people 5:20-23

3. A renewed assignment 6:1-7:9

- a. Renewal of the covenant promise 6:1-8