

1) Who was Pharaoh, and why did he refuse the Israelites to go?

Pharaoh was the king of Egypt.

He refused to let the people go because Israelites worked as slaves under him and if he let them go he would lose so many workers. He refused to fear God, even though he saw the sign to prove that God had sent Moses and Aaron.

2) How did Moses and Aaron demonstrate to Pharaoh that they were sent by God?

Aaron threw his walking stick and it turned to snake. Pharaoh's magician did the same using magic trick, and their sticks also turned into snakes.

But Aaron's stick swallowed all other sticks. This was to show Pharaoh that they were sent by God.

3) What was the final plague that made Pharaoh let the Israelites go?

The final plague that made Pharaoh let the Israelites go was the death of the firstborn.

All this time, Pharaoh refused to acknowledge the power of God. God hardened his heart, and he refused to listen to Moses and Aaron, even when they warned him about what was to come. Because of his stubbornness, he lost his firstborn. He then realized the power of God and sent the Israelites to worship Him.

4) Let's Ponder : How do you think the Israelites felt during the plagues?

The plagues were probably a time for the Israelites to understand the power of God. They were dejected and probably doubted if God would really save them.

The plagues did not affect any of the Israelites. So they experienced the favor of God and saw how capable God was in protecting them.