

## **The words of hardening**

- Qashah – stiff necked, hardened, difficult
- Kabad – Heavy, hard to the point of being insensible
- Chazaq – To strengthen or prevail against

# Exodus

## **The source of the hardening (Exodus 9:34-10:1)**

- Pharaoh hardened (v. 34)
- Heart was hardened (v. 35)
- Lord hardened the heart (10:1)

Passage	Event (plague #)	Phrase	Word	Source
8:15	Frogs (2)	he(pharaoh)harden his heart, as the Lord had said	Kabad	Pharaoh
8:32	Flies (4)	Pharaoh hardened his heart	Kabad	Pharaoh
9:34	Hail (6)	Sinned again, hardened his heart	Kabad	Pharaoh
7:13	Aarons staff	Pharaohs heart was hardened, as Lord commanded	Chazaq	Neutral
7:14	Water to blood (1)	Pharaohs heart is stubborn	Kabad	Neutral
7:22	Water to blood (1)	Pharaohs heart hardened, as Lord commanded	Chazaq	Neutral
8:19	Insects (3)	Pharaohs heart was harden, as Lord had said	Chazaq	Neutral
9:7	Cattle (5)	Heart of Pharaoh was hardened	Kabad	Neutral
9:35	Hail (7)	Pharaohs heart was hardened, as Lord had spoken	Chazaq	Neutral
13:15	Recounting of Plagues	Pharaoh was stubborn	Qashah	Neutral

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4:21	Burning bush	I will harden	Chazaq	Lord
7:3	Final commission	I will harden	Qashah	Lord
9:12	Boils (6)	Lord hardened	Kabad	Lord
10:1	Locusts (8)	I have hardened his heart	Kabad	Lord
10:20	Locusts (8)	Lord hardened Pharaohs heart	Chazaq	Lord
10:27	Darkness	Lord hardened Pharaohs heart	Chazaq	Lord
11:10	Death	Lord hardened Pharaohs heart	Chazaq	Lord
14:4	Pursuit	I will harden	Chazaq	Lord
14:8	Pursuit	Lord hardened	Chazaq	Lord
14:17	Red Sea	I will hardened Egyptians	Chazaq	Lord

## **The reason for the hardening (Exodus 9:12-17)**

- To demonstrate God's power
- To proclaim God's name

## **The aftermath of the hardening**

- God accomplished his goals
- It revealed Pharaoh's heart (Exodus 9:27-30)
- It assured Moses God was in total control (Exodus 4:21)
- It sealed Pharaoh's eternal destiny
- It obliterated Egyptian idea of Pharaoh's heart





## **The application of the hardening**

- God is good (Genesis 18:25)
- Pharaoh is a warning to all, including believers
- Understanding Pharaoh's heart gives a better view of evangelism
- God is sovereign
- All men have a hard heart (Ezekiel 11:19)
- All men deserve spiritual death (Romans 6:23)
- Hardening of the heart leads to un-repentable heart
  - John 12:37-41, 2 Timothy 4:3-4
- This is all for God's glory (Romans 9:14-23)