

# Exodus 9:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Pharaoh sent, and, behold, there was not one of the cattle of the Israelites dead. And the heart of Pharaoh was hardened, and he did not let the people go.

## Analysis

Verse 7 describes the plague on livestock, targeting Apis bull cult and Hathor cow goddess. God strikes Egyptian livestock while Israelite animals remain healthy. The 'set time' (*תִּזְמֹן*, moed—appointed time) emphasizes God's sovereignty over timing.

## Historical Context

Apis bull represented Ptah's fertility and strength. Hathor, cow goddess, symbolized motherhood and music. Egyptians worshipped cattle as sacred; their death struck at core religious identity while demonstrating YHWH's power over life.

## Related Passages

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

**Psalm 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

## Study Questions

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1. How does God's precise timing demonstrate His sovereignty?
2. What idols masquerading as 'life-givers' has God exposed in your experience?

## Interlinear Text

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וְיֹשַׁבְתָּה	שְׁלֹחַ	פְּרָעֹה	הַ	לֹא	וְהִנֵּה	הַ	מַתְּ	מִמְּלֹכָת	הַ	מִמְּלֹכָת	לְ	יִשְׂרָאֵל	עַד
<b>go</b>	<b>And Pharaoh</b>		H2009	H3808	<b>dead</b>		<b>of the cattle</b>	<b>of the Israelites</b>				H5704	
H7971	H6547				H4191		H4735	H3478					
וְלֹא		פְּרָעֹה	הַ	לֹא		וְקַבֵּד		לְבָבָ		וְ	אָף	דָּ	וְ
<b>and behold there was not one</b>		<b>was hardened</b>		<b>And the heart</b>		<b>And Pharaoh</b>		H3820		H3808		H6547	
H259		H3513											
וְאַתָּה	שְׁלֹחַ							פָּעָם:					
<b>go</b>	H853	<b>and he did not let the people</b>											
H7971		H5971											

## Additional Cross-References

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**Exodus 7:14** (Parallel theme): And the LORD said unto Moses, Pharaoh's heart is hardened, he refuseth to let the people go.

**Exodus 8:32** (Parallel theme): And Pharaoh hardened his heart at this time also, neither would he let the people go.