

# 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

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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' (מוֹעֵד, moed—appointed time) emphasizes God's sovereignty over timing.

## Historical Context

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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

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

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

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

**Psalms 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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עַד	יִשְׂרָאֵל	ל	מִמֶּקְלָה	יָת	לֹא	וְהִנֵּה	ה	פָּרַעַה	ה	שָׁלַח	ח
	<b>of the Israelites</b>		<b>of the cattle</b>	<b>dead</b>				<b>And Pharaoh</b>		<b>go</b>	
H5704	H3478		H4735	H4191	H3808	H2009		H6547		H7971	
וְלֹא	פָּרַעַה	ה	לֵב	וְכִבֵּד	אָדָם	ד					
	<b>And Pharaoh</b>		<b>And the heart</b>	<b>was hardened</b>	<b>and behold there was not one</b>						
H3808	H6547		H3820	H3513	H259						
הָעָם:	אֶת	שָׁלַח	ח								
	<b>and he did not let the people</b>	<b>go</b>									
H5971	H853	H7971									

## 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.