

10:1 "for I have hardened his heart" כי אני הכבדתי את לבו

Because the plagues which were already done עשויות היו לרכך את לבו were  
to soften his heart and cause him to do the right thing ולנהיגו למוטב

and then his ability to choose was not balanced ואז הרי לא היתה בחירתו  
שוות-משקל

therefore the Hashem, may He be blessed, hardened his heart לפיכך  
הכביד השם-יתברך את לבו

so as to preserve the equal balance of his choice כדי לשמור על שווי-  
המשקל של בחירתו

(הדרש והעיון)