



# GOD PLAGUES

## EGYPT

Exodus 8 & 9

Pharaoh's heart was hard after the first plague. All the water was turned to blood for seven days. The Egyptians dug all around the river, looking for water to drink, because they could not drink the water from any body of water that they already knew about. I imagine that they found water with each new well that was dug, but each time water was put in a bucket or a pitcher, the water turned to blood. The only things the Egyptians found to drink were milk from their animals and juice or wine that had been made from the fruit of the vine.

After the first plague ended and the blood became water again, the Lord said to Moses, "Go to Pharaoh and tell him, 'The Lord says, 'Let My people go, so they may serve Me. If you refuse to let them go, I will curse all your land with frogs. The river will bring hundreds of thousands of frogs. They will go into your house, into your bedroom, on your bed, into the houses of your servants and your people, into your ovens and bowls used to prepare your food.'"" When Moses told Pharaoh what the Lord said, Pharaoh ignored him.



The Lord had Moses tell Aaron to stretch out his hand with the rod over the streams, over the rivers, and over the ponds, and cause frogs to come on the land of Egypt. The magicians of Pharaoh did the same with their enchantments and brought up frogs on the land of Egypt. So again, Pharaoh was not impressed by Moses and Aaron. This was the second plague.

There were so many frogs present that Pharaoh asked his magicians to make them go away. The magicians tried, but they could not make them go away. So, Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron, and said, "Please speak to the Lord and ask him to take away the frogs from me and from my people and I will let the people go to sacrifice to the Lord."

Moses said to Pharaoh, "When I speak to the Lord, when shall I ask Him to do away with the frogs around you and your houses?"

Pharaoh said, "Tomorrow." Moses said, "Let it be as you have asked so that you may know that there is no one like the Lord our God. Tomorrow, the frogs will depart from you, from your houses, from your servants, and from your people. They will only remain in the river."

Moses and Aaron left from Pharaoh. Moses asked the Lord to remove the frogs, just as he had promised. The Lord did as Moses asked. The frogs died out of the houses, out of the courtyards, and out of the fields. The Egyptians gathered the dead frogs into piles. The dead frogs caused the land to stink. As soon as Pharaoh saw that there was relief, he hardened his heart again and did not honor his word to Moses and Aaron, just as the Lord had said.



The Lord had Moses tell Aaron to stretch out his rod, and strike the dust of the land, so that it would become lice throughout all the land of Egypt. This time, they were not to give pharaoh any warning. Aaron did as the Lord requested...he stretched out his hand with his rod and struck the dust of the earth, and it became lice and landed on man and beast. All the dust of the land became lice throughout all the land of Egypt. This was the third plague. Pharaoh's magicians worked with their enchantments trying to bring forth lice, but they could not. There were lice on every man and every animal. The magicians said to Pharaoh, "This is the finger of God." Pharaoh's heart grew hard, and he did not listen to them, just as the Lord had said.



The Lord said to Moses, "Rise early in the morning and wait for Pharaoh as he comes out to the water. Say to him, 'Thus says the Lord, "Let My people go, so they may serve Me. If you will not let My people go, I will send swarms of flies on you and your servants, on your people and into your houses. The houses of every Egyptian will be full of swarms of flies, even on the ground on which they stand. In that day I will set apart the land of Goshen, where My people dwell. No swarms of flies will be there, so that you may know that I am the Lord. I will make a difference between My people and your people. This will happen tomorrow and will be a sign to you."' " The Lord did as He said. Thick swarms of flies came into Pharaoh's house, into his servants' houses, and into all the land of Egypt. The land was ruined because of the swarms of flies. This was the fourth plague.



Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron, and said, "Go, sacrifice to your God in the land of Goshen."

Moses said, "It is not the right thing for us to do. We would be sacrificing things that are an abomination to the Egyptians. If we sacrifice things that are an abomination in the sight of the Egyptians, won't they stone us? More so, this is not what the Lord told us to do. We must travel three days' journey into the wilderness and sacrifice to the Lord our God as He has commanded us."

Pharaoh said, "I will let you go, so that you may sacrifice to the Lord your God in the wilderness, only you shall not go very far away. Speak to your God for me."

Moses said, "When I go out from you, and I will speak to the Lord, so that the swarms of flies may depart tomorrow from you, from your servants, and from your people. But do not deal deceitfully with us anymore in not letting us go to sacrifice to the Lord."

Moses went out from Pharaoh and spoke to the Lord. The Lord did as Moses asked. He removed the swarms of flies from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people. Not one remained. But Pharaoh hardened his heart again and he would not let the people go.



The Lord said to Moses, "Go to Pharaoh and tell him, 'The Lord God of the Hebrews says, 'Let My people go, so that they may serve Me. If you refuse to let them go, and still hold them, the hand of the Lord will be on your cattle in the field, on the horses, on the donkeys, on the camels, on the oxen, and on the sheep. He will strike them with a very severe sickness. The Lord will make a difference between the livestock of Israel and the livestock of Egypt. Nothing shall die of all that belongs to the children of Israel.'"" The Lord appointed a set time. He said, "Tomorrow the Lord will do this thing in the land."

The Lord did this on the very next day, and all the livestock of Egypt that were in the field died, but none of the livestock of the children of Israel died. Then Pharaoh sent servants to check on the Hebrews, and they found that not even one of the animals of the Israelites was dead. The heart of Pharaoh became hard again, and he did not let the people go. This was the fifth plague.

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, "Take handfuls of ashes from a furnace, and let Moses scatter it toward the heavens in the sight of Pharaoh. The ash will become fine dust in all the land of Egypt. The dust will cause boils that cause sores on man and beast throughout all the land of Egypt." They took ashes from the furnace and stood before Pharaoh, and Moses scattered the ash toward heaven. The ash became dust that caused boils that break out in sores on man and beast. The magicians of Pharaoh could not stand before Moses because the boils were on them and on all the Egyptians. Again, the Lord hardened the heart of Pharaoh, and he ignored them, just as the Lord told Moses. This was the sixth plague.

That evening, the Lord said to Moses, "Rise early in the morning and stand before Pharaoh. Say to him, 'Thus says the Lord God of the Hebrews, "Let My people go so that they may serve Me. If you will not, I will send all My plagues to your very heart, and on your servants and on your people, that you may know that there is none like Me in all the earth. If I had stretched out My hand and struck you and your people with pestilence, then you and all your people would have been cut off from the earth. Instead of killing all of you, I have raised you up, so that I may show My power in you, and that My name may be declared in all the earth. As of now, you still exalt yourself against My people in that you will not let them go. Know that tomorrow, about this time, I will cause very heavy hail to rain down, such as has not been in Egypt since its founding. I suggest you send now and gather your remaining livestock and all that you have in the field, because the hail will come down on every man and every animal which is found in the field and they shall die.'"



All who feared the word of the Lord among the elite of Pharaoh took his servants and livestock and fled to the houses. All who did not regard the word of the Lord left their servants and their livestock in the field.

When the time came, the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand toward heaven, and there be hail in all the land of Egypt. Let it fall on man, on beast, and on every herb of the field, throughout the land of Egypt." Moses stretched out his rod toward heaven and the Lord sent thunder and hail, and fire rained to the ground. The Lord rained hail mixed with fire on all of the land of Egypt. There was nothing like this in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation. The hail struck throughout the whole land of Egypt, on all that were in the field, both man and beast. The hail struck every herb of the field and broke every tree of the field. Only in the land of Goshen, where the children of Israel were, was there no hail. This was the seventh plague.

Pharaoh sent and called for Moses and Aaron, and said to them, "I have sinned this time. The Lord is righteous, and my people and I are wicked. Ask the Lord to stop the mighty thundering and hail. It is enough. I will let you go. You shall stay no longer."

Moses said to him, "As soon as I have gone out of the city, I will spread out my hands to the Lord. The thunder will cease, and there will be no more hail, that you may know that the earth is the Lord's. But as for you and your servants, I know that you do not yet fear the Lord God enough to let us go."

Now the flax and the barley were struck, because the barley was in the head and the flax was in bud. The wheat and the spelt were not struck, because they are late crops.

So Moses went out of the city from Pharaoh and spread out his hands to the Lord. The thunder, the rain and the hail stopped. When Pharaoh saw that the rain, the hail, and the thunder had stopped, he sinned again and he hardened his heart, he and his servants. The heart of Pharaoh was hard and he would not let the children of Israel go, as the Lord had spoken by Moses.