



*Questions
You Have
Asked*

**What is the meaning of God's plagues on
Egypt (Exodus 7-10)?**

I. The Plagues Were Judgment On Egyptian Gods

A. Turning the Nile to Blood* (Exodus 7:17)

Apis, the god of the Nile

Isis, goddess of the Nile

Khnum, guardian of the Nile

B. Bringing frogs* (Exodus 8:13-14)

Heqet, the frog-headed goddess of birth

Sacred to Egyptians – Did not kill them

C. Lice (gnats?) (Exodus 8:18-19)

Set, the god of the desert

*** Duplicated by the Egyptian magicians**

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D. Flies (Exodus 8:21-24)

Uatchit, the fly god

Pharaoh told Israelites will not be affected

E. Murrain on livestock (Exodus 9:3-6)

Goddess Hathor and the god Apis, (depicted as cattle)

Pharaoh discovers the difference with Israelites (v 7)

F. Boils (Exodus 9:8-11)

From ashes of the furnace

Sekhmet, Sunu, and Isis (gods over health and disease)

Magicians cannot stand before Moses (v 11)

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G. Hail (and lightning) (Exodus 9:18-26)

Warning given to protect cattle and livestock (v 19)

Nut, the sky goddess; Osiris, the crop fertility god; and Set, the storm god.

Flax and barley destroyed

H. Locusts (Exodus 10:2-16)

Israelites will tell descendants of God's power

Nut, Osiris, and Set

Got crops not affected by the hail (rye and wheat)

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I. Darkness (Exodus 10:21-23)

Sun god, Ra (Re), symbolized by Pharaoh himself

J. Death of the Firstborn Males

(Exodus 11:4-7, 12:29-30)

Isis, the protector of children

Passover instituted for Israelites

II. Applications

A. Imitation leads to a misperception of God's power

2 Corinthians 11:13-15

13 For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ.

14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.

15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

1. Doubled the pain

2. Had to acknowledge the superiority of God's power

3. Could not stand in the presence of God's power

II. Applications

B. Faith is tested when trials occur but God puts limits on trials

1 Corinthians 10:13

There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

II. Applications

C. Mercy preceded judgments that bring forth death

Revelation 14:6-10

6 And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,

7 Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

8 And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.

9 And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand,

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Revelation 14:6-10 - continued

10 The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:

Ezekiel 33:11

Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?

II. Applications

D. There is only one God

Hosea 13:4

Yet I am the LORD thy God from the land of Egypt, and thou shalt know no god but me: for there is no saviour beside me.

E. God's grace brings deliverance

Deuteronomy 29:13

That he may establish thee to day for a people unto himself, and that he may be unto thee a God, as he hath said unto thee, and as he hath sworn unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

Philippians 2:10-11

10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.