

## Exodus 8 Summary

The LORD sent a plague of frogs on Egypt. Pharaoh begged for relief but then hardened his heart. The LORD sent gnats and then flies.

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## Exodus chapter 8 Outline

Ex 8:1-7 Frogs are sent.

Ex 8:8-15 Pharaoh sues to Moses, who by prayer removes them away.

Ex 8:16-19 The dust is turned into lice, which the magicians could not do.

Ex 8:20-24 The plague of flies.

Ex 8:25-32 Pharaoh inclines to let the people go, but yet is hardened.

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## Exodus 8 New King James Version

*The direct statements of the Lord in yellow.*

*The statements of Pharaoh in green.*

*The statements of Moses in blue.*

*The statement of the magicians in purple.*

*Emphasis on Pharaoh's hard heart in red.*

## The Second Plague: Frogs

1 And the LORD spoke to Moses, "Go to Pharaoh and say to him, 'Thus says the LORD: "Let My people go, that they may serve Me. 2 But if you refuse to let them go, behold, I will smite all your territory with frogs. 3 So the river shall bring forth frogs abundantly, which shall go up and come into your house, into your bedroom, on your bed, into the houses of your servants, on your people, into your ovens, and into your kneading bowls. 4 And the frogs shall come up on you, on your people, and on all your servants." ' "

5 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, "Say to Aaron, 'Stretch out your hand with your rod over the streams, over the rivers, and over the ponds, and cause frogs to come up on the land of Egypt.' " 6 So Aaron stretched out his hand over the waters of Egypt, and the frogs came up and covered the land of Egypt. 7 And the magicians did so with their enchantments, and brought up frogs on the land of Egypt.

8 Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron, and said, "Entreat the LORD that He may take away the frogs from me and from my people; and I will let the people go, that they may sacrifice to the LORD."

9 And Moses said to Pharaoh, "Accept the honor of saying when I shall intercede for you, for your servants, and for your people, to destroy the frogs from you and your houses, that they may remain in the river only."

10 So he said, "Tomorrow." And he said, "Let it be according to your word, that you may know that there is no one like the LORD our God. 11 And the frogs shall depart from you, from your houses, from your servants, and from your people. They shall remain in the river only."

12 Then Moses and Aaron went out from Pharaoh. And Moses cried out to the LORD concerning the frogs which He had brought against Pharaoh. 13 So the LORD did according to the word of Moses. And the frogs died out of the houses, out of the courtyards, and out of the fields. 14 They gathered them together in heaps, and the land stank. 15 But when Pharaoh saw that there was relief, he hardened his heart and did not heed them, as the LORD had said.

### **The Third Plague: Lice**

16 So the LORD said to Moses, "Say to Aaron, 'Stretch out your rod, and strike the dust of the land, so that it may become lice throughout all the land of Egypt.'" 17 And they did so. For Aaron stretched out his hand with his rod and struck the dust of the earth, and it became lice on man and beast. All the dust of the land became lice throughout all the land of Egypt.

18 Now the magicians so worked with their enchantments to bring forth lice, but they could not. So there were lice on man and beast. 19 Then the magicians said to Pharaoh, "This is the finger of God." But Pharaoh's heart grew hard, and he did not heed them, just as the LORD had said.

### **The Fourth Plague: Flies**

20 And the LORD said to Moses, "Rise early in the morning and stand before Pharaoh as he comes out to the water. Then say to him, 'Thus says the LORD: "Let My people go, that they may serve Me. 21 Or else, if you will not let My people go, behold, I will send swarms of flies on you and your servants, on your people and into your houses. The houses of the Egyptians shall be full of swarms of flies, and also the ground on which they stand. 22 And in that day I will set apart the land of Goshen, in which My people dwell, that no swarms of flies shall be there, in order that you may know that I am the LORD in the midst of the land. 23 I will make a difference between My people and your people. Tomorrow this sign shall be."'" 24 And the LORD did so. Thick swarms of flies came into the house of Pharaoh, into his servants' houses, and into all the land of Egypt. The land was corrupted because of the swarms of flies.

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

26 And Moses said, "It is not right to do so, for we would be sacrificing the abomination of the Egyptians to the LORD our God. If we sacrifice the abomination of the Egyptians before their eyes, then will they not stone us? 27 We will go three days' journey into the wilderness and sacrifice to the LORD our God as He will command us."

28 So Pharaoh said, "I will let you go, that you may sacrifice to the LORD your God in the wilderness; only you shall not go very far away. Intercede for me."

29 Then Moses said, "Indeed I am going out from you, and I will entreat the LORD, that the swarms of flies may depart tomorrow from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his

people. But let Pharaoh not deal deceitfully anymore in not letting the people go to sacrifice to the LORD.”

30 So Moses went out from Pharaoh and entreated the LORD. 31 And the LORD did according to the word of Moses; He removed the swarms of flies from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people. Not one remained. 32 But Pharaoh hardened his heart at this time also; neither would he let the people go.

### Observations from this chapter.

#### There are three plagues listed in this chapter:

##### 2nd plague - Frogs

- Magicians did the same. [seems this pride compounded the problem.]
- Frogs came from their: streams, rivers, ponds; waters of Egypt.
- Frogs were in their houses, bedrooms, beds, their servants houses, on the people, in their ovens, and their kneading bowls. They were also in their courtyards and fields.
- Notice this: (1) Pharaoh asks Moses to "Entreat the LORD that He may take away the frogs from me and from my people". (2) Moses in essence said, "its your call, I am ready when you are". (3) Of all things, just to prove he was in control, says "tomorrow". The idea that he would live with this misery one more night is incomprehensible.
- Notice that when the frogs "went away" that they would "remain in the river only."
- The people gathered the dead frogs together in heaps, and the land stank. \*Can you imagine how long and terrible this plague lasted from beginning to end.

##### 3rd plague - Lice

- Strike the dust and it becomes lice.
- This plague was initiated when "Aaron stretched out his hand with his rod".
- There was lice on man and beast.
- This time the magicians COULD NOT replicate the plague.

#### 4th plague - Flies

- Notice the text does not indicate that Moses and Aaron were used to bring on the swarm of flies. Does this indicate that God alone brought this plague?
- Also, this is the first plague where the text specifically states that Goshen (where the children of Israel were living) would be protected from this plague. Notice the two reasons for this:
  - a. in order that you may know that I am the LORD in the midst of the land.
  - b. I will make a difference between My people and your people.
- These flies would be: on **you** [Pharaoh] and your **servants**, on your **people** and into your **houses**!
- Pharaoh's response in v. 25 does not indicate a change in heart, only the spirit of compromise. "Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron, and said, "Go, sacrifice to your God in the land.""
- Moses response:
  - a. **The concern:** "It is not right to do so, for we would be sacrificing the abomination of the Egyptians to the LORD our God.
    - 1. Conchin's note: "*In verse 26, Moses pointed out that the children of Israel could not sacrifice to their God in Egypt because the Egyptians would stone them. The historian Eusebius says the Egyptians believed that when the giants made war on the gods, the gods were obliged to take refuge in Egypt, assuming shapes of disguise in order to escape. Jupiter hid himself in the body of a ram, Apollo in that of a cow, Bacchus in a goat, Diana in a cat, Juno in a white heifer, Venus in a fish, and Mercury in the bird ibis. If offering any of these would have offended the Egyptians, Israel would have been in great trouble. (See Clarke's Commentary, Vol. 1, p. 331).*

- b. **The potential consequence:** If we sacrifice the abomination of the Egyptians before their eyes, then will they not stone us?
  - c. **Reiterating the plan:** 27 "We will go three days' journey into the wilderness and sacrifice to the LORD our God as He will command us."
- Pharaoh hardens his heart.