

Exodus 8

Trust in a Big God/Prove a Faithful God

- 2nd Encounter with Pharaoh
- Signs/Wonders to Prove God/Convict Pharaoh and Egypt

Exodus 7:9 "When Pharaoh speaks to you, saying, 'Show a miracle for yourselves,' then you shall say to Aaron, 'Take your rod and cast it before Pharaoh, and let it become a serpent.'"

- Magicians imitate/Aarons staff swallows/Pharaoh's heart grows hard
- First signs then Plagues of Judgment:
- **First Plague:** Water becomes Blood
 1. Against Egyptian false-deity "Hapi":
 - a) Sprit of the Nile depicted as Fat man with breast of a woman
 - b) Powers of fertility and nourishment

Hymn to Hapi: Thou waterest the fields which Ra crated...Thou art the bringer of food...creator of all good things. Thou fillest the storhouses...Thou hast care for the poor and needy

Exodus 7:20b [Aaron struck the water] ...And all the waters that were in the river were turned to blood. 21 The fish that were in the river died, the river stank, and the Egyptians could not drink the water of the river. So there was blood throughout all the land of Egypt.

- Magicians imitate/Pharaoh's heart grows harder

Exodus 7:23 And Pharaoh turned and went into his house. Neither was his heart moved by this.

- Seven days later we begin **Exodus Chapter 8**

I. 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.**"

- Began in Exodus 5 at Moses 1st meeting with Pharaoh

Exodus 5:1 Moses and Aaron went in and told Pharaoh, "Thus says the Lord God of Israel: 'Let My people go, that they may hold a feast to Me in the wilderness.'"² And Pharaoh said, "**Who is the Lord, that I should obey His voice** to let Israel go? I do not know the Lord, nor will I let Israel go."³ So they said, "The God of the Hebrews has met with us. Please, let us go three days' journey into the desert and sacrifice to the Lordour God, **lest He fall upon us** with pestilence or with the sword."

- **Moses to Pharaoh:** Command to obey/Consequence for disobedience
- "Let us journey 3 days to worship God outside of Egypt or be judged"
- Pharaoh rebels and plagues began:

10 False-deities of Egypt are in God's crosshairs

Purpose of 10 Plagues: That Egypt would know the Lord is God. The Living God

- **First:** [Ch. 7] Power over false-deity of the Nile

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.””

- 2nd Plague: **Frogs**
- **Judgment on Egypt:** “You...your people and your servants
- **Revelation/Exodus connection:** Egypt picture of rebellious Satanic World System

Revelation 16:12 [Sixth Bowl Judgment: Euphrates Dried Up] Then the sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up, so that the way of the kings from the east might be prepared. 13 And I saw three unclean spirits **like frogs** coming out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. 14 For they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty...

- **Sixth Bowl of the Great Tribulation**
 1. Euphrates River supernaturally dried up by God
 2. Purpose: Prepare way for Kings of earth to march westward to Israel
 3. Demons that were *like frogs* come out the mouths of the unholy trinity
 - Dragon Father
 - Beast Son
 - False Prophet Spirit
 4. Whisper in the ears of the Kings of the Earth: “Attack Israel”

Revelation 16:16 ...And [frog/demons] gathered [kings of the earth] together to the place called in Hebrew, **Armageddon**.

- **Frogs:** Poor Ugly little creatures worshiped by Egypt
- False-deity **Heka:**
 1. Frog-headed Egyptian goddess
 2. Patroness of mid-wives
 3. Egyptian art depicts Heka as reciting spells at “resurrection” of Osiris
 4. It was an offense to the frog-headed goddess to kill frogs

To the Egyptians, the frog was a symbol of life and fertility, since millions of them were born after the annual inundation of the Nile, which brought fertility to the otherwise barren lands. Consequently, in Egyptian mythology, there began to be a frog-goddess, who represented fertility, referred to by Egyptologists as Heqet [Armour, Robert A. (2001). Gods and Myths of Ancient Egypt.]

Romans 1:22 Professing to be wise, they became fools, 23 and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.

The river shall bring forth frogs abundantly

- **They will be in your...**
 1. House
 2. Bedroom

3. Bed
4. Servants house
5. People's house
6. Ovens
7. Tupperware

- Egyptians walked on frogs, sat on frogs, slept on frogs

...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.

- Why replicate frogs? Why keep fighting a losing battle?

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."

Pharaoh is plagued with frogs; their vast numbers made them sore plagues to the Egyptians. God could have plagued Egypt with lions, or bears, or wolves, or with birds of prey, but he chose to do it by these despicable creatures. God, when he pleases, can arm the smallest parts of the creation against us. He thereby humbled Pharaoh. They should neither eat, nor drink, nor sleep in quiet; but wherever they were, they should be troubled by the frogs. God's curse upon a man will pursue him wherever he goes, and lie heavy upon him whatever he does. Pharaoh gave way under this plague. [Matthew Henry]

- **Pharaoh to Moses:** Entreat the Lord for me

Exodus 7:1 ...the LORD said to Moses: "See, I have made you as God to Pharaoh..."

- NOTE: Magicians could multiply frogs but not remove them

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."

- **You decide the time the frogs are dealt with Pharaoh:**
 1. So you know it is not coincidence
 2. So when it happens you are more accountable
 3. When I judge I will be shown righteous

10 So [Pharaoh] said, "Tomorrow." And [Moses] 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."

- When God removes the frogs at the time you set you will know that...

...there is no one like the Lord our God

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.

- **God leaves a reminder:**
 1. Frogs all die where there at
 2. Gathered into pile. Nauseating. Sunbirds selling "Frog Shovels"
 3. Stank...bad!

Residue of sin stinks.

Romans 6:21 What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death.

15 But when Pharaoh saw that there was relief, he hardened his heart and did not heed them, as the Lord had said.

- After "some" relief from consequences of his sin **he hardened his heart**

World will put up with "little relief" and "lot of stink" if they can stay in their sin

1. Things moving in house
2. Who concert
3. Sage blessing
4. Encouragement offered, Leadership encouraged, Reality of lost-ness stated and way of escape offered

I'll put up with a little discomfort/stink if I can just stay in my sin

- **Pharaoh hardened his own heart**

SUMMARY Second Plague: Frogs

II. 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.

- **Unannounced** No mention of Moses speaking to Pharaoh
- **Dust becomes lice:** Direct hit against Egyptian earth worship
- Directed at False-Deity "**Geb**"
 1. Egyptian "god of the earth"

2. *Geb* reports to Osiris regarding the "state of the Egyptian harvest"

All the dust of the land became lice throughout all the land of Egypt.

- **Lice:** Root meaning to "cover", "nip" or "pinch"
- Land stinks with frogs and lice now scavenging the dead frogs

18 Now the magicians so worked with their enchantments to bring forth lice, but **they could not.**

- **Enchantments:** Soft Secret incantations
- **Cannot do this one:** Blood, Frogs but not Lice

18b... So there were lice on man and beast. 19 Then the magicians said to Pharaoh, "**This is the finger of God.**"

- **Magicians to Pharaoh...**
 1. We can't do this
 2. This has the mark of One greater than our gods

Satan's power is limited to what God allows for His purposes [Job]

19b...But Pharaoh's heart grew hard, and he did not heed them, just as the Lord had said.

- **Pharaoh disregards sound advice:**
 1. Irrational
 2. Insane with power as is Satan...

Revelation 12:12 Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time."

- Pharaoh's heart continues to grow callous, insensitive

SUMMARY Third Plague: Lice

III. 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

- Greet Pharaoh after his bath: Washing of lice/gnats
- **If you will not heed the Living God...**

21b...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.

- **Swarms of Flies:** Supposedly sacred to Ra the sun god, Ra-Ammon, and Khepara

1. **Blood sucking flying insects;** i.e. Devours things rather than stings
2. Possibly Egyptian scarab? Dung beetle

What they worshiped now devouring them

Psalm 115:8 Those who make [idols] are like them; So is everyone who trusts in them.

- **Egyptians will be eaten-alive:**

1. Pharaoh
2. Servants
3. People
4. Houses filled with swarms
5. Ground/Air/Everything covered with blood-sucking flying insects

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."''

- **Sign:** The swarms will only land on/infect Egypt not Gods people...

...that you may know that I am the Lord even the midst of a pagan land

- Jesus would be called Beelzebub; i.e. "Lord of the Flies" by religious leaders

Luke 11:14 And [Jesus] was casting out a demon, and it was mute. So it was, when the demon had gone out, that the mute spoke; and the multitudes marveled. 15 But some of them said, "He casts out demons by Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons."... **20** But if I cast out demons with the **finger of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you.**

- **Jesus is the Lord that sent the flies to Egypt**

- **It is Satan who is the Lord of the Flies**

1. Prince of the air: Phone calls/interruptions
2. Everything going well and ...just one fly
3. Flying in circle in middle of room
4. After just took a shower
5. Pukes after landing us
6. Pest/Nuisance

- Lord makes a distinction as to who the swarms would attack...just Egypt

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.

- **Swarms:** Possibly different types of flying biting insects

Psalms 78:45 He sent swarms of flies among them, which devoured them, And frogs, which destroyed them.

- **Corrupted:** Smell of a fly trap?

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

- Flies still swarming
- Pharaoh gives...a little: Sacrifice in the land; i.e. Egypt

This is the natural course of action for politicians but God is no politician. He will strike no bargain with Pharaoh. [Guzic]

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?"

- **Abomination of the Egyptians?** Sacrificing Sheep

27 We will go three days' journey into the wilderness and sacrifice to the Lord our God as He will command us."

- **We will do what God says:** Moses growing becoming a God pleaser

Acts 5:28 [Religious Leaders to Apostles] "Did we not strictly command you not to teach in this name? And look, you have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this Man's blood on us!" 29 But Peter and the other apostles answered and said: "We ought to obey God rather than men. 30 The God of our fathers raised up Jesus whom you murdered by hanging on a tree.

- **Flies still swarming**...convincing, persuading, encouraging Pharaoh

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."

- **Dichotomy** [double-minded] way of thinking:
 1. **I will let you go:** Still thinks he's calling the shots?
 2. **Intercede for me:** He knows who is causing the plagues

Many people "turn to God" in a time of calamity, and when things get better, almost immediately turn their hearts back in hardness to God. Pharaoh isn't an unusual specimen of humanity; he is a rather typical one. [Guzic]

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."

- **I will intercede, you stop lying**

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.

Not one fly remained...But Pharaoh hardened his heart

SUMMARY Plagues 1-4

1. Water to blood
2. Abundant Frogs
3. Lice/Gants: Flying Blood-suckers
4. Swarms of Flies

How much pain/misery must God allow/inflict on a sinful world before we turn to Him?

- **911:** Instead of turning to True God we embrace our enemies false-god

How much pain/misery must God allow/inflict on sinful individual before they turn to Him?

Great Tribulation: Sinners continue to rebel against God while suffering His judgments

- **5th Trumpet in Revelation 9:** Supernatural Locusts
 1. Faces of men and Hair like woman
 2. Breastplates of iron and Teeth like a lion
 3. Sound of wings as loud as chariots
 4. Stinging Tails like scorpions w/ Power to cause pain 5 months

Revelation 9:11 [Locusts] had as king over them the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon [destruction], but in Greek he has the name Apollyon [destroyer].

- **6th Trumpet:** Two-hundred million horseman on supernatural **horses**
 1. Breastplates fiery red, blue, and sulfur yellow
 2. Heads of Lions and Mouths spewing fire and brimstone

Revelation 9:19 For their power is in their mouth and in their tails; for their tails are like serpents, having heads; and with them they do harm. 20 But the rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, that they should not worship demons, and idols of gold, silver, brass, stone, and wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk. 21 And **they did not repent** of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts.

- **Bowl Judgments:** Revelation 16
 1. A [one single] foul and loathsome sore came upon the men who had the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image.
 2. [The sea] became blood as of a dead man; every living creature in sea died.
 3. Rivers and springs of water, and they became blood
- **Fourth Bowl:** Men Are Scorched

Revelation 16:8 Then the fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and power was given to him to scorch men with fire. 9 And men were scorched with great heat, and they blasphemed the name of God who has power over these plagues; and they **did not repent and give Him glory.**

- **Fifth Bowl:** Darkness and Pain

Revelation 16:10 Then the fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom became full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues because of the pain. 11 They blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and **did not repent of their deeds.**

- Today men live in their sin and put up with the stink, misery and not turning to God
- Today men comfort each other by saying this there is no hell, that this life is hell.

Reality: For believers this life is as close to hell as we will ever experience

Reality: For those who do not repent this is as close to heaven as they will ever experience