

# Exodus 8

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## The Second Plague: Frogs

<sup>1</sup>And the LORD spoke unto Moses: 'Go in unto Pharaoh, and say unto him: Thus saith the LORD: Let My people go, that they may serve Me. <sup>2</sup>And if thou refuse to let them go, behold, I will smite all thy borders with frogs. <sup>3</sup>And the river shall swarm with frogs, which shall go up and come into thy house, and into thy bed-chamber, and upon thy bed, and into the house of thy servants, and upon thy people, and into thine ovens, and into thy kneading-troughs. <sup>4</sup>And the frogs shall come up both upon thee, and upon thy people, and upon all thy servants.' <sup>5</sup>And the LORD said unto Moses: 'Say unto Aaron: Stretch forth thy hand with thy rod over the rivers, over the canals, and over the pools, and cause frogs to come up upon the land of Egypt.' <sup>6</sup>And Aaron stretched out his hand over the waters of Egypt; and the frogs came up, and covered the land of Egypt. <sup>7</sup>And the magicians did in like manner with their secret arts, and brought up frogs upon the land of Egypt.

**8**Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron, and said: 'Entreat the LORD, that He take away the frogs from me, and from my people; and I will let the people go, that they may sacrifice unto the LORD.'  
**9**And Moses said unto Pharaoh: 'Have thou this glory over me; against what time shall I entreat for thee, and for thy servants, and for thy people, that the frogs be destroyed from thee and thy houses, and remain in the river only?'

**10**And he said: 'Against to-morrow.' And he said: 'Be it according to thy word; that thou mayest know that there is none like unto the LORD our God. **11**And the frogs shall depart from thee, and from thy houses, and from thy servants, and from thy people; they shall remain in the river only.'  
**12**And Moses and Aaron went out from Pharaoh; and Moses cried unto the LORD concerning the frogs, which He had brought upon Pharaoh. **13**And the LORD did according to the word of Moses; and the frogs died out of the houses, out of the courts, and out of the fields. **14**And they gathered them together in heaps; and the land stank. **15**But when Pharaoh saw that there was respite, he hardened his heart, and hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had spoken.

### **The Third Plague: Gnats**

**16**And the LORD said unto Moses: 'Say unto Aaron: Stretch out thy rod, and smite the dust of the earth, that it may become gnats throughout all the land of Egypt.'  
**17**And they did so; and Aaron stretched out his hand with his rod, and smote the dust of the earth, and there were gnats upon man, and upon beast; all the dust of the earth became gnats throughout all the land of Egypt. **18**And the magicians did so with their secret arts to bring forth gnats, but they could not; and there were gnats upon man, and upon beast. **19**Then the magicians said unto Pharaoh: 'This is the finger of God'; and Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had spoken.

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

**20**And the LORD said unto Moses: 'Rise up early in the morning, and stand before Pharaoh; lo, he cometh forth to the water; and say unto him: Thus saith the LORD: Let My people go, that they may serve Me. **21**Else, if thou wilt not let My people go, behold, I will send swarms of flies upon thee, and upon thy servants, and upon thy people, and into thy houses; and the houses of the Egyptians shall be full of swarms of flies, and also the ground whereon they are. **22**And I will set apart in that day the land of Goshen, in which My people dwell, that no swarms of flies shall be there; to the end that thou mayest know that I am the LORD in the midst of the earth. **23**And I will put a division between My people and thy people—by to-morrow shall this sign be.'  
**24**And the LORD did so; and there came grievous swarms of flies into the house of Pharaoh, and into his servants' houses; and in all the land of Egypt the land was ruined by reason of the swarms of flies.

**25**And Pharaoh called for Moses and for Aaron, and said: 'Go ye, sacrifice to your God in the land.'  
**26**And Moses said: 'It is not meet so to do; for we shall sacrifice the abomination of the Egyptians to the LORD our God; lo, if we sacrifice the abomination of the Egyptians before their eyes, will they not stone us? **27**We will go three days' journey into the wilderness, and sacrifice to the LORD our God, as He shall command us.'  
**28**And Pharaoh said: 'I will let you go, that ye may sacrifice to the LORD your God in the wilderness; only ye shall not go very far away; entreat for me.'  
**29**And Moses said: 'Behold, I go out from thee, and I will entreat the LORD that the swarms of flies may depart from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people, tomorrow; only let not Pharaoh deal deceitfully any more in not letting the people go to sacrifice to the LORD.'

**30**And Moses went out from Pharaoh, and entreated the LORD. **31**And the LORD did according to the word of Moses; and He removed the swarms of flies from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people; there remained not one. **32**And Pharaoh hardened his heart this time also, and he did not let the people go.