

First Plague—Nile River Turns to Blood (c. February–March 1446 BC)

Exodus 7:14–25

14 And Yahweh said to Moses, “Pharaoh’s heart *is* insensitive; he refuses to release the people.
 15 Go to Pharaoh in the morning. Look, *he is* going out to the water, and you must wait to meet him on the bank of the Nile, and you must take in your hand the staff that was changed into a snake.
 16 And you must say to him, ‘Yahweh, the God of the Hebrews, has sent me to you, saying, “Release my people that they may serve me in the desert, and, look, you have not listened until now.”’
 17 Thus says Yahweh, “By this you will know that I *am* Yahweh. Look, I *am about* to strike with the staff that is in my hand the water that is in the Nile, and it will be changed to blood.
 18 And the fish that *are* in the Nile will die, and the Nile will stink, and *the* Egyptians will be unable to drink water from the Nile.” ”
 19 And Yahweh said to Moses, “Say to Aaron, ‘Take your staff and stretch your hand out over the waters of Egypt and over their rivers, over their canals, and over their pools and over all of their reservoirs of water, so that they become blood,’ and blood will be in all the land of Egypt and in *vessels of* wood and of stone.”
 20 And Moses and Aaron did so, as Yahweh had commanded, and he raised the staff and struck the water that was in the Nile before the eyes of Pharaoh and before the eyes of his servants, and all of the water that was in the Nile was changed to blood.
 21 And the fish that *were* in the Nile died, and the Nile stank, and *the* Egyptians were not able to drink water from the Nile, and the blood was in all the land of Egypt.
 22 And the magicians of Egypt did likewise with their secret arts, and Pharaoh’s heart was hard, and he did not listen to them, as Yahweh had spoken.
 23 And Pharaoh turned and went to his house, and he did not take also this to heart.
 24 And all of *the* Egyptians dug around the Nile *for* water to drink, because they were unable to drink from the water of the Nile.
 25 And seven days passed after Yahweh struck the Nile.

Second Plague—Frogs (c. February–March 1446 BC)

Exodus 8:1–15

1 And Yahweh said to Moses, “Go to Pharaoh, and say to him, ‘Thus says Yahweh, “Release my people so that they may serve me.”’
 2 And if you *are* refusing to release, look, I *am going* to plague all of your territory with frogs.
 3 And the Nile will swarm with frogs, and they will go up and come into your house and into your bedroom and onto your bed and into the house of your servants and among your people and into your ovens and into your kneading troughs.
 4 And the frogs will go up against you and against your people and against all of your servants.”
 5 And Yahweh said to Moses, “Say to Aaron, ‘Stretch out your hand with your staff over the rivers, over the canals, and over the pools, and bring up the frogs on the land of Egypt.’”
 6 And Aaron stretched out his hand over the waters of Egypt, and the frogs went up and covered the land of Egypt.
 7 And the magicians did likewise with their secret arts, and they brought up frogs over the land of Egypt.
 8 And Pharaoh called Moses and Aaron and said, “Pray to Yahweh, and let him remove the frogs from me and from my people, and let me release the people so that they can sacrifice to Yahweh.”
 9 And Moses said to Pharaoh, “I leave to you the honor over me. When shall I pray for you and for your servants and for your people to cut off the frogs from you and from your houses? They will be left only in the Nile.”
 10 And he said, “Tomorrow.” And he said, “*Let it be* according to your word so that you will know that there is no one like Yahweh our God.
 11 And the frogs will depart from you and from your house and from your servants. They will be left only in the Nile.”
 12 And Moses and Aaron went out from Pharaoh, and Moses cried out to Yahweh over the matter of the frogs that he had brought on Pharaoh.
 13 And Yahweh did according to the word of Moses, and the frogs died from the houses, from the courtyards, and from the fields.
 14 And they piled them *in* countless heaps, and the land stank.
 15 And Pharaoh saw that there was relief, and he made his heart insensitive, and he did not listen to them, as Yahweh had spoken.

Third Plague—Gnats (c. February–March 1446 BC)

Exodus 8:16–19

16 And Yahweh said to Moses, “Say to Aaron, ‘Stretch out your staff and strike the dust of the land, and it will become gnats in all the land of Egypt.’”
 17 And he did so, and Aaron stretched out his hand with his staff, and he struck the dust of the land, and it became gnats on the humans and on the animals; all of the dust of the land became gnats in all the land of Egypt.
 18 And the magicians did so with their secret arts to bring out the gnats, but they were not able, and the gnats were on the humans and on the animals.

19 And the magicians said to Pharaoh, “It is the finger of God.” But the heart of Pharaoh was hard, and he did not listen to them, as Yahweh had spoken.

Fourth Plague—Flies (c. February–March 1446 BC)

Exodus 8:20–32

20 And Yahweh said to Moses, “Start early in the morning and stand before Pharaoh. Look, *he is* going out to the water, and you must say to him, ‘Thus says Yahweh, “Release my people so that they may serve me.”’

21 But if you are not *about to* release my people, look, I *am about* to send out flies among you and among your servants and among your people and in your houses; and the houses of Egypt will fill up with the flies and also the ground that they are on.

22 But on that day I will distinguish the land of Goshen, where my people are staying, by there not being flies there, so that you will know that I *am* Yahweh in the midst of the land.

23 And I will put a distinction between my people and your people; this sign will be tomorrow.”

24 And Yahweh did so, and a severe *swarm of* flies came to the house of Pharaoh and the house of his servants and in all the land of Egypt; the land was ruined because of the flies.

25 And Pharaoh called Moses and Aaron, and he said, “Go, sacrifice to your God in the land.”

26 And Moses said, “To do so *is* not right, because we will sacrifice to Yahweh our God a thing detestable to the Egyptians. Look, *if* we sacrifice before their eyes the thing detestable to the Egyptians, will they not stone us?

27 We will go a journey of three days into the desert, and we will sacrifice to Yahweh our God according to what he says to us.”

28 And Pharaoh said, “I myself will release you, and you will sacrifice to Yahweh your God in the desert. Only surely you must not go far. Pray for me.”

29 And Moses said, “Look, I *am* going out from you, and I will pray to Yahweh so that the flies depart from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people tomorrow. Only let not Pharaoh again deceive *us* by not releasing the people to sacrifice to Yahweh.”

30 And Moses went out from Pharaoh and prayed to Yahweh.

31 And Yahweh did according to the word of Moses and removed the flies from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people; not one was left.

32 And Pharaoh made his heart insensitive also this time, and he did not release the people.

Fifth Plague—Livestock Plague (c. February–March 1446 BC)

Exodus 9:1–7

1 And Yahweh said to Moses, “Go to Pharaoh and say to him, ‘Thus says Yahweh, the God of the Hebrews, “Release my people so that they may serve me.”’

2 But if you *are* refusing to release and you still *are* keeping hold of them,

3 look, the hand of Yahweh *is* about to be *present with* a very severe plague on your livestock that are in the field, on the horses, on the donkeys, on the camels, on the cattle, and on the sheep and goats.

4 But Yahweh will make a distinction between the livestock of Israel and the livestock of Egypt, and not a thing will die from all *that belongs* to the Israelites.”

5 And Yahweh set an appointed time, saying, “Tomorrow Yahweh will do this thing in the land.”

6 And Yahweh did this thing the next day; all the livestock of Egypt died, but from the livestock of the Israelites not one died.

7 And Pharaoh sent *to check*, and it turned out not even one from the livestock of Israel had died, but Pharaoh’s heart was insensitive, and he did not release the people.

Sixth Plague—Boils (c. February–March 1446 BC)

Exodus 9:8–12

8 And Yahweh said to Moses and to Aaron, “Take for yourselves full handfuls of soot from a smelting furnace, and let Moses sprinkle it toward the heavens before the eyes of Pharaoh.

9 And it will become fine dust over all the land of Egypt, and it will become on humans and on animals a skin sore sprouting blisters in all the land of Egypt.”

10 And they took the soot of the smelting furnace, and they stood before Pharaoh, and Moses sprinkled it toward the heavens, and it became skin sores sprouting blisters on humans and on animals.

11 And the magicians were not able to stand before Moses because of the skin sores, for the skin sores were on the magicians and on all *the* Egyptians.

12 And Yahweh hardened Pharaoh’s heart, and he did not listen to them, as Yahweh had spoken to Moses.

Seventh Plague—Hail (c. February–March 1446 BC)

Exodus 9:13–35

- 13 And Yahweh said to Moses, “Start early in the morning and stand before Pharaoh. Look, *he is* going out to the water, and you must say to him, ‘Thus says Yahweh, the God of the Hebrews, “Release my people so that they may serve me.
- 14 For at this time I *am* sending all of my plagues to you personally and among your servants and among your people so that you will know that there is no one like me in all the earth.
- 15 For now I could have stretched out my hand, and I could have struck you and your people with the plague, and you would have perished from the earth.
- 16 But for the sake of this I have caused you to stand—for the sake of showing you my strength and in order to proclaim my name in all the earth. [[Rom 9:17](#)]
- 17 Still you *are* behaving haughtily to my people by not releasing them.
- 18 Look, about *this* time tomorrow, I *am* going to cause very severe hail to rain, the like of which has not been in Egypt from the day it was founded until now.
- 19 And now send *word*; bring into safety your livestock and all that *belongs* to you in the field. The hail will come down on every human and animal that is found in the field and not gathered into the house, and they will die.” ”
- 20 Anyone from the servants of Pharaoh who feared the word of Yahweh caused his servants and livestock to flee to the houses.
- 21 But whoever did not give regard to the word of Yahweh abandoned his servants and his livestock in the field.
- 22 And Yahweh said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand to the heavens, and let there be hail in all the land of Egypt, on human and on animal and on all the vegetation of the field in the land of Egypt.”
- 23 And Moses stretched out his staff to the heavens, and Yahweh gave thunder and hail, and fire went *to the* earth, and Yahweh caused hail to rain on the land of Egypt.
- 24 And there was hail, and fire *was* flashing back and forth in the midst of the very severe hail, the like of which was not in all the land of Egypt since it had become a nation.
- 25 And the hail struck in all the land of Egypt all that *was* in the field, from human to animal, and the hail struck all the vegetation of the field and smashed every tree of the field.
- 26 Only in the land of Goshen, where the Israelites *were*, there was no hail.
- 27 And Pharaoh sent and called Moses and Aaron and said to them, “I have sinned this time. Yahweh *is* the righteous *one*, and I and my people *are* the wicked *ones*.
- 28 Pray to Yahweh. The thunder of God and hail are enough, and I will release you, and you will no longer have to stay.”
- 29 And Moses said to him, “At my leaving the city, I will spread out my hands to Yahweh. The thunder will stop, and the hail will be no more, so that you will know that the earth *belongs* to Yahweh.
- 30 But *as for* you and your servants, I know that you do not yet fear the presence of Yahweh God.”
- 31 And the flax and the barley were struck, because the barley *was in the* ear and the flax *was in* bud.
- 32 But the wheat and the spelt were not struck, because they *are* late-ripening.
- 33 And Moses went from Pharaoh out of the city, and he spread his hands to Yahweh, and the thunder and the hail stopped, and rain did not pour *on the* earth.
- 34 And Pharaoh saw that the rain and the hail and the thunder stopped, and he again sinned and made his heart insensitive, he and his servants.
- 35 And Pharaoh’s heart was hard, and he did not release the Israelites, as Yahweh had said by the agency of Moses.

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