



Exodus

GOD'S MIRACULOUS DEMONSTRATION OF POWER

Exodus 8:1-15

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Signs and Plagues

God's deliverance of His people from bondage will include "signs" and "plagues" – all demonstrations of His power. The plagues are all evidence of God's preeminence over the various "gods" of the Egyptians. The plagues are also signs to God's people that will encourage them in their confidence in God.

Demand from God

God continues to lead Moses to demand of Pharaoh the release of God's people from bondage.

Plague of Frogs

- God threatened Pharaoh with the plague of frogs.
- Plague (Hebrew "nagap") is used specifically (8:2).
- Frogs were sacred in Egypt – the Egyptians were forbidden to kill them. Frogs were associated with the Egyptian goddess Heqet – a goddess of fertility. Heqet was believed to assist Egyptian women in childbirth. She was depicted in art as having the head of a frog.
- All of Egypt (except where the Israelites lived) was teeming with frogs. Even Pharaoh's home was overrun.

- Pharaoh's magicians were able to repeat the plague on a small scale. However, they were powerless to do anything about the overwhelming nature of the plague.
- Pharaoh appealed to Moses to ask his God to intervene - and pledged to let Israel leave Egypt.
- Moses offered Pharaoh the opportunity to choose when he would like the plague to end - and he chose, "tomorrow."
- God intervened and all of the frogs died and the land reeked.
- Pharaoh hardened his own heart and refused to let Israel go.

God's Plan in Action

God is going to redeem Israel. However, He is going to defeat the pantheon of Egyptian gods and goddesses first. He is going to dismantle the Egyptian worldview and give Israel a memorable and unforgettable experience of deliverance!