

Egypt and the Plagues

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Upon their gods also the Lord executed judgments. (Numbers 33:4)

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| <u>Plague #1</u> against waters of Egypt Exodus 7:19-21 water turned to blood | <u>Egyptian gods attacked by plague</u> Osiris, chief god, god of Nile Isis, wife of Osiris, mother god Horus, child of Osiris and Isis Hapi (north), hippopotamus goddess of river Taret (Thebes), hippopotamus goddess of river Nu, god of life in the Nile | <u>Significance</u> These gods were offered sacrifices for centuries. The land stunk from dead fish that could not live in blood. | <u>Egyptian priests duplicated</u> <u>Hebrews experienced plague</u> |
| <u>Plague #2</u> frogs Exodus 8:2-7 | <u>Egyptian gods attacked by plague</u> Heh, principal goddess wife of creator, a frog | <u>Significance</u> Egyptians could not war against frogs. To make it worse, frogs came out of the sacred Nile! The land stunk from the dead frogs. | <u>Egyptian priests duplicated</u> <u>Hebrews experienced plague</u> |
| <u>Plague #3</u> lice -- probably a type that digs under the skin Exodus 8:16-19 | <u>Egyptian gods attacked by plague</u> Geb, god of the earth | <u>Significance</u> Offerings made to Geb for the bounty of the land. Priests were too busy itching. | <u>Egyptian priests did not duplicate</u> <u>Hebrews experienced plague</u> |
| <u>Plague #4</u> swarms of flies or perhaps insects of all kinds Exodus 8:20-24 | <u>Egyptian gods attacked by plague</u> Amon-Ra, king of gods, had head of beetle | <u>Significance</u> The sacred scarab beetle held in high esteem. It feeds on field dung turning dung into perfect ball (size of golf ball). | <u>Egyptian priests did not duplicate</u> <u>Hebrews exempt from plague</u> |
| <u>Plague #5</u> against Egyptian domestic animals Exodus 9:1-7 | <u>Egyptian gods attacked by plague</u> Apis, bull god Hathor, cow headed goddess of deserts Bubastis, cat goddess of love | <u>Significance</u> Domestic animals sacred in Egypt. Pens kept at temples for their care. | <u>Hebrews exempt from plague</u> |

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| <u>Plague #6</u> boils -- Hebrew root = burning translated as leprosy Egyptian = botch both of the above incurable Exodus 9:8-11 | <u>Egyptian gods attacked by plague</u> Thoth, ibis headed god of intelligence & medical learning Apis Serapis Imhotep | <u>Significance</u> No indication Egyptians ever cured. Ashes taken from sacrifice and tossed in air. Egyptians ran out to have ashes fall on them for a special blessing. Received boils instead. | <u>Hebrews exempt from plague</u> <u>Magicians did not escape plague</u> |
| <u>Plague #7</u> hail with fire Exodus 9:13-26 | <u>Egyptian gods attacked by plague</u> Shu, wind god Nut, sky goddess Horus, hawk headed sky god Upper Egypt | <u>Significance</u> Egypt sunny land. Rain is rare. They worshipped red water and fire. | <u>Hebrews exempt from plague</u> |
| <u>Plague #8</u> locust Exodus 10:1-6 | <u>Egyptian gods attacked by plague</u> Nepri, grain god Ermutet, goddess of childbirth & crops Anubis, jackal headed field guardian Osiris, agricultural god | <u>Significance</u> Locusts was not known in Egypt, but was known in other places. The green things that escaped the hail with fire was now eaten by the locusts. | <u>Hebrews exempt from plague</u> |
| <u>Plague #9</u> darkness for three days Exodus 10:21-23 | <u>Egyptian gods attacked by plague</u> Ra, god of sun Aten, sun disc Horus, god of sunset Shu, god of light moon deities and planet deities | <u>Significance</u> Not only dark but air so thick it was difficult to breathe. Hebrews able to have light in homes. | <u>Hebrews exempt from plague</u> |
| <u>Plague #10</u> death of first born Exodus 11:4-8 Exodus 12:29-30 Passover Instituted | <u>Egyptian gods attacked by plague</u> All the Egyptian gods were annihilated. Egypt's gods shown to be false. | <u>Significance</u> The first born inherits. Egypt's first born dead. Egypt never recovered. Egypt was still a world power but not like before. | <u>Hebrews exempt from plague</u> (if they followed Passover requirements) |