

Moses Lesson 5 Article

A Survey of the Plagues in Egypt

(Exodus 7 through 12)

	Plague	Scripture	Severity of judgment	Extent	Egyptian Deity Targeted/
1	Nile turned to blood	Ex 7:14-25	Nile was extremely important to Egyptians, put pressure on Pharaoh, sorcerers	All the water of Nile, fish died, stank, couldn't drink Nile water	Hapi – god of the Nile Isis – goddess of the Nile Khnum – guardian of the Nile
2	Frogs	Ex 8:1-15	Stank, but magicians could duplicate	Covered the land (all streams, canals, ponds)	Heqet – goddess of birth (with a frogs head)
3	Gnats	Ex 8:16-19	Sorcerers couldn't duplicate	All of Egypt	Set – god of the desert
4	Insects	Ex 8:20-32	Land "ruined"	Only on Egyptians, God's people fly-less	Re – a sun god Uatchit – a god represented by a fly
5	Livestock Epidemic	Ex 9:1-7	Lifestyle & livelihood	All the horses, donkeys, cattle, sheep, goats of Egyptians died	Hathor – goddess with a cow head Apis – the bull god, symbol of fertility Mnevis – sacred bull of Heliopolis
6	Boils	Ex 9:8-12	Egyptians couldn't do anything without being reminded	Only man & beasts of Egyptians	Sekhmet – goddess with power over disease Sunu – pestilence god Isis – goddess of healing
7	Hail	Ex 9:13-35	Everything not under cover dies. Flax and barley destroyed but wheat and spelt wasn't ripe yet	All of Egypt except Goshen	Set – god of storms Nut – a sky goddess Osiris – god of crops and fertility Seth – protector of crops
8	Locusts	Ex 10:1-20	Everything left growing after hail damage	All of Egypt	Nut – a sky goddess Osiris – god of crops and fertility Seth – protector of crops
9	Darkness	Ex 10:21-27	Darkness that can be felt	All of Egypt except where Israelites lived	Re, Aten, Atum, Horus – all sun gods Nut, Hathor – sky goddesses
10	Death of Firstborn	Ex 11; 12:29-42	Killed first born of people and livestock.	All the firstborn of Egypt not covered by blood	Min – god of reproduction Isis – goddess who protected children Heqet – goddess of birth Pharaoh's first born son – a god