

## Introduction

- The plagues are a display of the power of God.
- The plagues are a display of the might of God over the Egyptian gods.

## Plague of Blood (7:14-25)

- Pharaoh is being called to obey God.
- He is demonstrating the power and truth of Israel's God over the god of the Nile.
- It is not just the Nile turning to blood, but all of the water all over the country.
- This is because of the blood Pharaoh shed in the Nile.
- The magicians also turned water to blood but could not turn it back.
- The plague lasts for 7 days and they have to dig wells.

## Plague of Frogs (8:1-15)

- Pharaoh is again warned of the judgement and given option to repent.
- The frogs cover the entire land and can't be escaped.
- The magicians copy but do not reverse it.
- The land itself begins to stink.
- Pharaoh begs for mercy but changes his mind.

## Plague of Gnats (8:16-19)

- The dust turns into gnats, an echo of creation in Genesis.
- Now the magicians cannot copy it because they cannot create life.
- The magicians admit this is God's hand.

## Plague of Flies (8:20-32)

- Pharaoh warned again and threatened with flies.
- There is now a separation between Israel and Egypt's experience of the plagues.
- Pharaoh tries to repent on his own terms.

## Plague of Livestock (9:1-7)

- Extensive warning is given again if he will not relent.
- Israel's livestock is separated and spared.
- God predicts the exact time it will happen.
- Egypt revered their livestock and worshiped animal gods.
- Pharaoh witnesses the exactness, but still has a hard heart.

## Plague of Boils (9:8-12)

- The ash is turned to dust then turned to disease.
- The magicians cannot stand because they are struck.
- Pharaoh's heart still hardened.

Plague of Hail (9:13-35)

- Now the plagues will come against Pharaoh.
- God has been holding back.
- God raised up Pharaoh, but he is being arrogant.
- The hail will destroy everything.
- Some Egyptians fear God and listen to the warning.
- Israel is once again saved
- Pharaoh repents briefly but believes the harvest will still survive.

Plague of Locusts (10:1-20)

- The plagues are for the good of future generations.
- Locusts will come and eat everything left after the hail.
- People beg Pharaoh to give in, but he still wants to qualify his obedience.
- He repents "only this once"
- God is the one behind hardening of his heart.

Plague of Darkness (10:21-29)

- Darkness keeps them in their homes for three days (resurrection).
- Supernaturally, Israel manages to have light.
- Pharaoh still tries to negotiate his obedience.
- He does not want them to take their livestock, probably wanting to steal it.
- Pharaoh threatens to kill Moses if he ever sees him again, which he will not.

Application

- Be wary of repenting and hardening of your heart.
- Don't negotiate your obedience to God.
- Part of God's salvation is dominating and showing his power over the enemy.