

Exodus Chapters 7-11: God Judges the Egyptians by confronting their false gods.

In these four chapter we witnessed God's judgement towards the Egyptians by sending a series of plagues on them. One thing to remember is that these plagues were not simply a judgement on the sinful condition of Egyptian life and culture, but it was also a Judgment on the false gods they worshiped. The plagues fell on areas of Egyptian life that was "under the protection" of Egyptian gods. Through these plagues God was demonstrating to both the Israelites as well as the Egyptians that He was truly the one and only God, not an imitation, not a figure of imagination, but the God of [Isaiah 55:11](#). The one and only, all-powerful, all-mighty, sovereign creator who had come to free his people from their present condition.

*(attached is a summary of the 10 plagues)*

Main Lesson: God warns of impending Judgement. ([Exodus 11: 4-8](#))

The focus of bible study was on the final plague, the warning from Moses to Pharaoh, and the continued hardening of Pharaohs heart.

Discussion point questions:

- How do we differentiate between our will and Gods will?
- If God is all loving why does there exist so much evil in the world?
  - How would you minister the gospel to someone with this mindset?
- If God hardened Pharaoh's heart and made him unsympathetic to Moses' petitions, why did God send warning after warning to him?

Passages that were shared and pondered:

- Romans 1:18
  - On the wrath of God
- Romans 9:14-21
  - On the sovereignty of God over his creation, namely human beings
- John 15:4-8
  - On fellowship with God, True fellowship with God begins with growing closer to Christ
- Psalms 51:10
  - The prayer of a heart seeking sanctification

Some things to reflect on till next meeting:

- ➔ Continue reading Exodus: review the plagues Chapter 7-11(see attachment for quick reference) and continue to Chapter 12.
- ➔ Read Psalms 37
- ➔ Sermon: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KXKCT-xtPQ0>

*... whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. (Philippians 4:8)*

# 10 PLAGUES

## Jehovah God vs. gods of Egypt

The plagues of Egypt are well known, but a deep study reveals that each was a direct challenge to the various Egyptian gods and goddesses. The plagues affected the Egyptians' physical senses as well as their hearts with reminders that Jehovah God was far superior to any of their gods. He exercised power at will while the Egyptian gods remained helpless against Him.



### PLAGUE 1: WATER TO BLOOD Exodus 7:14–25

The Egyptians were also able to turn water to blood, including the death of the fish and a smell that prohibited even trying to drink the water. Pharaoh's heart remained hard.

The Nile was the source of Egypt's power. There are several gods in their pantheon that draw life from the river. Khnum was the guardian of the river's source.

Hapi was the god of annual flooding of the Nile and the lord of the fish. Osiris had the Nile as his bloodstream.



### PLAGUE 6: BOILS Exodus 9:8–12

This was the first plague to affect the body directly. God made a distinction between the Israelites and the Egyptians. The Egyptian priests were unable to appear in court.

Isis was the goddess of health and Imhotep was the god of healing.



### PLAGUE 7: HAIL Exodus 9:13–35

This plague affected the agriculture and livestock that was left in the field. Such a storm of hail was unique to Egypt.

Nut was the goddess of the sky. Her father Shu, god of the wind and air, was a calming god.



### PLAGUE 2: FROGS Exodus 8:1–8:15

The Egyptians also produced frogs. Piles of dead frogs filled the land with a foul odor.

Heqt was an Egyptian goddess with the head of a frog.



### PLAGUE 8: LOCUSTS Exodus 10:1–20

This plague would be told to Pharaoh's sons and grandsons, serving the purpose of showing God's power for generations.

Neper and Nepri were the god and goddess of grain. Set was the god of disorder.



### PLAGUE 3: GNATS OR LICE Exodus 8:16–19

The gnats or lice came up from the dust of the earth. The Egyptian priests could not duplicate this miracle. They declared, "This is the finger of God."

Geb was the god over the dust of the earth.



### PLAGUE 9: DARKNESS Exodus 10:21–29

It was so dark for three days that the darkness could be felt.

Ra, the god of the sun, was the most worshipped and revered god in Egypt after the Pharaoh. Jehovah God showed He had power even over the mightiest of the Egyptian gods.



### PLAGUE 4: FLIES Exodus 8:20–32

This was the first plague that affected only the Egyptians.

Khepri had the head of a beetle and also moved the sun.



### PLAGUE 5: SICK CATTLE Exodus 9:1–7

God continued to distinguish between the Israelites and the Egyptians. This plague affected only the Egyptian herds.

Hathor was a fertility goddess who was often depicted with the head or horns of a bull and sometimes as a bull wearing the symbols of Hathor.



### PLAGUE 10: DEATH OF FIRSTBORN Exodus 12:29–36

Establishes the Jewish Passover festival.

This plague was a judgment on all Egyptian gods, including Pharaoh himself. In Exodus 1, Pharaoh had ordered the killing of Israelite babies, and now the firstborn of all Egypt was killed.