

THE JOURNEY TO FREEDOM
From Slavery to Freedom

The Plagues

Exodus 7:14—11:10

“The Lord, the God of the Hebrews, has sent me to say to you: Let my people go, so that they may worship me in the desert. But until now you have not listened. This is what the Lord says: By this you will know that I am the Lord...” Exodus 7:16–17

1. As you read this lengthy passage, fill in the chart on the back of this page. Note: Not all the boxes will be filled in for each plague. We will study the last plague next week in depth.
2. Why did God send the plagues? (See Exodus 5:1–2; 7:17; 8:10; 9:14–46.)
3. Egyptians worshiped gods of nature. There was a god of the Nile, a frog god, an earth god, a beetle god, cattle gods, insect gods, and, of course, the sun god, Ra. What great fact about the Lord God of Israel did Egypt learn from the plagues?
4. What did God want his people to learn about him from the plagues? (Deuteronomy 7:17–19)
5. The plagues get more and more devastating. What is God’s purpose for Pharaoh in doing this?
6. Meditate on Hebrews 3:7–19. What is God’s warning to us in these verses?

| | Plague | Verses | God's Instructions to Moses | What happened— | | Response of magicians | Pharaoh's first reaction | Moses' response | Pharaoh's final response |
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| | | | | To Egypt | To God's People | | | | |
| 1 | Blood | 7:14–24 | | | | | | | |
| 2 | Frogs | 7:25–8:15 | | | | | | | |
| 3 | Gnats | 8:16–19 | | | | | | | |
| 4 | Flies | 8:20–32 | | | | | | | |
| 5 | Livestock | 9:1–7 | | | | | | | |
| 6 | Boils | 9:8–12 | | | | | | | |
| 7 | Hail | 9:13–35 | | | | | | | |
| 8 | Locusts | 10:1–20 | | | | | | | |
| 9 | Darkness | 10:21–29 | | | | | | | |
| 10 | Firstborn | 11:1–10 | | | | | | | |