

THE 10 Plagues of Egypt



THE PLAGUE	INITIATED BY	PHARAOH'S HEART	DISQUALIFICATION OF EGYPTIAN GOD	TYPE OF CHAOS IN CREATION	OUTCOME OF THE DESTRUCTION	
1	Blood	Aaron	Pharaoh hardened	Hapi - god of the Nile	Contamination of water in the Nile	Fish died; the water was undrinkable
2	Frogs	Aaron	Pharaoh hardened	Heket - goddess of fertility, head of a frog	Reproduction of frogs	Frogs were sacred to the Egyptians and could not be killed. Frogs invaded houses and fields; dying everywhere. The land reeked.
3	Gnats	Aaron, no warning	Was hard	Geb - god over the dust of the earth	Conversion of dust to gnats	Gnats covered the land, people, and livestock.
4	Flies	Moses	Pharaoh hardened	Khepri - god of creation, head of a fly	Reproduction of flies	First distinction: Israelites were protected from flies. The palace, houses of officials, and land were infested.
5	Livestock	Moses	Was hard	Hathor - goddess of protection, head of a cow	Disease or pestilence on livestock	Distinction: Israelites' livestock was protected, Egyptian livestock infested or died.
6	Boils	Moses, no warning	God hardened Pharaoh's heart	Isis - goddess of medicine Sekhmet - goddess over disease	Disease for people and animals	Distinction: Israelites unscathed. Boils covered the Egyptian people and animals. Egyptian culture placed emphasis on cleanliness and the boils made them unclean.
7	Hail	Moses	Pharaoh's heart was hardened	Nut - goddess of the sky	Weather	Distinction: Israelites unscathed. Hail struck Egyptians, beating down everything alive.
8	Locust	Moses	God hardened Pharaoh's heart	Seth - god of disorder	Reproduction and organization of locusts	Moses negotiates to take women and children. Pharaoh refuses. Locusts destroyed everything left after the hail. Filled homes.
9	Darkness	Moses	God hardened Pharaoh's heart	Ra - god of the sun, most worshiped God other than pharaoh	The sun	Distinction: Israelites had light. The Egyptians had 3 days of darkness. Darkness represented death, judgment, and hopelessness.
10	Firstborn	Moses	God hardened Pharaoh's heart	Pharaoh - the ultimate power. Human but descended from the gods	Life of firstborn human and animal	Distinction: Israelites protected by the blood of the lamb, and Egyptians without protection.