

## **The Plagues**

Exodus 7:14 – 10:29

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Pharaoh refused to let the people of Israel go to worship the Lord, so God unleashed plagues on the land. First, the water everywhere in Egypt turned to blood. The fish died and the water was undrinkable.

Next God sent frogs to infest the land. When Pharaoh agreed to let the people go, Moses prayed to the Lord and the frogs died. But then Pharaoh changed his mind.

God caused all the dust in the land of Egypt to become gnats. And the gnats were everywhere, covering people and animals alike.

Then swarms of flies covered the land except in the region of Goshen where the Israelites lived. Pharaoh agreed to let the people go, but changed his mind after Moses prayed and the flies were gone.

God sent a plague to kill the Egyptian livestock, while not a single Israelite animal died.

Then boils broke out on all the Egyptians. Still, Pharaoh refused to listen.

The Lord sent devastating hail with thunder and continuous lightning. It struck down people, animals, and crops. The only place without hail was the region of Goshen. Pharaoh agreed to let the people go, but changed his mind after the hail stopped.

Next locusts swarmed over the whole land of Egypt devouring every plant that had survived the hailstorm. Pharaoh agreed to let the people go, but changed his mind after the locusts were gone.

A thick, palpable darkness fell on the land of Egypt, although there was light as usual where the people of Israel lived. Pharaoh shouted at Moses, "I will not let Israel go. Now get out of my palace! And don't come back."