

God's Plan for Israel's Protection and Deliverance

**Initial purpose of the plagues: that Egypt would know and experience the power of the one true God.*

Plague:	Defeated "god":	Israel Affected?	Reproducible?	Results:
1 Nile to Blood (7:14-24)	Hapi - spirit of the Nile Khnum - guardian of the Nile	Yes	Yes	Widespread thirst; Pharaoh's heart was hardened in Moses' presence
2 Frogs (8:1-15)	Heqt - form of a frog Hapi - spirit of the Nile	Yes	Yes	Horribly unsanitary living conditions and odor; Moses summoned; "I will let the people go;" Pharaoh hardened his heart.
3 Lice/Gnats (8:16-19)	Unknown	Yes	No	Annoying to the point of panic, confession of inferiority by magicians; Moses NOT summoned; Pharaoh's heart was hardened
4 Flies (8:20-32)	Uatchit - a god who manifested himself as a fly	No	No	Annoying to the point of panic, destruction in the land, Moses summoned, "I will let you go...not very far away;" Pharaoh hardened his heart
5 Livestock death/disease (9:1-7)	Apis bull revered Ptah, Mnvis, Hathor - sacred	No	No	All types of Egyptian livestock got sick then died, affecting food supply, farming ability, transportation and worship; horrible stench. Moses NOT summoned; the heart of Pharaoh was hardened.
6 Boils (9:8-12)	Sekhmet - healing goddess Serapis - healing god	No	No	All Egyptians are painfully sore, including the magicians; the LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh.
7 Hail (9:13-35)	Seth - protector of the crops Nut -sky goddess	No	No	Some Egyptians hid their livestock at Moses' word, widespread destruction of crops, some livestock, terrible physical pain for people, destruction of property; Moses summoned, the heart of Pharaoh was hardened.

**Additional purpose of the following plagues: Egypt be convinced of Yahweh's uniqueness (9:14), God's name would be declared everywhere (9:16; 10:1) and Israel would always know His power (10:2).*

8 Locusts (10:1-20)	Isis - goddess of life Seth - protector of crops	No	Unknown	Before this plague strikes, Pharaoh initially agrees to let them go. Pharaoh then summoned Moses, gets angry, and drives him out of the palace. Then this horribly destructive plague strikes. No vegetation remained in Egypt. The LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart.
9 Darkness (10:21-29)	Re - sun god Atum - god of setting sun	No	No	A claustrophobic darkness lasting 3 days. Moses was summoned. Men, women and children were permitted to leave, but not livestock. The LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart. Pharaoh commands Moses to never come before him again.
10 Death of Firstborn (11:1-12:26)	Osiris - giver of life Pharaoh himself	No (conditional)	No	Widespread death and complete destruction of the Egyptian pantheon of gods. Passover instituted for Israel Israel left in haste at Pharaoh's command (12:31-33).

Plagues 1, 4, 7 > "Go" or "Rise up early in the morning and go unto Pharaoh..."

Plagues 2, 5, 8 > "Go in unto Pharaoh..."

Plagues 3, 6, 8 > Brought on with no advance warning.

Plagues 1, 2, 3 > Brought on by Aaron with staff

Plagues 4, 5, 6 > Brought on by Lord (4,5) / Moses (6)

Plagues 7, 8, 9 > Brought on by Moses' hand

Plague 10 > distinct plague seen as the LORD's final crushing victory.