

# The Ten Plagues

The ten plagues were direct attacks against the gods of Egypt. God was showing Pharaoh that He is in control and is the supreme God of all the earth, including Egypt.

- Read each text found in Exodus and write the name of the plague in the space provided.
- Then write the correct letter from the right column with the correct plague.
- When finished, the letters will spell out something about God.

## The Plagues

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| 1  | Exodus 7:14-25<br>_____ Plague _____ Letter  |
| 2  | Exodus 8:1-15<br>_____ Plague _____ Letter   |
| 3  | Exodus 8:16-19<br>_____ Plague _____ Letter  |
| 4  | Exodus 8:20-32<br>_____ Plague _____ Letter  |
| 5  | Exodus 9:1-7<br>_____ Plague _____ Letter    |
| 6  | Exodus 9:8-12<br>_____ Plague _____ Letter   |
| 7  | Exodus 9:13-35<br>_____ Plague _____ Letter  |
| 8  | Exodus 10:1-20<br>_____ Plague _____ Letter  |
| 9  | Exodus 10:21-29<br>_____ Plague _____ Letter |
| 10 | Exodus 11:1-9<br>_____ Plague _____ Letter   |

## God is Supreme

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| O | Darkness overcame Egypt in this plague. Ra was the chief god of Egypt and was represented by the sun. Ra did nothing to help Egypt because he does not exist. God's triumph over Ra should have humbled Pharaoh, but it didn't.                   |
| P | Gnats or Lice swarmed the banks of the Nile. When the gnats/lice became too much to handle, the Egyptians might have called upon Kheper, their insect god, to save them. He couldn't, so once again, only God could redeem Egypt.                 |
| G | Locusts infested Egypt and destroyed their crops. The Egyptians probably called on Seth, their god of the crops, to help them. It was becoming clear now that the gods of Egypt were losing to the God of Israel.                                 |
| M | Boils covered the Egyptians, so they probably called on their god of medicine, Imhotep. Once again the boils did not go away, and God proved his power over Imhotep showing all of Egypt that Israel's God is the only true god.                  |
| D | The first born were killed in this plague. Pharaoh was considered a god in Egypt, and so was his son. When Pharaoh's first born son died, God was proving He is more powerful than Pharaoh. With this, Pharaoh finally relents.                   |
| U | Frogs were important to Egypt as long as they were under control. When God caused frogs to overtake the land, it seemed Heqet, the Egyptian god of the frogs, had lost control of his frogs. Only God could save Egypt from this infestation.     |
| R | Flies carried diseases. The Egyptians believed that Kheper protected them from these disease-ridden insects. When God caused flies to take over Egypt, the Egyptians probably prayed to Kheper. Only God could end this crisis.                   |
| S | Water turning to blood was a direct attack against the Egyptian god Hapi. The Egyptians relied on Hapi, their god of the Nile, and they probably called on him to provide fresh water. In the end, only God could return the Nile to what it was. |
| E | Cattle were supposed to be controlled by Apis, the Egyptian bull god. In this plague, all the Egyptian cattle died, but all the Israelite cattle lived. The Egyptians might have prayed to Apis, but he could not save their cattle.              |
| E | Hail and fire destroyed the Egyptian crops. The Egyptians might have called on Nut, their goddess of the sky, to stop raining destruction on them. Like before, Israel's God, the only true god, could stop this plague.                          |