

# (Exodus) Exodus 8:1-15

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*God brought the plague of frogs upon the land of Egypt to demonstrate His power and to warn Pharaoh to let His people go.*

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## Description

In this sermon, the preacher discusses the eighth plague that God brought upon the land of Egypt, which was the infestation of frogs. God commanded Moses to go to Pharaoh and demand the release of the Israelites, warning that if Pharaoh refused, frogs would overrun the land. Astonishingly, the magicians were able to replicate this plague through their enchantments, revealing the power of Satan. Pharaoh eventually pleaded with Moses to intercede with God to remove the frogs, and when they were gone, Pharaoh hardened his heart and did not let the Israelites go.

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## Transcript

Now, as we come to chapter 8, why, we see again the next plague that's going to come upon the land of Egypt, and that's going to be the frogs. And the Lord spake unto Moses, Go unto Pharaoh, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord, Let my people go, that they may serve me. And if thou refuse to let them go, behold, I'll smite all thy borders with frogs, and the river shall bring forth frogs abundantly.

And they'll go up and come into thine house, into thy bedchamber, upon thy bed, into the house of thy servants, upon thy people, and into thine ovens, and into thy kneading troughs, yet in the kitchen even. And the frogs shall come up both on thee, and upon thy people, and upon all thy servants. And the Lord spake unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Stretch forth thine hand with thy rod over the streams, over the rivers, over the ponds, and cause frogs to come up upon the land of Egypt.

You see, the land of Egypt was the place of zoolatry. They worshiped all kinds of animals. And this one of the frogs is an example of it.

And we saw that last time. I'd like to add a little bit more to it. The frogs actually were represented, of course, by Heca, as we mentioned last time.

And Heca was a frog-headed goddess. But also there was Hapi, H-A-P-I, and he was the bestower of nourishment. And they always depicted him, that is, the Egyptians, as holding a frog out of his mouth that flowed with a stream of nourishment.

And this, I think, shows the close relationship between the God of the Nile and Heca, the frog goddess, who was one of the oldest mother goddesses. She was the goddess of fertility and rebirth and the patroness of midwives. One Egyptian picture shows this frog-headed goddess reciting spells to affect the resurrection of Osiris.

And a carving shows Heca kneeling before the queen and supertending at the birth of Hathsepsut. Now, the frogs were very common in the land of Egypt. And so we find here this plague leveled against them.

Now, they were sacred. You didn't kill them. But when you get up of a morning, as we said before, and as it says here, they were in the bed, and they were in every room in the home, they were in the kitchen, in the kneading troughs, in the ovens.

And I tell you, when they're sacred and you can't kill them, you really got a problem with frogs. And we suggested last time that probably God was smiling. But now we come to the most amazing thing of all.

Now, this is a great miracle. But notice what happened as we read on, verse 6. And Aaron stretched out his hand over the waters of Egypt, and the frogs came up and covered the land of Egypt. Now, listen to this.

And the magicians did so with their enchantments and brought up frogs upon the land of Egypt. Now, the magicians could duplicate this. This is an amazing thing, by the way.

And it reveals the power of Satan. And this is satanic power. Verse 8, Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron and said, Intreat the Lord that he may take away the frogs from me and from my people, and I'll let the people go that they may do sacrifice unto the Lord.

And Moses said unto Pharaoh, Glory over me, when shall I entreat for thee and for thy servants and for thy people to destroy the frogs from thee and of thy houses, that they may remain in the river only? And he said, Tomorrow, and he said, be it according to thy word, that thou mayest know that there is none like unto the Lord our God. And the frogs shall depart from thee and from thy houses, from thy servants and from thy people. They shall remain in the river only.

Now, this is a miracle that was duplicated by the magicians. Now, notice further on, And Moses and Aaron went out from Pharaoh, and Moses cried unto the Lord because of the frogs which he had brought against Pharaoh. And the Lord did according to the word of Moses.

And the frogs died out of the houses, out of the villages, and out of the fields. And they gathered them together upon heaps, and the land stank. And when Pharaoh saw that there was respite, he hardened his heart and hearkened not unto them as the Lord had said.

Now, we get here a more comprehensive picture of the hardening. It says here, Pharaoh hardened his own heart. You see, all God did was just bring out what was already in a hard heart, and that was to demonstrate that it was a hard heart.

Now, he did not repent even after this. And, of course, the very fact his own magicians could duplicate it.

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