



VA'ERA (AND I APPEARED)

“Let The Plagues Begin”

PARASHA 14 – EXODUS / SHEMOT 6:2 – 9:35

The Plagues and their Judgment

In Shemot/Exodus 12:12 God says, “... on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments.” Thus the plagues are thought to be symbolic of the defeat of various gods venerated in ancient Egyptian mythology (and occultism in general):

	Plague/Judgment	Hebrew	Torah	The Egyptian gods
1	Water turned to blood	Makat Dam	Ex 7:14–25	Hapi and/or Khnum (god of the Nile)
2	Frogs from the Nile River	Makat Tzefarde'a	Ex 7:25–8:11	Heket (goddess of fertility and water)
3	Lice/Gnats from the dust	Makat Kinim	Ex 8:12–15	Geb (god of the Earth)
4	Swarms of Flies	Makat Arov	Ex 8:20–32	Khepri (god of creation, lord of flies or beetles)
5	Death of Livestock	Makat Dever	Ex 9:1-7	Apis (goddess of animals depicted as a bull); Osiris
6	Ashes to boils	Makat Shechin	Ex 9:8-12	Isis (goddess of nature, healing and peace)
7	Hail and Fire	Makat Barad	Ex 9:13-35	Nut (sky goddess and sister of Geb)
8	Locusts sent from the winds	Makat Arbeh	Ex 10:1-20	Set (god of storms, darkness, and disorder)
9	Three days of darkness	Makat Choshekh	Ex 10:21-29	Ra (the Sun god) and Set (god of darkness)
10	Death of the firstborn	Makat Bechorim	Ex 11:1-12:36	Pharaoh ("son of Ra"); Khnum/Amon (ram god)

Let's Learn Hebrew

In Hebrew the word for plagues is “Makat” (Ma-cat).

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Questions

Circle The Correct Words:

1. ADONAI said to Moshe, Say to Aharon, 'Take your staff, reach out your hand over the waters of Egypt, over their rivers, canals, ponds and all their reservoirs, so that they can turn into **(BLOOD/OIL)** ... (Ex 7:19)
2. ADONAI said to Moshe, Say to Aharon, 'Reach out your hand with your staff over the rivers, canals and ponds; and cause **(FROGS/SNAILS)** to come up onto the land of Egypt. (EX 8:5)
3. ADONAI said to Moshe, Say to Aharon: Reach out with your staff and strike the dust on the ground; it will become **(LICE/MICE)** throughout all the land of Egypt. (EX 8:16)
4. ADONAI said to Moshe, Get up early in the morning, stand before Pharaoh when he goes out to the water and say to him, Here is what ADONAI says: Let my people go, so that they can worship me. Otherwise, if you won't let my people go, I will send swarms of **(INSECTS/RATS)** on you, your servants and your people, and into your houses ... (EX 8:20-21)
5. The hand of ADONAI is on your livestock in the field - on the horses, donkeys, camels, cattle and flocks -and will make them suffer a devastating illness. ⁶ The following day, ADONAI did it - all the **(LIVESTOCK/BIRD)** of Egypt died; but not one of the animals belonging to the people of Isra'el died. (EX 9:3, 6)
6. ADONAI said to Moshe and Aharon, Take handfuls of ashes from a kiln, and let Moshe throw them in the air before Pharaoh's eyes. They will turn into fine dust over all the land of Egypt and become infected **(SOILS/SORES)** on men and animals throughout Egypt. (EX 9:8-9)
7. Tomorrow, about this time, I will cause a **(HAILSTORM/STONE)** so heavy that Egypt has had nothing like it from the day it was founded until now. (EX 9:18)
8. ADONAI said to Moshe, Reach out your hand over the land of Egypt, so that **(BUTTERFLIES/LOCUSTS)** will invade the land and eat every plant that the hail has left. (EX 10:12)
9. ADONAI said to Moshe, Reach out your hand toward the sky, and there will be **(LIGHT/DARKNESS)** over the land of Egypt, darkness so thick it can be felt! (EX 10:21)
10. At midnight ADONAI killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh sitting on his throne to the **(FIRSTBORN/SECOND BORN)** of the prisoner in the dungeon, and all the firstborn of livestock. (EX 12:29)

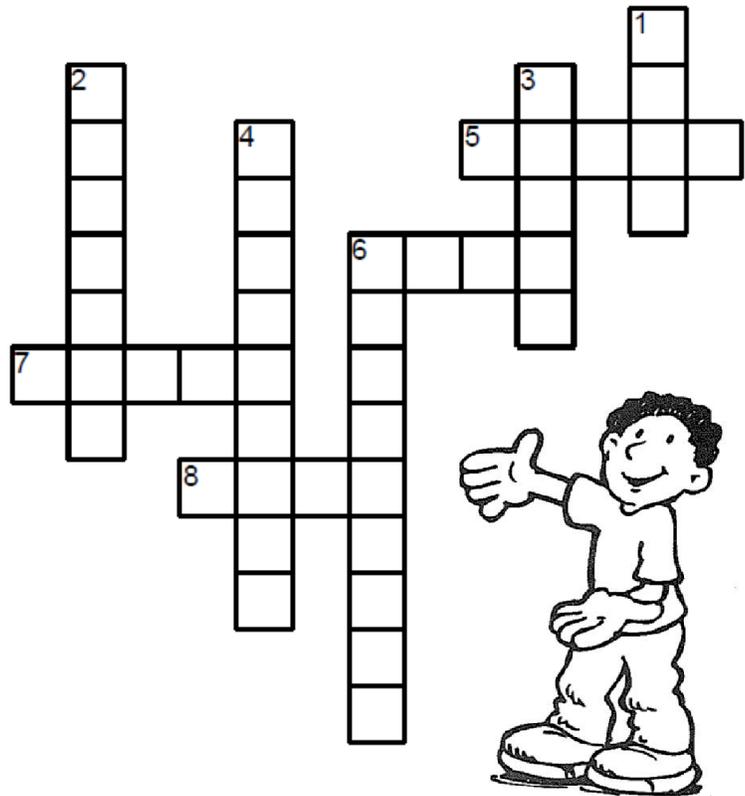


The Crossword Puzzle

Complete the puzzle using the clues shown below.

Across

- 5. What was the Nile River water turned into during the first plague?
- 6. ADONAI said to Moshe, Say to Aharon: Reach out with your staff and strike the dust on the ground; it will become _____ throughout all the land of Egypt. (EX 8:16)?
- 7. ADONAI said to Moshe and Aharon, Take handfuls of ashes from a kiln, and let Moshe throw them in the air before Pharaoh's eyes. They will turn into fine dust over all the land of Egypt and become infected _____ on men and animals throughout Egypt. (EX 9:8-9)
- 8. In Exodus 12:12, what was the LORD executing judgment on in Egypt?



Down

- 1. What creature was used in the second plague?
- 2. What is the name given to Egyptian kings?
- 3. What did the LORD send in swarms during the fourth plague?
- 4. Tomorrow, about this time, I will cause a _____ so heavy that Egypt has had nothing like it from the day it was founded until now. (EX 9:18)
- 6. What died during the fifth plague in Egypt?

Word Search Puzzle

Find the hidden words within the grid of letters.

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| Aaron | Flies | Makat |
| Blood | Frogs | Moses |
| Boils | Hailstorm | Pharaoh |
| Darkness | Lice | Plagues |
| Death | Livestock | Water |
| Firstborn | Locusts | |

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Scrambled Plagues

One of the 10 plagues God sent to the Egyptians was frogs. Unscrambled the words on the frogs to discover eight other plagues God sent.



Now put each circled letter in a circle below, each letter with a square around it in a square below, and so on. Unscramble the letters to find God's message to Pharaoh.

