

EGYPT'S TEN PLAGUES

In 1464 BC, at the end of the 13th Dynasty, in year 5 of the reign of Pharaoh Concharis, ten plagues struck Egypt. They were sent by God to punish Egypt for the pharaoh's refusal to "Let my people go..." (Genesis 5:1). They were as follows:

- 1st Plague - conversion of water to blood – Exodus 7:20-21 - "...all the waters that were in the river were turned to blood. And the fish that was in the river died; and the river stank, and the Egyptians could not drink of the water of the river; and there was blood throughout all the land of Egypt."
- 2nd Plague – infestation of frogs – Exodus 8:6 - "...the frogs came up, and covered the land of Egypt."
- 3rd Plague – infestation of lice – Exodus 8:17 - the dust of the earth "...became lice in man, and in beast; all the dust of the land became lice throughout all the land of Egypt."
- 4th Plague – infestation of flies – Exodus 8:24 - "...there came a grievous swarm of flies into the house of Pharaoh, and into his servants' houses, and into all the land of Egypt: the land was corrupted by reason of the swarm of flies."
- 5th Plague – murrain in Egyptian cattle – Exodus 9:6 - "...all the cattle of Egypt died: but of the cattle of the children of Israel died not one."
- 6th Plague – boils on man and beast – Exodus 9:10 - the ashes of the furnace which Moses and Aaron sprinkled into the air "...became a boil breaking forth with blains upon man and upon beast."
- 7th Plague - hail on Egyptian crops - Exodus 9:23-26 - "...the LORD sent thunder and hail, and the fire ran along upon the ground; and the LORD rained hail upon the land of Egypt. So there was hail, and fire mingled with the hail, very grievous, such as there was none like it in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation. And the hail smote throughout all the land of Egypt all that was in the field, both man and beast; and the hail smote every herb of the field, and brake every tree of the field. Only in the land of Goshen, where the children of Israel were, was there no hail."
- 8th Plague – infestation of locusts – Exodus 10:13-15 - "...the LORD brought an east wind upon the land all that day, and all that night; and when it was morning, the east wind brought the locusts. And the locusts went up over all the land of Egypt, and rested in all the coasts of Egypt: very grievous were they; before them there were no such locusts as they, neither after them shall be such. For they covered the face of the whole earth, so that the land was darkened; and they did eat every herb of the land, and all the fruit of the trees which the hail had left: and there remained not any green thing in the trees, or in the herbs of the field, through all the land of Egypt."

- 9th Plague – darkness – Exodus 10:22-23 - “...there was a thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three days: They saw not one another, neither rose any from his place for three days: but all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings.”

- 10th Plague – death of the Egyptian firstborn - Exodus 12:29-30 - “...it came to pass, that at midnight the LORD smote all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sat on his throne unto the firstborn of the captive that was in the dungeon; and all the firstborn of cattle. And Pharaoh rose up in the night, he, and all his servants, and all the Egyptians; and there was a great cry in Egypt; for there was not a house where there was not one dead.”