

The Ten Plagues

Plague	Announced or Not	Worker	Duration	Source	Effect	Who was/ wasn't effected	Egyptian god judged
1. Water into Blood Exod 7:19-25	Announced	Aaron	7 Days	Water	General annoyance	Everyone	Hapi – god of the Nile.
2. Frogs Exod 8:1-7	Announced	Aaron	Unknown	Water	General annoyance	Everyone	Heqt – wife of the god Khnum. Hept was a frog-headed goddess. The frog was sacred to her and was revered by the people as a sign of good fortune ensuring a fertile year for farm and family.
3. Lice Exod 8:16-19	Not announced	Aaron	Unknown	Earth	General annoyance	Everyone	The earth, which Aaron was commanded to smite (Exod 8:16) was worshipped through the god Geb.
4. Flies (Beetles) Exod 8:24-27	Announced	Yahweh	Unknown	Air	General annoyance	All but land of Goshen (Exod 8:22-23).	The Beetle was sacred to Ra the sun god
5. Murrain (signifies death) Exod 9:1-7	Announced	Yahweh	Unknown	Air	Death of beasts	“Not one of the cattle of the children of Israel died” (Exod 9:6).	Hathor – goddess of Egypt had a human body and the head of a cow. Apis – worshipped in the form of a bull was one of the resurrection gods and thus a symbol of life.
6. Boils Exod 9:8-12	Not announced	Moses	Unknown	Ashes	Leprosy on man and beast	“Throughout the land of Egypt” (Exod 9:9).	Imhotep - the god of healing. Sekhmet – lion headed goddess, supposed to have power to start and finish epidemics.
7. Hail and fire Exod 9:16-23	Announced	Moses	Unknown	Air	Destruction of crops and herds	“He that feared Yahweh made his servants and his cattle flee into houses” (Exod 9:20-21).	Shu – god of light, heat, air and dryness.
8. Locusts Exod 10:13-15	Announced	Moses	Unknown	Wind	Destruction of growth	Ultimately only Egypt – Israel was soon to depart.	Serapis – was supposed to protect the land from the destructive activities of Locusts
9. Darkness Exod 10:21-23	Not announced	Moses	3 days	Wind?	Sun blotted out	“but the children of Israel had light in all their dwellings” (Exod 10:23).	Ra – the god of the sun (highest of all gods). Thoth – the god who sets the sun and moon in their places.
10. Death of Firstborn (man and beast) Exod 12:29-30	Announced	Yahweh	1 night	Divine intervention	Every home mourns	“when he seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, Yahweh will pass over the door, and will not suffer the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite you.” (Exod 12:23).	Domestic animals were worshipped as god. Really a judgement on all Egypt's gods. None of them could protect those who worshipped them.