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## Exodus 8.

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(A brief overview of the main topics).

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Topics.

- Moses says to Pharaoh, "Let the LORD'S people go."
- The LORD plagues all the rivers and the land of Egypt with frogs.
- The magicians did the same and made frogs come up on the land of Egypt.
- Pharaoh asks Moses to take away the frogs and he will let the people go.
- Moses prays to the LORD and all the frogs die.
- Pharaoh hardens his heart and does not let the people go as he said he would.
- Aaron strikes the dust with the staff, and gnats fill the land of Egypt.
- The magicians could not produce gnats by their secret arts.
- The magicians tell Pharaoh, "This is the finger of God."
- Pharaoh hardens his heart and does not let the people go as he said he would.
- The LORD puts a division between his people and the people of Egypt.
- Swarms of flies fill Egypt and the land was ruined by the swarms of flies.
- Pharaoh tells Moses he will let the LORD'S people go.
- The LORD removes the swarms of flies from Egypt not one remained.
- Pharaoh hardens his heart and does not let the people go as he said he would.

**INTRODUCTION:** in the book of Exodus, God fulfilled His promise to Abraham by multiplying Abraham's descendants into a great nation delivering them from slavery in Egypt to journey to the Promised Land, and then binding them to Himself with a covenant at Mount Sinai. Moses, under the direct command of God and as leader of Israel, received the Ten Commandments from God, along with other laws governing Israel's life and worship. He also led the nation in building the Tabernacle, a place where God's presence can dwell among his people and where they can make sacrifices for sin.

Most Jews and Christians recognise Moses as the author, writing sometime after the Exodus from Egypt (about 1445 B.C.). Note: the promise God made to Abraham will be perfectly fulfilled when Christ returns in glory and all those (Jews and Gentiles) who belong to God's Kingdom are gathered to him. (See also the introduction to chapter one).

**NOTE:** for information of people, places and the meaning of words see Map Locations and People of the Bible, and Bible Dictionary on Website Menu.

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## 2 The Second Plague produces Frogs.

The LORD tells Moses to say to Pharaoh, let the LORD'S people go that they may serve Him, but Pharaoh refuses, so the LORD tells Aaron to stretch out his hand with his staff over the rivers, the canals, the pools, and make frogs come up on the land of Egypt! So Aaron stretched out his hand over the waters of Egypt and the frogs came up and covered the land of Egypt. The magicians did the same by their secret arts and made frogs come up on the land of Egypt.

Pharaoh asks Moses and Aaron to ask the LORD to take away the frogs and he will let the people of Israel go to sacrifice to the LORD. Moses cried to the LORD and the frogs died in the houses, courtyards and fields and the land stank, but Pharaoh hardened his heart and would not listen to Moses and Aaron as the LORD had said he would.

### **3 The Third Plague produces Gnats (or lice).**

From Strong's Concordance gnats can refer to gnats or Lice. The LORD tells Moses to tell Aaron to stretch out his staff and strike the dust of the earth and it would become gnats. Aaron stretched out his hand with his staff and struck the dust of the earth and all the dust of the earth became gnats in all the land of Egypt and there were gnats on man and beast.

The magicians tried by their secret arts to produce gnats, but they could not, they told Pharaoh, "This is the finger of God," but Pharaoh's heart was hardened and he would not listen to the magicians, as the LORD had said.

### **4 The Fourth Plague produces Flies.**

The LORD tells Moses to say to Pharaoh, let the LORD'S people go that they may serve Him or the LORD will send swarms of flies on him and his people, and all the houses of the Egyptians will be filled with swarms of flies. Pharaoh refused to listen so there came great swarms of flies throughout all the land of Egypt the land was ruined by the swarms of flies, but there were no flies on the people of Israel in the land of Goshen, because God now puts a division between Pharaoh's people and God's people.

**Division between Egypt and Goshen:** the LORD had warned Pharaoh that He would set apart the land of Goshen, where His people dwell, so that no swarms of flies would be there, because He would put a division between the LORD'S people and Pharaoh people so that Pharaoh would know that the LORD is God in the midst of the earth. Pharaoh told Moses and Aaron that they could go and sacrifice to their God in the land of Egypt.

**Moses tells Pharaoh** it would not be right for Israel to sacrifice in Egypt, the offering's Israel sacrifices to the LORD because they are an abomination to the Egyptians and if Israel sacrifices offerings abominable to the Egyptians they will stone them. Israel must go three days' journey into the wilderness and sacrifice to the LORD their God as has told them. Pharaoh said that he will let Israel go, but they must not go very far away and then asks Moses to ask the LORD to take away the flies. Moses prayed and the LORD removed the swarms of flies not one remained, but Pharaoh hardened his heart this time also and did not let the people go.

**COMMENT:** it appears that the sorcerers and magicians of ancient times were permitted by God to perform miraculous acts up until God said he would put a division between the people of Egypt and the people of God. This idea would seem especially true when it is considered that once these sorcerers and magicians realised they could no longer perform such wonders they themselves confessed, "This is the finger of God" (Exod. 8:19) and from the day the LORD established this division between His people and the people of the world concerning miraculous wonders that defy our natural laws of nature (Exod. 8:22-24) we see throughout the Bible prophets of God doing amazing wonders and miracles, whereas there is no record of people of the secular world performing such wonders.

The purpose of these great wonders and miracles of God was so that the people of Egypt and by extension all the world of all generations would know that the LORD is God in the midst of all the earth (Exod. 8:22). There is no doubt that these miraculous signs and wonders and others like them truly separate the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob from all other gods people believe in.

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End.