

## God's Demand and Pharaoh's Resistance

Conflict	Plague	Verses	God's Side	Pharaoh's Side	Issue	Significance
1		Exo. 5:1-3	God demands Pharaoh to let His people go a three days' journey, that they may hold a feast unto Him in the wilderness.	Pharaoh denied Jehovah God, ignored His demand, and did not let Israel go. Instead, he increased their labor with rigor	1) Israel suffered more cruelty 2) Moses was bothered and discouraged 3) Jehovah God reconfirmed His name and His covenant 4) Israel did not hearken unto Moses from shortness of spirit, and from cruel bondage	
2		Exo. 7:8-14	Aaron cast down his rod before Pharaoh and his servants, and it became a serpent.	Pharaoh called upon the magicians to do the same thing with their rods as Aaron, but Aaron's rod swallowed up their rods.	The hardness of Pharaoh's heart was exposed, and Pharaoh refused to hearken to God's demand.	<b>Aaron's rod:</b> In His mercy God exposed the true <b>nature</b> of Egyptian living, which was <b>reliance on the Devil</b> .  <b>Magicians' rods:</b> The preaching of <b>the gospel swallows up</b> today's philosophical teachings.
3	<b>First plague</b> Turning the waters of the Nile to blood	Exo. 7:15-25, 8:20, 9:13	God repeated His demand backed up by the first plague.	The magicians of Egypt were able to do bring the blood in, but they were not able to get rid of it.	For the second time, the hardness of Pharaoh's heart was exposed and he did not hearken to Moses and Aaron.	<b>Water of the Nile:</b> Signifies earthly supply and enjoyment.  <b>Smiting the waters:</b> Gives a thorough indication that the life of Egypt issues in nothing but <b>death</b> .
4	<b>Second plague</b> Bringing forth frogs	Exo. 8:1-15	The Lord smote all the borders of Egypt with frogs	The magicians of Egypt were able to do bring forth frogs, but they were not able to take them away.	Moses and Aaron cried out to Jehovah concerning the frogs. When Pharaoh saw respite, he hardened his heart and did not listen to them.	<b>Smiting with frogs:</b> Life in Egypt was not a life of enjoyment, but a <b>life of trouble</b> .
5	<b>Third plague</b> The dust becoming lice	Exo. 8:16-19	The Lord smote the dust of the land, that it may become lice throughout all the land of Egypt.	Pharaoh's magicians could not bring forth lice admitting to Pharaoh that it was the finger of God that caused the dust of Egypt to become lice.	Despite the magicians' word, Pharaoh's heart hardened.	<b>Dust into lice:</b> Even the <b>source of the supply</b> of our living in the world eventually becomes a cause of <b>irritation</b> .
6	<b>Fourth plague</b> Swarms of flies	Exo. 8:20-32	The Lord sent upon Pharaoh and all the Egyptians swarms of flies	Pharaoh bargained for the children of Israel to sacrifice to God in Egypt. Then offering to let Israel go a short distance to sacrifice to God in the wilderness	Pharaoh hardened his heart at this time, and he did not let the people go.	<b>Swarm of flies:</b> Signify the pollution in the atmosphere of the world today caused by <b>immorality</b> that pervades the atmosphere.

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7	<b>Fifth plague</b> Pestilence	Exo. 9:1-7	God judged both the transportation and food in Egypt by sending a very grievous pestilence.	Because of Pharaoh's stubbornness and hardness of heart, the cattle were subject to the plague of pestilence.	The heart of Pharaoh was stubborn and he did not let the people go.	<b>Pestilence of livestock:</b> Shows the <b>principle of implication</b> ; the cattle of the Egyptians were judged because they were implicated by the sin of Pharaoh and the Egyptians.
8	<b>Sixth plague</b> Boils upon man and beast	Exo. 9:8-12	The Lord told Moses and Aaron to take handfuls of ashes and sprinkle them toward heaven. These ashes caused boils to break forth upon man and beast in Egypt.	The magicians could not stand before Moses because of the boils	Jehovah hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he did not listen to Moses and Aaron.	<b>Ashes causing boils:</b> Indicates that anything <b>remaining</b> of our fallen human life must be dealt with by God.
9	<b>Seventh plague</b> Turning rain into hail	Exo. 9:13-35	The Lord changed the function of the rain into hail that damaged the produce of the earth.	Pharaoh sent a messenger to Aaron and Moses to entreat Jehovah to stop the thunder and hail to let the people of God go.	When Pharaoh saw that the rain and the hail and the thunder had ceased, Pharaoh's heart hardened and he did not let the children of Israel go.	<b>Rain turning to hail:</b> If we are stubborn or rebellious against the Lord, our spirit remains <b>thirsty</b> and becomes <b>damaged</b> .
10	<b>Eighth plague</b> Wind bringing forth locusts	Exo. 10:1-20	God altered the function of the wind so that it no longer supplied fresh air, but caused locusts to appear which devoured what remained.	Pharaoh offered for only the men to go serve. He then again called for Moses and Aaron to entreat Jehovah to remove the death.	Jehovah hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he did not let the children of Israel go.	<b>Devouring locusts:</b> The locusts came to <b>consume</b> the life supply.
11	<b>Ninth plague</b> Thick darkness	Exo. 10:21-29	God changed the function of the sun that a thick darkness may be felt in Egypt.	Pharaoh bargained for the children of Israel to go, but to leave the flocks and herds.	Jehovah hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he was not willing to let the children of Israel go.	<b>Solid, substantial darkness:</b> Everything was <b>terminated</b> .
12	<b>Tenth plague</b> Slaughter of the firstborn	Exo. 11:1-10	God patiently sent Moses to negotiate with Pharaoh twelve times.	Pharaoh's stubbornness forced God to slaughter the firstborn.	The slaughter of the firstborn brought in the Passover and the exodus of the children of Israel.	<b>Slaughter of the firstborn:</b> The slaughter of the firstborn <b>subdued</b> Pharaoh temporarily and displayed God's <b>sovereignty</b> .

## Israel's Three Experiences

Place	Experience	Verses	Significance
Red Sea	Baptism	Exo. 14	Baptism makes our salvation <b>secure</b> . The water through which the children of Israel were saved and <b>separated</b> from Egypt brought them into a realm where there was no bondage or slavery
Marah	Cross	Exo. 15:23	We need to see a <b>vision</b> of the cross, and <b>apply</b> the <b>cross of Christ</b> to every situation. This will make the bitter waters <b>sweet</b> and <b>heal</b> our situation.
Elim	Resurrection	Exo. 15:27	After we have an experience of the cross, we go downward for the experience of <b>resurrection</b> . It is here where the resurrection life <b>flows</b> from God into us, causing something to <b>grow</b> within us.