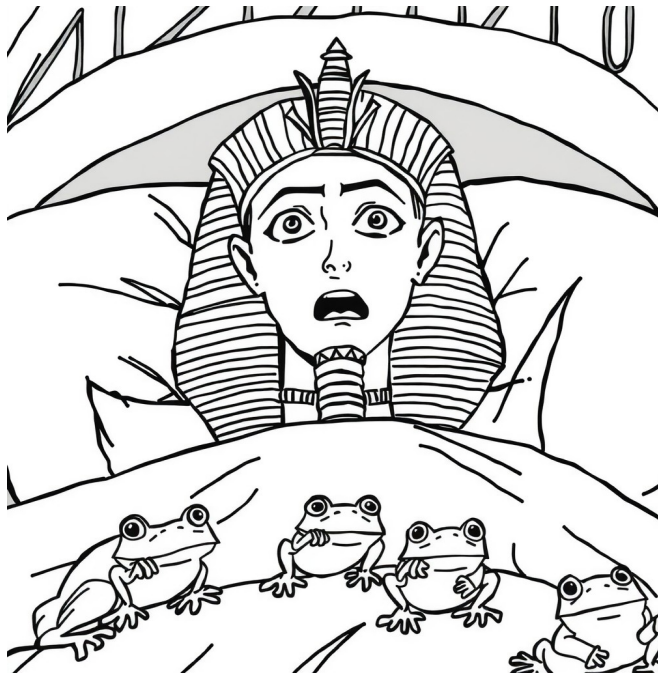


Agency			Setting
Aaron's Rod	No Rod	Moses' Rod or Hand	
7:14-25 Nile to Blood	8:20-32 Flies	9:13-35 Hail	Stand
8:1-15 Frogs	9:1-7 Cattle	10:1-20 Locusts	Go
8:16-19 Lice	9:8-12 Boils	10:21-29 Darkness	None



Features of the Plague of Frogs

Feature	7:14-25, Nile	8:1-15, Frogs
Divine Analysis	14	
Demand to Pharaoh	15-16	1
That you may know	17a	10
Warning	17b-18	2-4
Exemption	19?	3, 11?
Command to M&A	19	5
Imposition	20-21	6
Magicians	22a	7
Negotiation		8-11
Relief	24-25	12-14
Hardening	22b-23	15

Exod 8:1-15, Frogs

Demand: 1 Let my people go, that they may serve me.

Warning: 2 And if thou refuse to let them go, behold, I will smite all thy borders with frogs: 3 And the river shall bring forth frogs abundantly, which shall go up and come into thine house, and into thy bedchamber, and upon thy bed, and into the house of thy servants, and upon thy people, and into thine ovens, and into thy kneadingtroughs: 4 And the frogs shall come up both on thee, and upon thy people, and upon all thy servants.

Command: 5 And the LORD spake unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Stretch forth thine hand with thy rod over the streams, over the rivers, and over the ponds, and cause frogs to come up upon the land of Egypt.

Imposition: 6 And Aaron stretched out his hand over the waters of Egypt; and the frogs came up, and covered the land of Egypt.

Magicians: 7 And the magicians did so with their enchantments, and brought up frogs upon the land of Egypt.

Negotiation: 8 Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron, and said, Intreat the LORD, that he may take away the frogs from me, and from my people; and I will let the people go, that they may do sacrifice unto the LORD. 9 And Moses said unto Pharaoh, Glory over me: when shall I intreat for thee, and for thy servants, and for thy people, to destroy the frogs from thee and thy houses, that they may remain in the river only? 10 And he said, To morrow. And he said, Be it according to thy word:

Knowledge: that thou mayest know that there is none like unto the LORD our God. 11 And the frogs shall depart from thee, and from thy houses, and from thy servants, and from thy people; they shall remain in the river only.

Relief: 12 And Moses and Aaron went out from Pharaoh: and Moses cried unto the LORD because of the frogs which he had brought against Pharaoh. 13 And the LORD did according to the word of Moses; and the frogs died out of the houses, out of the villages, and out of the fields. 14 And they gathered them together upon heaps: and the land stank.

Hardening: 15 But when Pharaoh saw that there was respite, he hardened his heart, and hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had said.

For Discussion

- What educational purpose did the Lord have for the plagues?
- What was the first lesson the Lord posed for Pharaoh?
- How does Pharaoh's request in 8:8 show the success of this lesson?
- What is the next lesson that God proposes, in 8:10?
- Why does Moses invite Pharaoh to choose the time for the frogs to leave?
- Pharaoh asks Moses to intreat the Lord for him (8:8). In fact, Moses cries unto the Lord (8:12). What is the difference, and what does it teach us?
- Up until now, we have simply been told that Pharaoh's heart is hard. Now we are told (8:15) that he has hardened it. Why the change?
- What general principle does his condition illustrate?
- Compare and contrast Nebuchadnezzar's experience in God's school with Pharaoh's.

Pharaoh goes to School

Needs Assessment:

Exo 5:2 And Pharaoh said, **Who is the LORD**, that I should obey his voice to let Israel go? **I know not the LORD**, neither will I let Israel go.

God's Objective:

Isa 11:9 ... the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

Educational Plan:

Exo 7:5 And **the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD**, when I stretch forth mine hand upon Egypt, and bring out the children of Israel from among them.

Exod 7:17 (Nile) ...**thou shalt know that I am the LORD**.

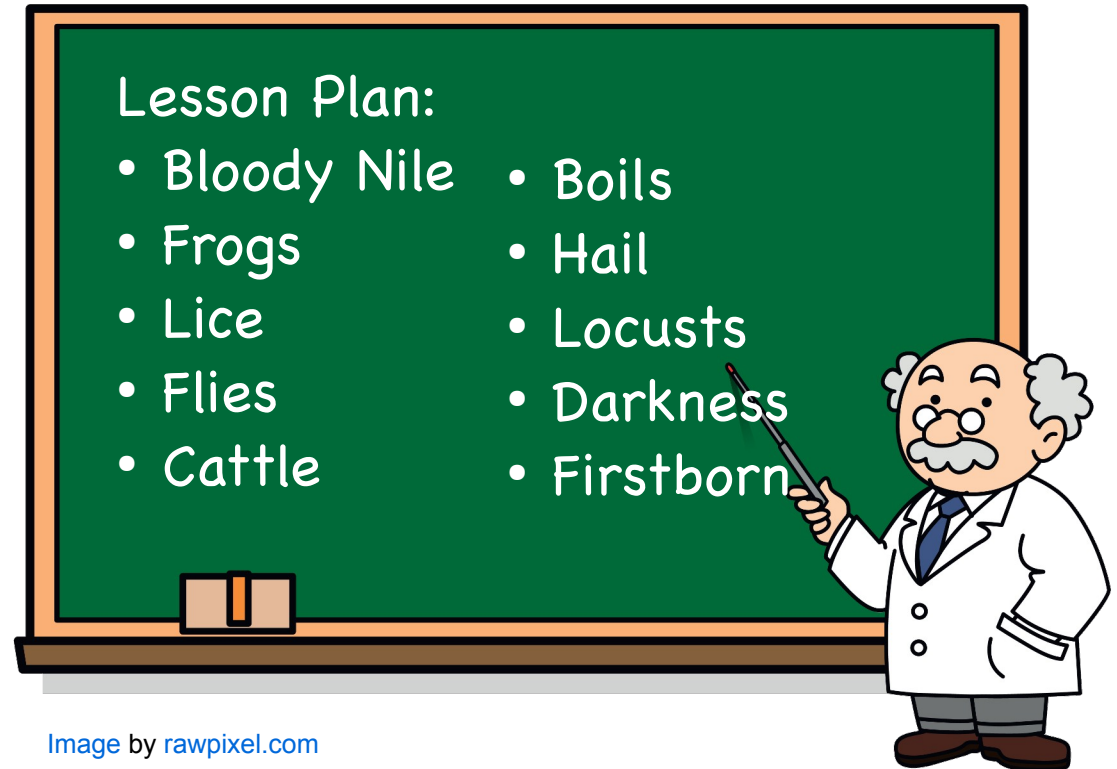


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Slow Start (Nile)

Exo 7:23 Pharaoh turned and went into his house, and he did not take even this to heart.

Transcript of the Plague Academy

	Plague	Lesson (from the Plague)	Pharaoh's Response	Lesson (from the Relief)
1	Nile	7:17 ... thou shalt know that I am the LORD		
2	Frogs		8:8 Intreat the LORD , that he may take away the frogs from me	8:10 [the frogs will go] that thou mayest know that there is none like unto the LORD our God.
3	Lice		(8:19 magicians: this is the finger of God)	
4	Flies	8:22 [exemption for Goshen] to the end thou mayest know that I am the LORD in the midst of the earth/land [of Goshen]	8:28 intreat for me.	
7	Hail	9:14 ... that thou mayest know that there is none like me in all the earth. ... 16 And in very deed for this cause have I raised thee up, for to shew in thee my power; and that my name may be declared throughout all the earth.	9:27 I have sinned this time: the LORD is righteous , and I and my people are wicked. 28 Intreat the LORD (for it is enough) that there be no more mighty thunderings and hail	9:29 the thunder shall cease ...that thou mayest know how that the earth is the LORD'S
8	Locusts	10:2 [re Israel:] And that thou mayest tell in the ears of thy son, and of thy son's son, what things I have wrought in Egypt, and my signs which I have done among them; that ye may know how that I am the LORD.	(10:7 servants: Egypt is destroyed) 10:16 I have sinned against the LORD your God , and against you. 17 Now therefore forgive, I pray thee, my sin only this once, and intreat the LORD your God	
10	First-born	11:7 that ye may know how that the LORD doth put a difference between the Egyptians and Israel.	12:32 bless me also.	

5 (Cattle), 6 (Boils), 9 (Darkness): stay tuned ...

Did Moses Go Too Far?

Pharaoh's Request

Exod 8:8 Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron, and said, **Intreat** (עַתָּר C, *atar* H6279) **the LORD**, that he may take away the frogs from me, and from my people;

Moses' Action

Exod 8:12 And Moses and Aaron **went out from Pharaoh: and Moses cried** (צָעַק *tsoaq* H6817) unto the LORD because of the frogs which he had brought against Pharaoh.

Intreating vs. Crying

Exo 2:23 And it came to pass in process of time, that the king of Egypt died: and the children of Israel sighed by reason of the bondage, and they **cried**, and their cry came up unto God by reason of the bondage.

13 The Lord did according to the word of Moses ...

Exo 7:6 And Moses and Aaron **did as the LORD commanded them**, so did they.

Exo 7:20 And Moses and Aaron **did so, as the LORD commanded**; ...

The Reciprocity of Answered Prayer

1Sa 2:30 ... them that **honour me I will honour**, and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed.

Psa 91:14 **Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him**: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name. 15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him. 16 With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.

Who Hardens Pharaoh's Heart?

Plagues 1, 3, 5, 7 (and 7:13 Hebrew):

Pharaoh's **heart** is naturally hard

Plagues 2, 4, 7: **Pharaoh** hardens his heart

Plagues 6, 8, 9: The **Lord** hardens Pharaoh's heart

1. Nile 7:22b Heart	4. Flies 8:32 Pharaoh	7. Hail 9:34 Pharaoh & Servants 9:35 Heart
2. Frogs 8:15 Pharaoh	5. Cattle 9:7 Heart	8. Locusts 10:20 Lord
3. Lice 8:19 Heart	6. Boils 9:12 Lord	9. Darkness 10:27 Lord

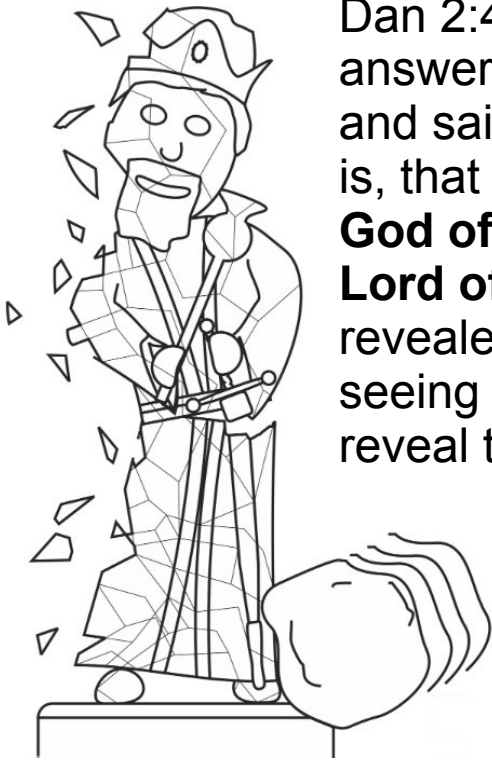
8:8 Leads to 8:15

Rom 1:21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

Mat 11:21 Woe unto thee, Chorazin! woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works, which were done in you, had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. 22 But I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the day of judgment, than for you. 23 And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted unto heaven, shalt be brought down to hell: for if the mighty works, which have been done in thee, had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. 24 But I say unto you, That it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment, than for thee.

Nebuchadnezzar's Transcript

Dan 2:47 The king answered unto Daniel, and said, Of a truth it is, that **your God is a God of gods, and a Lord of kings**, and a revealer of secrets, seeing thou couldst reveal this secret.



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Dan 5:20 But when **his heart was lifted up, and his mind hardened in pride**, ...



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Dan 3:28 Then Nebuchadnezzar spake, and said, Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, ... 29 Therefore I make a decree, That every people, nation, and language, which **speak any thing amiss against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego**, shall be cut in pieces, and their houses shall be made a dunghill: because there is no other God that can deliver after this sort.



Dan 4:34 And at the end of the days I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me, and I **blessed the most High, and I praised and honoured him** that liveth for ever, whose dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation: ... 37 Now I **Nebuchadnezzar praise and extol and honour the King of heaven**, all whose works are truth, and his ways judgment: and those that walk in pride he is able to abase.

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