

Exod 8:16-19, Lice

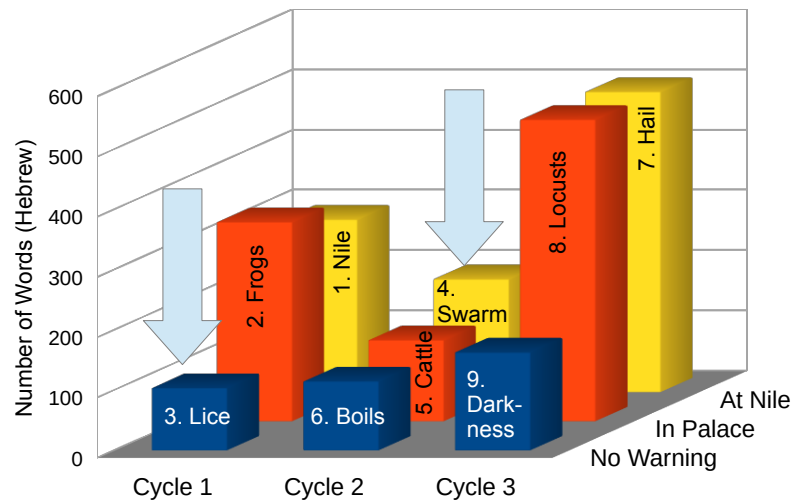
Command: 16 And the LORD said unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Stretch out thy rod, and smite the dust of the land, that it may become lice throughout all the land of Egypt.

Imposition: 17 And they did so; for Aaron stretched out his hand with his rod, and smote the dust of the earth, and it became lice in man, and in beast; all the dust of the land became lice throughout all the land of Egypt.

Magicians: 18 And the magicians did so with their enchantments to bring forth lice, but they could not: so there were lice upon man, and upon beast. 19 Then the magicians said unto Pharaoh, This is the finger of God:

Hardening: and Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had said.

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Demand to Pharaoh	15-16	1	
That you may know	17a	10	
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Exemption	19?	3, 11?	
Command to M&A	19	5	16
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Magicians	22a	7	18-19a
Negotiation		8-11	
Relief	24-25	12-14	
Hardening	22b-23	15	19b



Agency			Setting
Aaron's Rod	No Rod	Moses' Rod or Hand	
7:14-25 Nile to Blood	8:20-32 Swarm	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

Psa. 105:31 He spake, and there came divers sorts of flies, and lice in all their coasts.

- What sets the plague of lice apart from the first three miracles (dragons, Nile, frogs)?
- What role does this distinction play in Pharaoh's education?
- How does the plague of lice emphasize God's power as the creator?
- What does "the finger of God" indicate elsewhere in the Bible?
- How does this understanding illuminate Ps 8:3?
- What new feature does the plague of the swarm introduce?
- What vocabulary item marks the introduction of this feature?
- How does God structure the announcement of the exemption?
- To what does the word "earth" in 8:22 refer?
- What is the meaning of the word translated "division" in 8:23, and what significance does it give to Israel's exemption?

Creation in the Plagues

Gen 1:3 And God said, '**Let there be light**,' and **there was light**.

Exo 8:16 And the LORD said unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Stretch out thy rod, and smite the dust of the land, ~~that it may~~ and **let it become lice** throughout all the land of Egypt.
17 And they did so; for Aaron stretched out his hand with his rod, and smote the dust of the earth, ~~and it became~~ **there was lice** in man, and in beast; ...

Failed Magicians

Exod 8:10 that thou mayest know that **there is none like unto the LORD** our God

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



The Finger of God

Ex. 31:18 And he gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with **the finger of God**.

Deu 9:10 And the LORD delivered unto me two tables of stone written with **the finger of God**; ...

Dan. 5:5 In the same hour came forth **fingers** of a man's hand, **and wrote** over against the candlestick upon the plaister of the wall of the king's palace: and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote.

Jhn 8:6 But Jesus stooped down, and **with his finger wrote** on the ground, as though he heard them not.

Wise Advisors ...

Ex 10:7 And Pharaoh's servants said unto him, How long shall this man be a snare unto us? let the men go, that they may serve the LORD their God: knowest thou not yet that Egypt is destroyed?

Exod 8:20-32, Flies

Demand: 20 And the LORD said unto Moses, Rise up early in the morning, and stand before Pharaoh; lo, he cometh forth to the water; and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Let my people go, that they may serve me.

Warning: 21 Else, if thou wilt not let my people go, behold, I will send the ~~swarms of flies~~ upon thee, and upon thy servants, and upon thy people, and into thy houses: and the houses of the Egyptians shall be full of the ~~swarms of~~ flies, and also the ground whereon they are.

Exemption, Knowledge: 22 And I will sever in that day the land of Goshen, in which my people dwell, that no ~~swarms of flies~~ shall be there; to the end thou mayest know that I am the LORD in the midst of the earth. 23 And I will put a division between my people and thy people: to morrow shall this sign be.

Imposition: 24 And the LORD did so; and 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.

Negotiation: 25 And Pharaoh called for Moses and for Aaron, and said, Go ye, sacrifice to your God in the land. 26 And Moses said, It is not meet so to do; for we shall sacrifice the abomination of the Egyptians to the LORD our God: lo, shall we sacrifice the abomination of the Egyptians before their eyes, and will they not stone us? 27 We will go three days' journey into the wilderness, and sacrifice to the LORD our God, as he shall command us. 28 And Pharaoh said, I will let you go, that ye may sacrifice to the LORD your God in the wilderness; only ye shall not go very far away: intreat for me. 29 And Moses said, Behold, I go out from thee, and I will intreat the LORD that the ~~swarms of flies~~ may depart from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people, to morrow: but let not Pharaoh deal deceitfully any more in not letting the people go to sacrifice to the LORD.

Relief: 30 And Moses went out from Pharaoh, and intreated the LORD. 31 And the LORD did according to the word of Moses; and he removed the ~~swarms of flies~~ from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people; there remained not one.

Hardening: 32 And Pharaoh hardened his heart at this time also, neither would he let the people go.

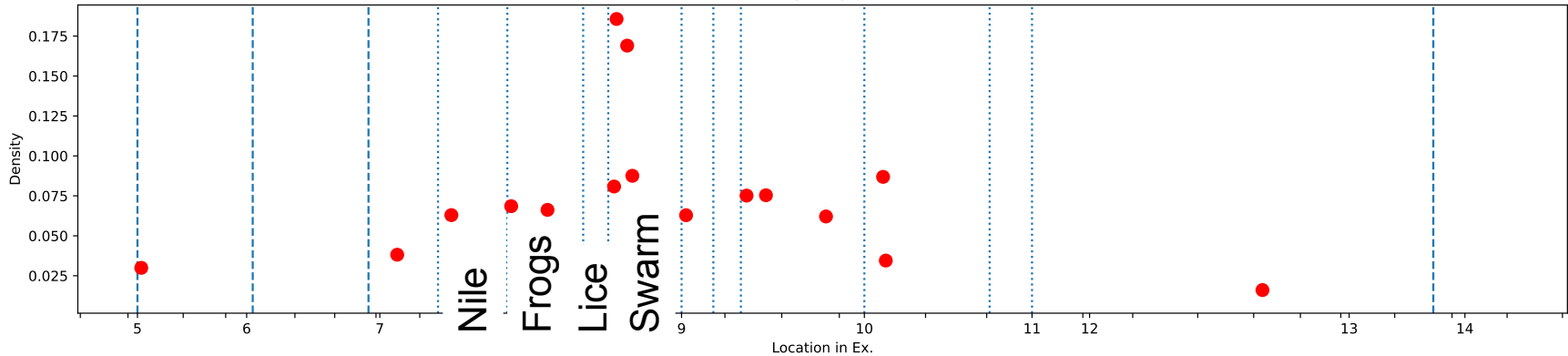
8:20-32, Flies

Psalm 78: Warning against Apostasy
Psa 78:45 He sent ~~divers sorts of flies~~ a **swarm** among them, which **devoured** them; and frogs, which destroyed them.

Psalm 105: Praise (Hallelujah)
Psa 105:31 He spake, and there came ~~divers sorts of flies~~ a **swarm**, and lice **in all their coasts**.

“My people”: density peaks in the plague of the swarm

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Two Kinds of Exemption

8:22-23, Explicit

8:21, Implicit

Exod 8:21 Else, if thou wilt not let my people go, behold, I will send **the swarms** of flies upon **thee**, and upon **thy** servants, and upon **thy** people, and into **thy** houses: and the houses **of the Egyptians** shall be full of **the swarms** of flies

Exo 8:3 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.

Description of Exemption	Meaning of Exemption
22 I will sever (פלה C <i>palah</i> H6395) the land of Goshen	I am the Lord in the midst of the land
23 I will put a division redemption (פדת <i>pedut</i> H6304) between my people and thy people	Tomorrow shall this sign be



The Meaning of Exemption

Joseph's Precaution

Gen 46:33 And it shall come to pass, when Pharaoh shall call you, and shall say, What is your occupation?

34 That ye shall say, Thy servants' trade hath been about cattle from our youth even until now, both we, and also our fathers: **that ye may dwell in the land of Goshen**; for every shepherd is an abomination unto the Egyptians.

David's Encouragement from Exodus

Psa 4:3 But know that the LORD hath **set apart (פלה C *palah* H6395)** him that is godly for himself: the LORD will hear when I call unto him.

The General Principle

2Pe 2:9 The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:

The Lesson for Pharaoh

Exod 8:22 to the end thou mayest know that **I am the LORD in the midst of the earth/land**

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

Exod 8:10 ... that thou mayest know that **there is none like unto the LORD our God.**

The Ultimate Exemption

Exod 8:23 And I will put a
division **redemption** (פדות
pedut H6304) between my
people and thy people

Isa 50:2 Wherefore, when I came, was
there no man? when I called, was there
none to answer? Is my hand shortened
at all, that it cannot redeem [held back
from **redemption** פדות]? or have I no
power to deliver? Behold,

Crossing the Red Sea:

at my rebuke I dry up the sea,

Plague 1, Judgment on the Nile:

I make the rivers a wilderness: their
fish stinketh, because there is no
water, and dieth for thirst.

Plague 9, Darkness:

3 I clothe the heavens with blackness,

Mourning over the firstborn:

and I make sackcloth their covering.