

Moses – part 8

The Lord Torments Egypt with Gnats and Flies
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We can learn a lot of lessons behind the plagues that the Lord had sent to Egypt through Moses and Aaron. However, we can only learn from this story if we think of ourselves as the Pharaoh, on whom God is pouring his judgment on. If we only think of him as a guy from history who God punished for being stubborn, then we miss the whole point of the story of Moses.

So far, we learned that flesh and its works are destroyed by the blood of Christ, His words. Flesh is symbolized by the fish which died when the Lord turned water into blood. This water is a symbol of false teachings which the true words of Christ (His blood) destroy.

These lies all come from Satan, the father of lies.

Joh 8:44 (KJV) Ye are of *your* father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, **because there is no truth in him**. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

Joh 8:44 (CEV) Your father is the devil, and you do exactly what he wants. He has always been a murderer and a liar. There is nothing truthful about him. He speaks on his own, and everything he says is a lie. **Not only is he a liar himself, but he is also the father of all lies.**

The devil is called 'the father of lies' because he has sons and daughters who also teach lies. Let's look at the meaning of frogs again and see how the devil spreads out his lies.

Rev 16:13 (CEV) **An evil spirit (lies, false teachings) that looked like a frog** came out of the mouth of the dragon. One also came out of the mouth of the beast, and another out of the mouth of the false prophet.

These lies, these false teachings come from three sources: (1) out of the mouth of the dragon, (2) out of the mouth of the beast, and (3) out of the mouth of the false prophet.

The dragon is the devil, the father of lies.

The beast is all of mankind, it is not a symbol of the Catholic pope or any single man.

The false prophet is the symbol of the false teachers of Babylon.

All those three teach us lies, which we all believe at one point in our lives.

Rev 16:14 (CEV) These evil spirits had the power to work miracles. **They went to every king on earth (every one of us), to bring them together for a war against God All-Powerful.** But that will be the day of God's great victory.

Kids today are being brainwashed by the media with all sorts of lies. They're being taught to want the latest toys, the latest electronics, the latest fashion. "If you don't have them, then you're not cool". That is the message that all these ads are secretly saying to our kids.

The result is that we have a generation of kids who are addicted to cellphones and video games. These electronics deprive kids of meaningful interaction with other kids and their parents. These kids grow up valuing what their Facebook friends and their Instagram followers say more than what their parents say.

These video games give these kids instant results and fast achievements. This is carried over to real life as these kids get easily bored and frustrated with projects that need a lot of time and effort to accomplish.

The lies don't end outside the church world. In most churches, false ministers teach people that most of humanity will burn in hell forever. Another lie these false prophets teach is that we have free will, so it is up to us whether we will be saved or not. This lie is used by many churches to convince people to join them, because they claim that they are the only ones who will be saved. Many people are still suffering because they believe that their love ones will not be saved for they do not belong to their church.

Isa 9:16 (KJV) For the leaders of this people cause *them* to err; and *they that are* led of them *are* destroyed.

Isa 9:16 (BBE) For the guides of this people are the cause of their wandering from the right way, and those who are guided by them come to destruction.

These people who believe false teachers have no peace of mind. They are constantly troubled, just as the pharaoh was troubled by the frogs sent by the Lord.

Exo 8:1 (BBE) And this is what the Lord said to Moses: Go to Pharaoh and say to him, The Lord says, Let my people go so that they may give me worship.

Exo 8:2 And if you will not let them go, see, I will send frogs into every part of your land:

Exo 8:3 The Nile will be full of frogs, and they will come up into your house and into **your bedrooms and on your bed, and into the houses of your servants and your people, and into your ovens and into your bread-basins.**

The frogs being everywhere means these lies affect every aspect of our lives. These lies destroy our relationships, our health, our schooling or jobs, everything.

Exo 8:4 (BBE) The frogs will come up over you and your people and all your servants.

Exo 8:5 And the Lord said to Moses, Say to Aaron, Let the rod in your hand be stretched out over the streams and the waterways and the pools, causing frogs to come up on the land of Egypt.

Exo 8:6 And when Aaron put out his hand over the waters of Egypt, **the frogs came up and all the land of Egypt was covered with them.**

The Pharaoh was so troubled by these frogs that he asked Moses and Aaron to pray that the frogs be taken away, and in return, he will let the Israelites go. But after this was done by the Lord, the Pharaoh hardened his heart again and refused to let God's people go.

Exo 8:15 (CEV) But when the king saw that things were now better, **he again did just as the LORD had said and stubbornly refused to listen to Moses and Aaron.**

Exo 8:16 The LORD said to Moses, "Command Aaron to strike the ground with his walking stick, and everywhere in Egypt the dust will turn into gnats."

Exo 8:17 They obeyed, and when Aaron struck the ground with the stick, gnats started swarming on people and animals. **In fact, every speck of dust in Egypt turned into a gnat.**

Everything in our life will fall apart if it is based on lies.

Exo 8:18 (CEV) When the magicians tried to use their secret powers to do this, they failed, **and gnats stayed on people and animals.**

Gnats are biting insects. They can cause extreme discomfort. The animals mentioned here is a type of our spiritual wealth in Babylon. These are the things we learn in Babylon of which we are so proud of. One day, we will discover, as the apostle Paul did, that we learned from Babylon was worthless compared to the true teachings of Christ.

Exo 8:19 (CEV) **The magicians told the king, "God has done this."** But, as the LORD had said, the king was too stubborn to listen.

These magicians are the symbols of the false ministers of Babylon. God has limited the powers of these false ministers over the elect. The people of God see through their lies.

Exo 8:20 (CEV) The LORD said to Moses: Early tomorrow morning, while the king is on his way to the river, go and say to him, "The LORD commands you to let his people go, so they can worship him.

Exo 8:21 If you don't, he will send swarms of flies to attack you, your officials, and every citizen of your country. Houses will be full of flies, and the ground will crawl with them.

Exo 8:22 – 23 **"The LORD's people in Goshen won't be bothered by flies, but your people in the rest of the country will be tormented by them. That's how you will know that the LORD is here in Egypt. This miracle will happen tomorrow."**

The people of God lived in Goshen as shepherds. They were not bothered by these flies because they symbolize the elect of God who are given spiritual eyes to distinguish between the truth and a lie.

Exo 8:23 (KJV) **And I will put a division between my people and thy people: to morrow shall this sign be.**

The Lord knows who His people are. He will drag His people out of Babylon and give them a place in the body of Christ.

Exo 8:24 (KJV) 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 (except for Goshen): **the land was corrupted by reason of the swarm of flies.**

These gnats and flies are the same thing as the frogs. They are lies which destroy our lives.

Psa 78:45 (MKJV) He sent different kinds of **flies** among them, which devoured them; and **frogs, which destroyed them.**

As we read all these wonders, we need to remember these are all done with one goal: to free up Israel from Egypt. This goal is yet another step for God to fulfill His promise to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob to bring His people back to Canaan.

Exo 8:25 (ESV) Then Pharaoh called Moses and Aaron and said, "Go, sacrifice to your God within the land."

The Pharaoh is offering a compromise. He will let the Israelites sacrifice to their God, but they must stay in Egypt.

Exo 8:26 (ESV) But Moses said, "It would not be right to do so, for the offerings we shall sacrifice to the LORD our God are an abomination to the Egyptians. If we sacrifice offerings abominable to the Egyptians before their eyes, will they not stone us?"

Moses realized that the Egyptians would hate them if they started worshiping God in Egypt. We must also realize that the people of Babylon will hate us when we start worshiping God in spirit and in truth.

Exo 8:27 (ESV) We must go three days' journey into the wilderness and sacrifice to the LORD our God **as he tells us.**"

"As He tells us", that's what is important. Like Moses, we need to be attentive to the words of God. We don't want to compromise the truth. In Babylon they compromise God's words and try to blend it with their traditions. They try to worship God with holidays like Christmas and Easter.

Exo 8:28 (ESV) So Pharaoh said, "I will let you go to sacrifice to the LORD your God in the wilderness; only you must not go very far away. Plead for me."

Exo 8:29 Then Moses said, "Behold, I am going out from you and I will plead with the LORD that the swarms of flies may depart from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people, tomorrow. Only let not Pharaoh cheat again by not letting the people go to sacrifice to the LORD."

Exo 8:30 So Moses went out from Pharaoh and prayed to the LORD.

Exo 8:31 And the LORD did as Moses asked, and removed the swarms of flies from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people; not one remained.

Exo 8:32 But Pharaoh hardened his heart this time also, and did not let the people go.