

Exodus 8:1

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the LORD spake unto Moses, Go unto Pharaoh, and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Let my people go, that they may serve me.

Analysis

Verse 1 describes the plague of frogs, targeting Heqet, Egyptian goddess of fertility portrayed as frog-headed. Frogs filled houses, bedrooms, ovens, and kneading bowls—contaminating private and sacred spaces. What Egypt worshipped became its torment.

Historical Context

Heqet assisted in childbirth and symbolized life and fertility. Frogs were sacred, making them untouchable. The plague forced Egyptians to encounter their goddess everywhere, yet powerless and disgusting.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How does God expose the impotence of idols you've trusted?
2. What happens when blessings become curses through misplaced worship?

Interlinear Text

אָמַר	יְהוָה	אֶל	מֹשֶׁה	בֹּא	אֶל	פַּרְעֹה	אָמַר
and say	And the LORD	H413	unto Moses	Go	H413	unto Pharaoh	and say
H559	H3068		H4872	H935		H6547	H559
אֶל יוֹ	כֹּה	אָמַר	יְהוָה	אֶת שַׁלַּח	עַמִּי י		
H413	H3541	and say	And the LORD	go	H853	Let my people	
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that they may serve
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Additional Cross-References

Exodus 3:18 (References Lord): And they shall hearken to thy voice: and thou shalt come, thou and the elders of Israel, unto the king of Egypt, and ye shall say unto him, The LORD God of the Hebrews hath met with us: and now let us go, we beseech thee, three days' journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God.

Exodus 3:12 (Parallel theme): And he said, Certainly I will be with thee; and this shall be a token unto thee, that I have sent thee: When thou hast brought forth the people out of Egypt, ye shall serve God upon this mountain.

Exodus 5:1 (References Lord): And afterward Moses and Aaron went in, and told Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Let my people go, that they may hold a feast unto me in the wilderness.