

Exodus 8:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And they gathered them together upon heaps: and the land stank.

Analysis

Verse 14 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

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

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

וַיִּצְבְּרוּ וְ	אֶת־	הֶמְרָם	הֶמְרָם	וַתִּבֹּא שׁ
And they gathered them together	H853	upon heaps	upon heaps	stank
H6651		H2563	H2563	H887
הָאָרֶץ:				
and the land				
H776				

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