

# Exodus 8:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Then the magicians said unto Pharaoh, This is the finger of God: and Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had said.

## Analysis

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Verse 19 introduces the plague of lice or gnats (קִנִּים, kinnim), targeting Geb, earth god. Aaron struck the dust of the earth, and it became lice throughout Egypt. This plague attacks Egypt's very ground, showing YHWH's power over the earth itself.

## Historical Context

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Geb was Egyptian god of the earth, portrayed lying beneath sky goddess Nut. The magicians could not replicate this plague, admitting 'This is the finger of God' (v.19)—recognizing power beyond human manipulation.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

## Study Questions

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1. What does the magicians' failure teach about the limits of human power?
2. How does this plague demonstrate God's authority over creation?

## Interlinear Text

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וַיֹּאמֶר ו	הַחֲרָטָמִם	אֶל	פַּרְעֹה	אֶצְבִּי ע	אֱלֹהֵי ים
said	Then the magicians	H413	and Pharaoh's	This is the finger	of God
H559	H2748		H6547	H676	H430
הָוָא	וַחֲזִיק	לִב	פַּרְעֹה	וְלֹא	שָׁמַע
H1931	was hardened	heart	and Pharaoh's	H3808	and he hearkened
	H2388	H3820	H6547	H8085	H413
כָּאֵשׁ ר	דָּבַר ר	יְהוָה:			
H834	had said	not unto them as the LORD			
	H1696	H3068			

## Additional Cross-References

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**Luke 11:20** (References God): But if I with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you.

**Psalms 8:3** (Parallel theme): When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;

**Exodus 7:5** (References Lord): 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.

**Matthew 12:28** (References God): But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you.