

Exodus 8:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And if thou refuse to let them go, behold, I will smite all thy borders with frogs:

Analysis

Verse 2 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

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

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

וְאִם	מֵאֵל	אֶתְּ הַ	לְשַׁלְּחַם	הֵן הַ	אֲנֹכִי
H518	And if thou refuse	H859	to let them go	H2009	H595
	H3986		H7971		
נִגַּדְתִּי	אֶתְּ	כָּל	גְּבוּלְךָ	בַּצְּפֹרֶדִּים:	
behold I will smite	H853	H3605	all thy borders	with frogs	
H5062			H1366	H6854	

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 78:45 (Parallel theme): He sent divers sorts of flies among them, which devoured them; and frogs, which destroyed them.

Exodus 7:14 (Parallel theme): And the LORD said unto Moses, Pharaoh's heart is hardened, he refuseth to let the people go.

Exodus 9:2 (Parallel theme): For if thou refuse to let them go, and wilt hold them still,