

# Exodus 8:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the LORD spake unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Stretch forth thine hand with thy rod over the streams, over the rivers, and over the ponds, and cause frogs to come up upon the land of Egypt.

## Analysis

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Verse 5 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

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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

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

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

## Study Questions

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1. How does God expose the impotence of idols you've trusted?

## 2. What happens when blessings become curses through misplaced worship?

### Interlinear Text

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אָמַר	יְהוָה	אֶל	מֹשֶׁה	אָמַר	אֶל	אַהֲרֹן
Say	And the LORD	H413	unto Moses	Say	H413	unto Aaron
H559	H3068		H4872	H559		H175
נָטָה	אֶת	יָדְךָ	בְּמִטְּךָ	עַל	הַנְּהָרוֹת	עַל
Stretch forth	H853	thine hand	with thy rod	H5921	over the streams	H5921
H5186		H3027	H4294		H5104	
הַיָּאֲרוֹת	וְעַל	הָאֲגָמִים	וְהָעַל	אֶת	הַצִּפְרֹדֵּעַ	עַל
over the rivers	H5921	and over the ponds	to come up	H853	and cause frogs	H5921
H2975		H98	H5927		H6854	
אֶרֶץ	מִצְרַיִם:					
upon the land	of Egypt					
H776	H4714					

### Additional Cross-References

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**Exodus 7:19** (References Lord): And the LORD spake unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Take thy rod, and stretch out thine hand upon the waters of Egypt, upon their streams, upon their rivers, and upon their ponds, and upon all their pools of water, that they may become blood; and that there may be blood throughout all the land of Egypt, both in vessels of wood, and in vessels of stone.