

Exodus 8:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Moses said unto Pharaoh, Glory over me: when shall I intreat for thee, and for thy servants, and for thy people, to destroy the frogs from thee and thy houses, that they may remain in the river only?

Analysis

Verse 9 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

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of 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

אָמַר	וַיֹּאמֶר	מֹשֶׁה	לְפָרֹחַ	הַתְּפִאֵרָה	עָלַי	לְמַתּוֹתַי
said	And Moses	unto Pharaoh	Glory	H5921	over me when	
H559	H4872	H6547	H6286		H4970	
אֶעֱבֹד	לְבָבִי	וְלַעֲבָדֶיךָ	וְלַעֲמֶיךָ	לְהַכְרִית		
shall I intreat	H0	for thee and for thy servants	and for thy people	to destroy		
H6279		H5650	H5971	H3772		
הַצִּפְרֹדִּים	מִמֶּנֶּךָ	וּמִבֵּיתֶיךָ	בְּקִין	בַּיָּר		
the frogs	H4480	from thee and thy houses	H7535	in the river		
H6854		H1004		H2975		
תִּשְׁאַרְנָה:						
that they may remain						
H7604						