

# Exodus 9:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And they took ashes of the furnace, and stood before Pharaoh; and Moses sprinkled it up toward heaven; and it became a boil breaking forth with blains upon man, and upon beast.

## Analysis

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Verse 10 introduces the plague of boils (שֶׁחִין, shechin—inflamed sores), targeting Sekhmet (goddess of healing) and Imhotep (god of medicine). The magicians themselves are afflicted and cannot stand before Moses. This plague physically marks Egypt's defeat.

## Historical Context

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Sekhmet was lioness goddess who both caused and healed disease. Imhotep, deified architect, became god of healing. Their inability to prevent or cure boils demonstrates YHWH's supremacy over health and disease.

## Related Passages

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

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

## Study Questions

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1. What does the magicians' personal affliction teach about false religion's impotence?
2. How does physical suffering sometimes reveal spiritual realities?

## Interlinear Text

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וַיִּקַּח ו	אֶת	פֹּיִם	הַכֹּבֵשׁ	וַעֲמָדוֹ	לִפְנֵי	פַּרְעֹה
And they took	H853	ashes	of the furnace	and stood	before	Pharaoh
H3947		H6368	H3536	H5975	H6440	H6547
וַיִּזְרֹק	אֶת	מֹשֶׁה	הַשָּׁמַיְמָה	וַיְהִי		שֶׁחִין
sprinkled	H853	and Moses	it up toward heaven	H1961		and it became a boil
H2236		H4872	H8064			H7822
אֲבַעֲבֹת	פֶּרִים	בְּאָדָם	וּבְבֵהֶמָּה:			
with blains	breaking forth	upon man	and upon beast			
H76	H6524	H120	H929			

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