

Exodus Chapter 8

Verse 1 – same word and same request as before. Question, why doesn't God make a different request or give a different word? Because Pharaoh still had not obeyed the first time he heard this word.

Application, you may not get a different or fresh word until you obey the first instructions from God.

Verse 2 – second plague predicted is frogs.

- (Guzik) – ancient Egyptians considered frogs sacred; Egyptian goddess Heqet is pictured with the head of a frog.

Verse 3 – The frogs are coming from the river. The river is what they trusted and relied on. What they are trusting in outside of the true God will backfire.

- Frogs will spread beyond the boundary of the river. This trouble (frogs) will spread into their homes, bedroom, servants, other people effected, kitchen, food.
- No one escapes this judgment...everyone is affected.
- God removed the protective boundary and let the frogs overrun them.
- Application, be careful of frog problems or issues in your life that overrun the normal boundaries and start causing problems in your home, life, relationships, etc.

Verse 5-6 – they again stretch their hands in the direction they want God to move and they obey His instructions. Hearing God's instructions and doing/obeying/applying these instructions in your life....will yield expected results.

Verse 7 – magicians could duplicate the same miracle...but again...they are only making things worse...they are creating more frogs.

Verse 8 – Pharaoh ready to deal. Are there any clues to indicate he is not sincere?

- He wants Moses and Aaron to pray for him.
- Not willing to let the people go until after the frogs leave. Why is that a problem?
 - Because letting the people go was the request he was supposed to obey. So he is saying I won't obey until God does this first. Application, don't do this. Better to obey first.

Verse 9-12 – Moses asks him when does he want him to pray to have the frog problem dealt with so that they will go back to where they normally reside...the river.

- Application point – we may not come out of what we're trying to be free from until we learn to pray for rather than plotting against our enemies.
- He prays for the one responsible for their misery.

Verse 10 – Pharaoh says tomorrow will be fine. God will perform it when he asked so that he may believe.

- Question.....why does he want to spend another night with the frogs when he could have had them removed right then?
- Is there a part of us that really wants one more night of misery?

Verse 11 -13 – Moses and Aaron pray for their enemy. God answers the prayer and the frogs die.

- When you obey God He can put things back where they belong.

Verse 14 – they had to clean up the dead frogs. There are consequences behind being disobedient. You might have God move on your behalf but you still may need to deal with the mess you caused.

Verse 15 – He jumps into the prayer line and as soon as he gets relief and a break, he goes back to being hardheaded and stupid and doesn't obey the word. Application, people still have these moments.

- When we get out of or avoid the trouble, we can easily go back to our old attitude of being disobedient. Sign of not showing gratitude for what God has done.
- After salvation, always the temptation to go back.

Verse 16 – no warning for the next plague. Lice throughout the land. This will have an impact on their worship. (Guzik) – Egyptian priesthood valued hygiene. Sacrifices also defiled now.

- Continued disobedience leads to greater judgment and worse situation.
- Obedience could have turned these bad things around.
- Not knowing God and not letting go can bring big problems.

Verse 17-18 – lice all over the place. The magicians cannot duplicate this event. Every time Moses and Aaron obey, they get the results God said they would. Application – just obey and apply the word.

Verse 19 – magicians understand that this was a power greater than them. Just God's finger....just a finger. Pharaoh still not turning away from disobeying God. Some folks won't listen no matter how hard you try.

- Shows the limit to their power against the unlimited power of God...just His finger.
- What they couldn't do with all their effort; God can do with little effort.
- Magicians don't recognize this is God until they see they can't duplicate the results.

Verse 20 – God appeals again and reaches out to Pharaoh. Application....He still reaches out to us to get us to repent.

Verse 21 – warning if he doesn't obey is a new plague of flies.

Verse 22 – God announces a separation between Egypt and Goshen. Where God's people live, they will be protected.

- God will protect you from some trouble that may be happening all around you.
- By protecting Israel it demonstrates the difference. May help people to see He is God.
- My testimony....I got saved when I met someone from Goshen who was not impacted like me.
- Goshen = drawing near
- Goshen – in the world (Egypt) but separated.
- Goshen is that place in the spirit realm where things are better, stuff doesn't bother you. Meaning some things happening around you shouldn't be affecting you if you are in Goshen. Application: I know where Egypt is; can you find Goshen?

Verse 23 – God’s providence for His people while still in bondage was designed to be a sign. Is there any application for this sign today?

- Word division = ransom, redemption, redeem. The difference between Egyptians and Hebrews was their redemption.

Verse 24 – the flies arrive. Land being laid to waste. Worse stuff starting to hit them.

Verse 25 – Pharaoh is ready to negotiate a deal. There is strong application here for today!

- I will release or allow you to serve your God....just do it here in Egypt. Doesn’t have a problem now because of the plagues in the people worshipping God....just don’t go any where or leave Egypt to do it. This presents a huge spiritual problem for us today. We get tricked into doing this today.
- Don’t compromise.
- Partial obedience is still disobedience.

Verse 26 – Moses reply is that wouldn’t be proper. If we do it here, it would be an abomination to the Egyptians and they would stone them. Still happens today. The enemy/world will be offended by your true worship.

Verse 27 – Moses outlining the first three steps...we will go three days journey. Why? Because that was God’s instructions. That was and remains today the same plan....executing the first three steps of the Feasts.

- You are not truly worshipping correctly in the will of God until you make that three day/step journey out of the world.

Verse 28 – second compromise....he will let them go into the wilderness...but just don’t go too far away.

- Application, enemy doesn’t have a problem with you worshipping God, just don’t go too far out there. It doesn’t take all that to worship....but it really does if you are worshipping in Spirit and in Truth.

Verse 29 – Moses promise and warning. We are going, I will pray that the flies leave, but don’t try and play us by changing your mind again. God wants complete obedience.

Verse 30 – Moses interceded for Pharaoh again. You may have to pray for your enemy more than once.

- Notice Moses leaves before he prays. Doesn’t pray right there. Wonder why...thoughts?

Verse 31 – God delivers relief and removes the problem.

Verse 32 – Pharaoh turns back around and doesn’t keep his word or obey. Don’t be surprised. Is there an application for today?