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The way to salvation, Jesus is coming again

The tenth chapter of Revelation begins with a vision of an angel descending from heaven, holding a small scroll. This angel puts one foot on the sea and the other on the earth, and declares that God's plan will be no longer delayed.

Revelation 20:14-15 - Death and Hades were also thrown into the lake of fire. This lake of fire is the second death. Those who were not written in the book of life were cast into the lake of fire.

1 Cor. 15:1-4

Now, brethren, I renew to you the gospel which I preached to you, and you also receive and stood on it,

2 If you hold fast to the word I have preached to you, you will be saved; otherwise, you will believe in vain

up. (only your beliefs)

3 What I received and passed on to you, first, is that Christ, according to the scriptures, dead for sin,

4 And was buried; and was raised on the third day, according to the scriptures.

Ephesians 1:13

Since you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in Christ, since Believe in him, and be sealed with the promised Holy Spirit Amen.

Dear heavenly father,

I come before you in humility to thank you for your grace and love in my life. I want to talk about the event of God's ten plagues upon Pharaoh in the book of Exodus. These ten plagues unfolded in a way that the level of disasters gradually increased and the scale of casualties gradually expanded, so as to demonstrate your power and righteousness to Pharaoh and the whole world. These disasters prove that you are the God who truly rules the universe, controls nature, and dominates human history.

O God, your righteousness and justice are evident in these disasters. You denounced the stubbornness and unbelief of Pharaoh and the people of Egypt, and you gave them a chance to repent, but they stuck to their own way and would not yield. I deeply understand that when we human beings face Your warnings and trials, we sometimes show a stubborn and unrepentant attitude.

Yet, Lord, we thank you for your grace that in Christ Jesus we have the opportunity for redemption. Your love and grace transcend the limitations of our stubbornness and repentance. You have prepared the way of salvation for us, let us connect with you through unwavering faith and dependence.

When Jesus returns, we know that disaster is no longer a pattern of escalation and gradual expansion, but a moment of closure. Lord, this is a solemn warning that it is time to turn and return to you. Let us take the opportunity to acknowledge that you are the living God, the only one who can save us.

May your Holy Spirit work in our hearts and guide us in your paths. Let our lives show our confidence and dependence on you to honor and obey your name.

In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

## Exodus chapter 8

Ex. 8:1 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Go to Pharaoh and say to him, 'This is what the LORD says: Let my people go, so that they may worship me.

Ex. 8:2 If you refuse to let them go, I will plague your whole country with frogs.

Ex. 8:3 The Nile will teem with frogs. They will come up into your palace and your bedroom and onto your bed, into the houses of your officials and on your people, and into your ovens and kneading troughs.

Ex. 8:4 The frogs will go up on you and your people and all your officials.”

Ex. 8:5 Then the LORD said to Moses, “Tell Aaron, ‘Stretch out your hand with your staff over the streams and canals and ponds, and make frogs come up on the land of Egypt.’”

Ex. 8:6 So Aaron stretched out his hand over the waters of Egypt, and the frogs came up and covered the land.

Ex. 8:7 But the magicians did the same things by their secret arts; they also made frogs come up on the land of Egypt.

Ex. 8:8 Pharaoh summoned Moses and Aaron and said, “Pray to the LORD to take the frogs away from me and my people, and I will let your people go to offer sacrifices to the LORD.”

Ex. 8:9 Moses said to Pharaoh, “I leave to you the honour of setting the time for me to pray for you and your officials and your  
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people that you and your houses may be rid of the frogs, except for those that remain in the Nile.”

Ex. 8:10 “Tomorrow,” Pharaoh said. Moses replied, “It will be as you say, so that you may know there is no-one like the LORD our God.

Ex. 8:11 The frogs will leave you and your houses, your officials and your people; they will remain only in the Nile.”

Ex. 8:12 After Moses and Aaron left Pharaoh, Moses cried out to the LORD about the frogs he had brought on Pharaoh.

Ex. 8:13 And the LORD did what Moses asked. The frogs died in the houses, in the courtyards and in the fields.

Ex. 8:14 They were piled into heaps, and the land reeked of them.

Ex. 8:15 But when Pharaoh saw that there was relief, he hardened his heart and would not listen to Moses and Aaron, just as the

LORD had said.

Ex. 8:16 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Tell Aaron, 'Stretch out your staff and strike the dust of the ground,' and throughout the land of Egypt the dust will become gnats."

Ex. 8:17 They did this, and when Aaron stretched out his hand with the staff and struck the dust of the ground, gnats came upon men and animals. All the dust throughout the land of Egypt became gnats.

Ex. 8:18 But when the magicians tried to produce gnats by their secret arts, they could not. And the gnats were on men and animals.

Ex. 8:19 The magicians said to Pharaoh, "This is the finger of God." But Pharaoh's heart was hard and he would not listen, just as the LORD had said.

Ex. 8:20 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Get up early in the morning and confront Pharaoh as he goes to the water and say to him, 'This is what the LORD says: Let my people go, so that they may worship me.

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Ex. 8:21 If you do not let my people go, I will send swarms of flies on you and your officials, on your people and into your houses. The houses of the Egyptians will be full of flies, and even the ground where they are.

Ex. 8:22 "But on that day I will deal differently with the land of Goshen, where my people live; no swarms of flies will be there, so that you will know that I, the LORD, am in this land.

Ex. 8:23 I will make a distinction between my people and your people. This miraculous sign will occur tomorrow."

Ex. 8:24 And the LORD did this. Dense swarms of flies poured into

Pharaoh's palace and into the houses of his officials, and throughout Egypt the land was ruined by the flies.

Ex. 8:25 Then Pharaoh summoned Moses and Aaron and said, "Go, sacrifice to your God here in the land."

Ex. 8:26 But Moses said, "That would not be right. The sacrifices we offer the LORD our God would be detestable to the Egyptians. And if we offer sacrifices that are detestable in their eyes, will they not stone us?"

Ex. 8:27 We must take a three-day journey into the desert to offer sacrifices to the LORD our God, as he commands us."

Ex. 8:28 Pharaoh said, "I will let you go to offer sacrifices to the LORD your God in the desert, but you must not go very far. Now pray for me."

Ex. 8:29 Moses answered, "As soon as I leave you, I will pray to the LORD, and tomorrow the flies will leave Pharaoh and his officials and his people. Only be sure that Pharaoh does not act deceitfully again by not letting the people go to offer sacrifices to the LORD."

Ex. 8:30 Then Moses left Pharaoh and prayed to the LORD,

Ex. 8:31 and the LORD did what Moses asked: The flies left Pharaoh and his officials and his people; not a fly remained.

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Ex. 8:32 But this time also Pharaoh hardened his heart and would not let the people go.

Chapter 8 of Exodus in the Bible begins with the continuation of the plagues that God sent upon Egypt. In this chapter, Moses and Aaron confront Pharaoh once again and request that he let the Israelites go, warning him of another plague if he does not comply.

God then sends a plague of frogs upon the land, filling the houses, beds, and even ovens with them. Once again, Pharaoh's magicians are able to replicate the miracle, but when they are unable to remove the frogs, Pharaoh finally asks Moses to intercede with God and remove the plague.

Moses does as Pharaoh asks, and the frogs are removed from the land. However, Pharaoh once again hardens his heart and refuses to let the Israelites go, prompting God to send a plague of gnats or lice upon Egypt.

The magicians are unable to replicate this plague, and they tell Pharaoh that it is the finger of God at work. But once again, Pharaoh's heart remains hardened, and he refuses to release the Israelites.

The chapter ends with God telling Moses to confront Pharaoh again and warn him of a third plague, this time of swarms of flies.

### The key verses Chapter 8 of Exodus in the Bible

Exodus chapter 8 continues the story of Moses and Aaron's confrontation with Pharaoh and the plagues that God sends upon Egypt to punish Pharaoh for his disobedience. Here are some key verses from Exodus chapter 8:

1. "Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Go to Pharaoh and say to him, "This is what the Lord says: Let my people go, so that they may worship me"' (Exodus 8:1): This verse shows how God instructs Moses to continue his efforts to persuade Pharaoh to release the Israelites from slavery.
2. "But when Pharaoh saw that there was relief, he hardened his heart and would not listen to them, just as the Lord had said" (Exodus 8:15): This verse shows how Pharaoh remains stubborn and refuses to release the Israelites, even after the plague of frogs is removed.
3. "But if you refuse to let them go, I will send swarms of flies on you and your officials, on your people and into your houses. The houses of the Egyptians will be full of flies, and even the ground where they are" (Exodus 8:21): This verse shows how God sends a plague of flies upon Egypt to punish Pharaoh for his disobedience.
4. "But on that day I will deal differently with the land of Goshen, where my people live; no swarms of flies will be there, so that you will know that I, the Lord, am in this land" (Exodus 8:22): This verse shows how God makes a distinction between the Israelites and the Egyptians, sparing the Israelites from some of the plagues as a sign of his protection and favor.
5. "Then Pharaoh summoned Moses and Aaron and said, 'Go, sacrifice to your God here in the land'" (Exodus 8:25): This verse shows how Pharaoh initially appears to compromise and allow the Israelites to worship their God, but he later changes his mind and refuses to release them.

Here's a reflection on Exodus chapter 8:

Exodus chapter 8 continues the narrative of the confrontation between Moses, Aaron, and Pharaoh as God's plagues are unleashed upon Egypt. In this chapter, God sends a series of plagues upon the land, including the plagues of frogs, gnats, and flies, to compel Pharaoh to release the Israelites.

One of the central themes in this chapter is the power and judgment of God. As Pharaoh continues to harden his heart and refuse to let the Israelites go, God brings forth plagues upon Egypt. Each plague is a demonstration of God's power and a judgment against the false gods of Egypt. The plagues disrupt the normal order of things and cause great suffering and inconvenience to the Egyptians, highlighting God's sovereignty and authority.

Throughout this chapter, God displays His control over nature by bringing swarms of frogs, gnats, and flies upon the land. These plagues not only afflict the Egyptians but also serve as a direct challenge to the Egyptian deities associated with fertility, hygiene, and protection. By demonstrating His power over these false gods, God establishes Himself as the one true God who holds power over all creation.

Another important theme in this chapter is the distinction between the Israelites and the Egyptians. While the plagues affect the entire land of Egypt, the Israelites in the region of Goshen are spared from the worst of the devastation. This distinction serves as a reminder of God's protection and provision for His people in the midst of judgment and calamity.

Reflecting on Exodus chapter 8, we can draw several lessons for our own lives. Firstly, it reminds us of the power and judgment of God. God is not only a loving and merciful God but also a just God who holds all authority. The plagues in this chapter serve as a reminder that God's justice will prevail, and He will hold accountable those who oppose His will.

Secondly, this chapter teaches us about the futility of false gods and idols. The plagues target the false gods of Egypt, revealing their powerlessness and inability to protect or save. It prompts us to examine our own lives and consider whether we have placed our trust and devotion in anything other than the one true God.

Furthermore, Exodus chapter 8 highlights God's ability to distinguish and protect His people in the midst of chaos and judgment. Just as the Israelites in Goshen were spared from the worst of the plagues, God continues to be a refuge and source of strength for His followers today. It encourages us to trust in His provision and to seek refuge in Him during times of trial and upheaval.

In conclusion, Exodus chapter 8 demonstrates the power and judgment of God through the plagues upon Egypt. It reminds us of God's sovereignty, the futility of false gods, and His ability to protect His people amidst chaos. By reflecting on these lessons, we can cultivate a deeper reverence for God, reevaluate our devotion, and find comfort in His presence and protection in all circumstances.