



## Today's Sermon:

### *More Plagues: Flies, Livestock, Boils*

Intro: I'm really good

#### I. Flies

A. Sound Familiar?

B. You or me?

C. Just You.

D. Lord of the Flies

E. Compromising

F. Repeat

#### II. Livestock

A. The Hand of the Lord

B. Just you again...

#### III. Boils

### Gospel Application

*Follow Jesus*

*And Kill Sin*

#### Exodus 8:20-9:12

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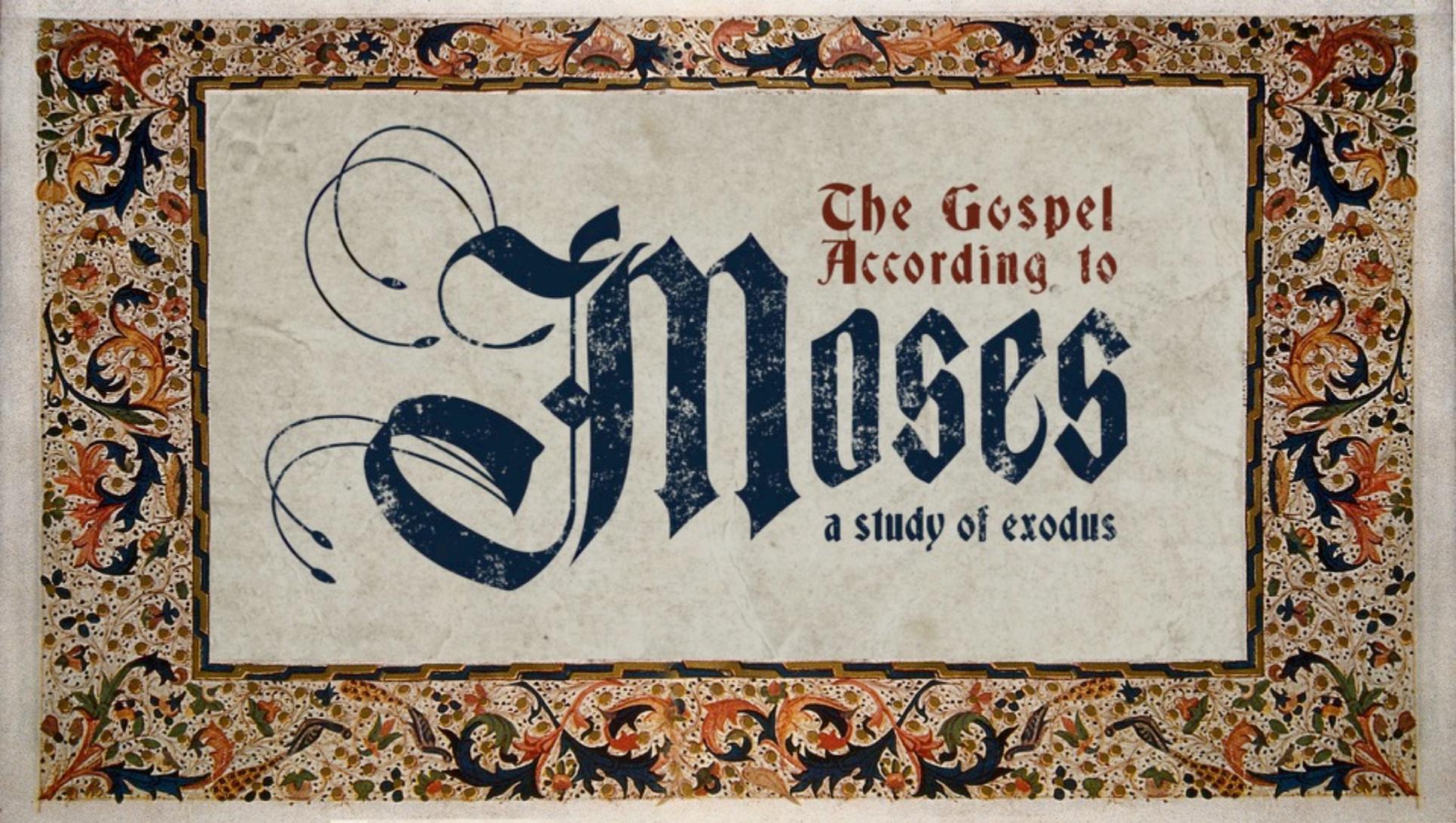
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Then the LORD said to Moses, "Go to Pharaoh and say to him, 'This is what the LORD, the God of the Hebrews, says: "Let my people go, so that they may worship me." <sup>2</sup> If you refuse to let them go and continue to hold them back, <sup>3</sup> the hand of the LORD will bring a terrible plague on your livestock in the field—on your horses, donkeys and camels and on your cattle, sheep and goats. <sup>4</sup> But the LORD will make a distinction between the livestock of Israel and that of Egypt, so that no animal belonging to the Israelites will die.' "

# South Side Baptist School Torchmen



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The Gospel  
According to  
**Moses**  
a study of exodus

...what we're going to see is that God will bring them out and redeem them in such a way that everyone will know, *everyone* will know that he is God.

~ Jen Wilkin, Podcast: *Exodus I, week 5: Opposition and Unbelief*



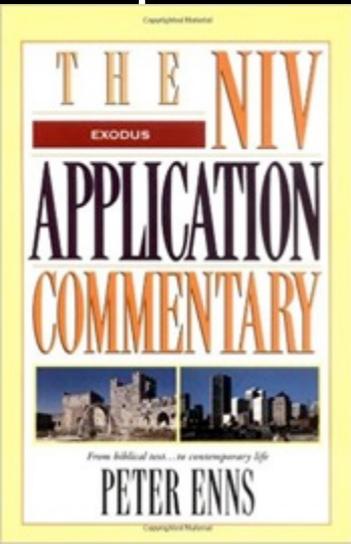
## Exodus 6:28-7:13

<sup>28</sup> Now when the LORD spoke to Moses in Egypt, <sup>29</sup> he said to him, “I am the LORD. Tell Pharaoh king of Egypt everything I tell you.”

<sup>30</sup> But Moses said to the LORD, “Since I speak with faltering lips, why would Pharaoh listen to me?”

<sup>1</sup> Then the LORD said to Moses, “See, I have made you like God to Pharaoh, and your brother Aaron will be your prophet. <sup>2</sup> You are to say everything I command you, and your brother Aaron is to tell Pharaoh to let the Israelites go out of his country.

It may be helpful here to understand this through Pharaoh's eyes. In Egyptian royal ideology, the pharaoh was considered to be a divine being. So by calling Moses God, Yahweh is beating Pharaoh at his own game. It is not the king of Egypt who is god; rather, it is this shepherd and leader of slaves who is God.



Enns, P. (2000). (p. 181). Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan.





**Waters Turn to Blood**  
Exodus 7:14-25



**Amphibians (Frogs)**  
Exodus 7:26-8:11



**Gnats (Lice)**  
Exodus 8:12-15



**Flies**  
Exodus 8:16-28



**Disease on Livestock**  
Exodus 9:1-7

# The Ten Plagues of Egypt



**Unhealable Boils**  
Exodus 9:8-12



**Hail and Fire**  
Exodus 9:13-35



**Locusts**  
Exodus 10:1-20



**Darkness**  
Exodus 10:21-29



**Death of First-Born**  
Exodus 11:1-12:36

# Apep: Snake – Chaos

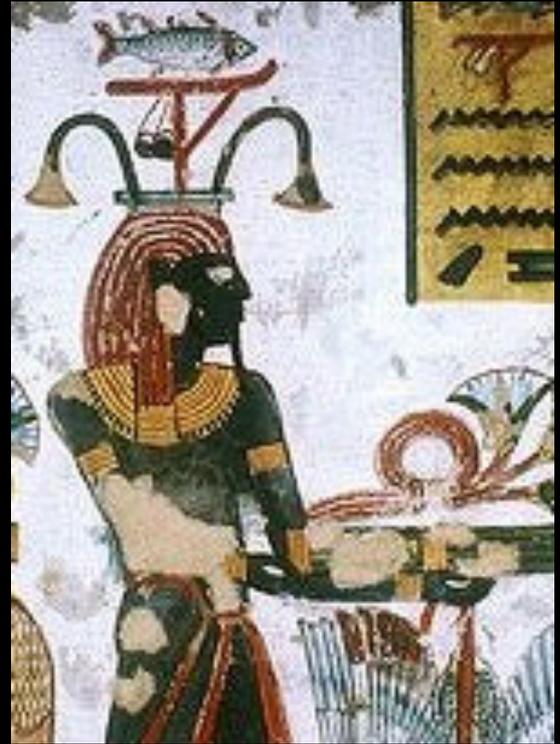


Two Weeks Ago:  
**The Plagues Begin:**  
*Blood, Frogs, Gnats*  
Exodus 7:14-8:19

# Hapi - Nile

Homage to thee, O Hapi, thou appearest in this land, and thou comest in peace to make Egypt to live. Thou art the Hidden One, and the guide of the darkness on the day when it is thy pleasure to lead the same. Thou art the waterer of the fields which Ra has created, thou givest life unto all animals, thou makest all the land to drink unceasingly as thou descendest on thy way from heaven.

-- Spence, L. 2008, *Myths & Legends of Ancient Egypt*, p.



# Heqet – Frogs

She was thought to be the wife of Khnum, the god who created men on his potter's wheel, and she gave the newly created being the breath of life before the child was placed to grow in the mother's womb. She was also regarded as the wife of Horus the Elder in the myths of Osiris – she was represented at the funeral as a frog, symbolic of life and fertility after death.



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# Geb - Gnats/Lice: Land

...the first sound was the honking of the Primeval Goose as it laid the world egg. The creator hatched from this egg and the two halves of the shell became the earth and the sky.

-Geraldine Harris, Delia Pemberton & Vincent Douglas (2000), *Illustrated Encyclopedia of Ancient Egypt*, p. 37



Today's Message:  
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*Flies, Livestock, Boils*  
Exodus 8:20-9:12

Flies  
*Or Swarms*

# *Sound Familiar?*

## **Exodus 8:20-9:12**

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# The Plague of Blood

## *The plan*

### Exodus 7:15-19

<sup>15</sup>Go to Pharaoh in the morning as he goes out to the river. Confront him on the bank of the Nile, and take in your hand the staff that was changed into a snake. <sup>16</sup>Then say to him, 'The LORD, the God of the Hebrews, has sent me to say to you: Let my people go, so that they may worship me in the wilderness. But until now you have not listened. <sup>17</sup>This is what the LORD says: By this you will know that I am the LORD: With the staff that is in my hand I will strike the water of the Nile, and it will be changed into blood. <sup>18</sup>The fish in the Nile will die, and the river will stink; the Egyptians will not be able to drink its water.' "

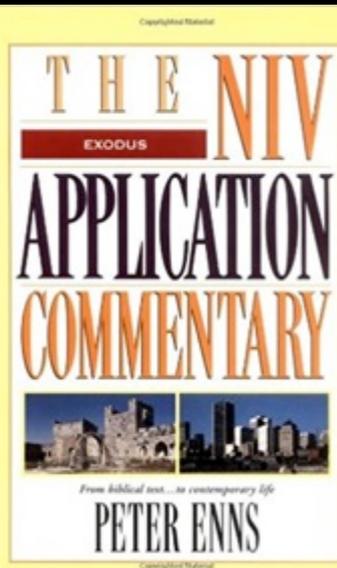
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This word is used in Exodus to refer to the release from Egypt (e.g., 8:20, “Let my people go”). In 7:16, Moses announces, “The Lord, the God of the Hebrews, has sent [šlh] me to say to you: Let my people go [šlh].” The wordplay in 8:21 takes on a more threatening tone: “If you do not let my people go [šlh], I will send [šlh] swarms of flies on you.” It is as if Moses is telling Pharaoh, “Listen. One of us is going to ‘šlh.’ Why don’t you make it easy on yourself and šlh the people so that I don’t have to šlh the flies on you.”



# *Just You*

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# *Lord of the Flies*

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# Khepri - Morning/Swarms



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*I see what you did there...*

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## *Repeat*

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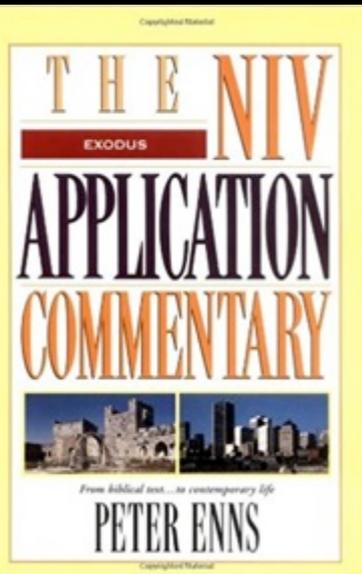


# *The Hand of the Lord*

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The “hand” of God to deliver the Israelites is a common term in Exodus (e.g., 3:19; 6:1; 13:3) and is normally associated with some mighty act of judgment. This is the first plague in which this term is used, and it concerns the first plague that directly causes death; that is, it is the first plague directed *against created things* (plagues 2, 3, and 4 used created things).



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# Hathor – Love & Protection



*Just You Again...*

**Exodus 8:20-9:12**

<sup>5</sup> The LORD set a time and said, “Tomorrow the LORD will do this in the land.” <sup>6</sup> And the next day the LORD did it: All the livestock of the Egyptians died, but not one animal belonging to the Israelites died. <sup>7</sup> Pharaoh investigated and found that not even one of the animals of the Israelites had died. Yet his heart was unyielding and he would not let the people go.

# Isis – Medicine & Magic



## Exodus 8:20-9:12

<sup>8</sup> Then the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, “Take handfuls of soot from a furnace and have Moses toss it into the air in the presence of Pharaoh. <sup>9</sup> It will become fine dust over the whole land of Egypt, and festering boils will break out on people and animals throughout the land.”

<sup>10</sup> So they took soot from a furnace and stood before Pharaoh. Moses tossed it into the air, and festering boils broke out on people and animals. <sup>11</sup> The magicians could not stand before Moses because of the boils that were on them and on all the Egyptians. <sup>12</sup> But the LORD hardened Pharaoh’s heart and he would not listen to Moses and Aaron, just as the LORD had said to Moses.

# Gospel Implications:

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*How are you like Pharaoh? Pharisees?*

## Acts 7:51-53

<sup>51</sup> “You stiff-necked people! Your hearts and ears are still uncircumcised. You are just like your ancestors: You always resist the Holy Spirit! <sup>52</sup> Was there ever a prophet your ancestors did not persecute? They even killed those who predicted the coming of the Righteous One. And now you have betrayed and murdered him — <sup>53</sup> you who have received the law that was given through angels but have not obeyed it.”



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***“BE KILLING SIN  
OR IT WILL BE  
KILLING YOU.”***

- John Owen



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# Gospel Application:

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