

Story 48: Bad Things Happen to the Egyptians

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Read this entire story in the Bible in Exodus, Chapters 5 – 11.

Words to Know

refuse – to say "no;" to reject

plague – a disastrous evil; a very bad event

punishment – penalty; consequence for doing wrong

The Ten Plagues

1- river turned to blood

6- sores

2- frogs

7- hail stones

3- gnats

8- locusts

4- flies

9- darkness

5- dead animals

10- death of first-born sons

Questions

1. Who went with Moses to see the King? Why?
2. What did Moses and Aaron tell the King?
3. How many times did Moses and Aaron visit the King?
4. How did the King respond to God's request?
5. What happened each time the King refused to obey God?
6. Why did God send these plagues? How many did he send?
7. What happened after the 9th plague?
8. What will the tenth plague be?

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