

The Gods of Egypt

(Exodus 12:12)

The verse above is critical to understanding why God unleashed the ten plagues upon the Egyptians. In addition to humbling Pharaoh and bringing judgment on the Egyptians, God wanted to expose the false gods of the Egyptians.

This is something that is often missed when studying the story today!

I. The gods of Egypt:

- A. They worshipped many. Some say as many as 2,000!
- B. They were both male and female.
- C. They looked and behaved like humans.
- D. They were often associated with animals.
- E. Animals were viewed as sacred.
- F. They governed every aspect of life.
- G. Each self-ruling tribe had its own gods.
- H. Many fantastic myth stories were created about them.
- I. Amon-Ra was considered the chief god.

II. The 10 plagues exposed the gods of the Egyptians.

- A. The Nile turned to blood (Exodus 7:14-21). This exposed Khnum, Hapi and Osiris.
- B. Frogs throughout the land (Exodus 8:1-4). This exposed Heqt.
- C. Lice from the earth (Exodus 8:16-17). This exposed Geb.
- D. Swarms of flies (probably more than likely scarab beetles). Amon-Ra could not help them (Exodus 8:20-21).
- E. Diseased livestock (Exodus 9:1-3). This exposed Apis, Hathor and Bast.
- F. Boils on both man and beast (Exodus 9:8-9). This exposed Serapis, Imhotep and Thoth.
- G. Hail from the sky (Exodus 9:18-19). This exposed Nut and Horus.
- H. Locusts throughout the land (Exodus 10:4-5). This exposed Nepris, Ernutet, Seth, and Thermusis).
- I. Darkness covering the land (Exodus 10:21-23). This exposed Amon-Ra.
- J. The death of the firstborns. This exposed a number of fertility and child protecting gods.

III. What should the Egyptians have learned from the plagues?

- A. A lesson about God's existence
- B. A lesson about God's judgment
- C. A lesson about God's power
 1. God has the power to protect His people.
 2. God has the power to deliver His people.

Conclusion: Do you need to be delivered from sin?