



## **EXODUS CHAPTERS 8 & 9 (STUDENT)**

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### **Exodus 8:1-32**

- Have you considered why God used frogs? Why did God use gnats? Why did God use flies? Why all of these specific plagues that also follow in Exodus chapter 9?
  - Notice what happens in Exodus 8:7. Why is this significant and what does it say about the world around us?
  - Notice what Pharaoh said in Exodus 8:10 when Moses asked him about when he should plead to God for the removal of the frogs. Why do you think that Pharaoh said “Tomorrow,” as opposed to immediately?
  - Why do you think that Pharaoh was so incredibly stubborn and resistant to what God wanted?



- In what ways have you been or are you being incredibly stubborn and resistant to what God has shown you or is so clearly showing you?
- What compromises was Pharaoh still trying to make in Exodus 8:28 and what does this have to do with how we as Christians sometimes try to make compromises in our own faith?

### **Exodus 9:1-35**

- In Exodus 9:4 just like the plague of flies, why do you think that God made a distinction and did not allow the plague of the livestock to impact the Israelites?
- Reread Exodus 9:16-17. While God is obviously and deeply concerned about His people, what also does God seem to be consumed with from these verses and many others in Exodus? Why is this important to understand?
- In Exodus 9:27-35, it is easy to say and/or believe, “Pharaoh is crazy. It is the same old story with him. He is wicked.” But consider the following questions when looking at yourself in relationship to Pharaoh.
  - In what ways do you have yourself ahead of God?
  - In what ways would God consider you to be stubborn and/or resistant to Him?
  - In what ways do you try to negotiate with God?
  - In what ways are you compromising your faith?
  - What have you seen from the hands of God that you easily forget about?

### **Final Application**

- What does this passage teach us about God?
- What does this passage teach us about mankind?
- What is a command to obey in this passage?



- What has God revealed in your life that needs changing?
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- Have you considered why God used frogs? Why did God use gnats? Why did God use flies? Why all of these specific plagues that also follow in Exodus chapter 9?
  - Each of these plagues were intended to attack a god and/or goddess of the Egyptians. In essence, God was saying, “What you exalt as a god/goddess, I'm going to use to cause utter destruction and chaos. It was God not only dethroning the other gods/goddesses that the Egyptians held in high esteem, but it was also God letting both the Israelites and the Egyptians that He alone was the one true God to be worshipped.
  - Notice what happens in Exodus 8:7. Why is this significant and what does it say about the world around us?



- There are times when we can demonize people and make people the enemy and there are certainly individuals all around us that are opposed to God and what He desires. However, we also need to understand and realize the truth that is found in Ephesians 6:12. We live in a world that Satan is going to relentlessly pursue and pursue in order to destroy. So, as people of God, people aren't our enemies and we shouldn't despair and/or lose hope knowing that God has claimed the victory and that while things aren't always ideal, this is by far not even close to the end of the story.
- Notice what Pharaoh said in Exodus 8:10 when Moses asked him about when he should plead to God for the removal of the frogs. Why do you think that Pharaoh said "Tomorrow," as opposed to immediately?
  - Pharaoh constantly and consistently wanted things on his terms. The fact that he was willing to allow the frogs to remain even one more second is indicative of how selfish he was and how he wanted to negotiate with God.
- Why do you think that Pharaoh was so incredibly stubborn and resistant to what God wanted?
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## Exodus 9:1-35

- In Exodus 9:4 just like the plague of flies, why do you think that God made a distinction and did not allow the plague of the livestock to impact the Israelites?
  - If we read Exodus 8:22-23 in conjunction with Exodus 9:4, then we see that God did this to show the Egyptians that He was who He said He was and that He wasn't like the other gods that they were serving and worshipping.
- Reread Exodus 9:16-17. While God is obviously and deeply concerned about His people, what also does God seem to be consumed with from these verses and many others in Exodus? Why is this important to understand?
  - God is extremely consumed with making sure that His name is proclaimed in all of the earth and the same is true today. This is important to understand because it is very easy for us as human beings to just think and believe that my walk with Jesus is about us. Our comfort. Our safety. Our belief, the list is exhaustive. Walking with God is about making Him known first and foremost. John the Baptist puts it in the following way in John 3:30. "He must increase. I must decrease."
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