

Exodus 8:20-9:12

False gods II: Bugs, Bovines, Boils

Lest you still can't see ...

I. A Familiar Conversation

A. A Command

B. A Warning

C. A Distinction

II. YHWH Answers Again

A. More Bugs

B. Many Beasts

C. Maddening Boils

III. A Spectacular View

A. From Under God's Wrath

B. From the Land of Goshen

C. From the State of Grace

... I AM.

Children, Listen ...

1. Why did Moses and Aaron have to go back to Pharaoh AGAIN?
2. Why was living in Goshen during the plagues a blessing?
3. Why couldn't Pharaoh's magicians stand in his presence?
4. What were plagues 4, 5 and 6?

Give Me Goshen!

We once again see gods of Egypt taken down by YHWH. Considering the falsehood and failure of fake gods and the curse that comes from denying that YHWH alone is God, given the option between the nation of Egypt and the territory designated for God's chosen people, surely we would say "give me Goshen!" God made a distinction between His people and Pharaoh's. But how clearly did the people of Israel see God's marvelous grace in sparing them? Let's make sure we never miss the marvelous sovereign grace through Christ that has set us apart from the darkness and doom of unbelief.

As was noted with the first three plagues, identifying the god being addressed in each plague cannot be exacting. Below are some well-reasoned suggestions.



There is no consensus about which god is addressed in the fly plague. A popular theory suggests Khepri the sun god, a scarab-headed creature. Yes, scarabs are dung, yes, dung beetles. He is credited with rolling the sun across the sky like a scarab rolls a ball of dung!



This plague probably addresses Apis (bull-headed) and Isis, queen



of their gods (had cow horn) or Hathor (cow-headed) and any number of other potential gods.



Finally, Imhotep and Sekmet,



god and goddess of healing

proved worthless against the boils.