

The PLAGUE of FROGS

in Exodus 8:1-15 **was** / is ...

“And the LORD spoke to Moses, “Go to Pharaoh and say to him, “Thus says the LORD: ‘Let My people go, that they may serve Me. But if you refuse to let them go, behold, I will smite all your territory with **frogs**. So the river shall bring forth **frogs** abundantly, which shall go up and come into your house, into your bedroom, on your bed, into the houses of your servants, on your people, into your ovens, and into your kneading bowls. And the **frogs** shall come up on you, on your people, and on all your servants.” (*Exodus 8:1-4*)

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against

frog related idolatry

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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aimed at

all Egyptian homes

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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an opportunity

for Egyptians to repent

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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both

miraculous & natural

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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disgusting

but not (very) deadly

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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effective

in the long run (Rom. 9:17)

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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ended

miraculously in an instant

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

Descriptive

African
Common
Toad



Marsh
Frog



Green
Toad



Meditation

probably
both frogs
and toads

the Creator demonstrating his control over all life

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in

Egyptian beds & bowls

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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leaving

a stinking mess (8:14)

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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more prominent

than some other plagues

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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not as destructive as

the locust plague (10:1-20)

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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quickly

forgotten by Pharaoh

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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somehow linked to

the first (Nile) plague

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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somewhat like

the next two plagues

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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theological and

creation-based evangelism

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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wrongly considered

mild & insignificant

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

Directions: after reading through **Exodus 8:1-15** and some online research on the frogs and toads of Egypt, consider and discuss how the plague of frogs is described above. **Do you agree with the various points made? Would you change them in some ways? At the end, discuss the most important descriptive phrases and make applications.** In this, think about why God chose to use lowly frogs and toads to humble Pharaoh and to impact the homelife and beliefs of all Egyptians (8:3). Obviously, believers should not be like Pharaoh, but we should also think differently from ordinary Egyptians regarding family. — © 2022 by Jon F. Mahar, Hakusan City, Japan and Alexander, Maine, U.S.A.