

# Exodus 7-11: The Plagues

God's judgments are never random and are always consistent with his character.

## The Battle Between Yahweh and the Rulers of Egypt

The plagues fall on areas of life supposedly protected by Egypt's gods, thus demonstrating the Lord's power over the gods of the world's mightiest nation. The narrative of the plagues is therefore not necessarily an exhaustive account of everything that happened but is shaped in order to communicate the aspects of each plague that are necessary for its purpose.

	Type of Plague	Reference	Warning?	Agent	Staff?	Pharaoh promises to let people go?	Pharaoh's heart hardened?
1st Cycle	1.	7:14-25	Yes		Yes	–	
	2.	8:1-15	Yes		Yes	Yes	
	3.	8:16-19	–		Yes	–	

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2nd Cycle	4.	8:20-32	Yes		–	Yes	
	5.	9:1-7	Yes		–	–	
	6.	9:8-12	–		–	–	

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3rd Cycle	7.	9:13-35	Yes		–	Yes	
	8.	10:1-20	Yes		Yes	Yes	
	9.	10:21-29	–		Yes	Yes	
	10.	11:1-10 12:29-32	Yes		Yes	Yes	

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1 Chart adopted from *ESV Study Bible*, p. 156