

# The Plagues and the Gods of Egypt

| PLAGUE                        | REFERENCE            | POSSIBLE EGYPTIAN DEITY DIRECTED AGAINST  |
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| <b>NILE TURNED TO BLOOD</b>   | Exodus 7:14-25       | Khnum: guardian of the Nile<br>Hapi: spirit of the Nile<br>Osiris: Nile was bloodstream                                 |
| <b>FROGS</b>                  | Exodus 8:1-15        | Heqt: form of frog; god of resurrection   |
| <b>GNATS<br/>(MOSQUITOES)</b> | Exodus 8:16-19       |   |
| <b>FLIES</b>                  | Exodus 8:20-32       |   |
| <b>PLAGUE ON CATTLE</b>       | Exodus 9:1-7         | Hathor: mother-goddess; form of cow<br>Apis: bull of god Ptah; symbol of fertility<br>Mnevis: sacred bull of Heliopolis |
| <b>BOILS</b>                  | Exodus 9:8-12        | *Imhotep: god of medicine   |
| <b>HAIL</b>                   | Exodus 9:13-35       | Nut: sky goddess<br>Isis: goddess of life<br>Seth: protector of crops   |
| <b>LOCUSTS</b>                | Exodus 10:1-20       | Isis: goddess of life<br>Seth: protector of crops   |
| <b>DARKNESS</b>               | Exodus 10:21-29      | Re, Aten, Atum, Horus: all sun gods of sorts  |
| <b>DEATH<br/>OF FIRSTBORN</b> | Exodus<br>11:1-12:36 | The deity of Pharaoh: Osiris, the giver of life   |

These are only some of the gods whom the plagues may have been directed against. It is not necessarily conclusive.  
\*Perhaps too early for this deity to have been involved.