

Exodus 8:16-19 **Plague of Lice**

16 So the LORD said to Moses, "Say to Aaron, 'Stretch out your rod, and strike the dust of the land, so that it may become lice throughout all the land of Egypt.'" 17 And they did so. For Aaron stretched out his hand with his rod and struck the dust of the earth, and it became lice on man and beast. All the dust of the land became lice throughout all the land of Egypt. 18 Now the magicians so worked with their enchantments to bring forth lice, but they could not. So there were lice on man and beast. 19 Then the magicians said to Pharaoh, "This is the finger of God." But Pharaoh's heart grew hard, and he did not heed them, just as the LORD had said. NKJV

Facts Revealed:

- ✧ Pharaoh hardened his own heart when he saw relief from the plague of frogs, after he had said the Children of Israel would be allowed to go when he asked Moses to entreat Yehowah to take away the frogs. [\[Exodus 8:8\]](#)
- ✧ Without hesitation, God commanded Moses to bring on the plague of lice.
- ✧ Moses gave Aaron the word and Aaron, with his rod, struck the dust of the land and it became lice.
- ✧ **Lice** is the English translation of the Hebrew word (**ken**), defined in both Strong's Hebrew definitions, and also in Brown-Driver-Brigg's Hebrew Lexicon (definitions) as gnats or swarms of gnats. An article by Arnold Futenbaum expressed it as a **plague of mixture**, made up of lice, dog flies, vermin, gnats, and swarms of numerous pests.
- ✧ **The gods of Egypt affected by this plague are:**
 - ◇ **Uatchit**, the god of insects.
 - ◇ **Seb**, the god of the earth who was to protect from lice.
- ✧ These gods of Egypt are proven to be unable to save the Egyptians who worship them, from the finger of Yehowah.
- ✧ The Magicians were unable to duplicate this plague and admitted that this plague is done by the finger of Elohiym.
- ✧ Pharaoh's heart grew hard and he did not let Israel go, just as Yehowah had said. [\[Exodus 3:19-22, Exodus 4:21-23, Exodus 7:3-5\]](#)
- ✧ This is the fifth time Pharaoh hardened his own heart. [\[Exodus 5:1-9, 7:1-13, 7:14-23, 8:1-15, 8:16-19\]](#)