

Exodus 8:20-32 **Plague of Flies**

20 And the LORD said to Moses, "Rise early in the morning and stand before Pharaoh as he comes out to the water. Then say to him, 'Thus says the LORD: "Let My people go, that they may serve Me. 21 Or else, if you will not let My people go, behold, I will send swarms of flies on you and your servants, on your people and into your houses. The houses of the Egyptians shall be full of swarms of flies, and also the ground on which they stand. 22 And in that day I will set apart the land of Goshen, in which My people dwell, that no swarms of flies shall be there, in order that you may know that I am the LORD in the midst of the land. 23 I will make a difference between My people and your people. Tomorrow this sign shall be." ' " 24 And the LORD did so. Thick swarms of flies came into the house of Pharaoh, into his servants' houses, and into all the land of Egypt. The land was corrupted because of the swarms of flies.

25 Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron, and said, "Go, sacrifice to your God in the land." 26 And Moses said, "It is not right to do so, for we would be sacrificing the abomination of the Egyptians to the LORD our God. If we sacrifice the abomination of the Egyptians before their eyes, then will they not stone us? 27 We will go three days' journey into the wilderness and sacrifice to the LORD our God as He will command us." 28 And Pharaoh said, "I will let you go, that you may sacrifice to the LORD your God in the wilderness; only you shall not go very far away. Intercede for me." 29 Then Moses said, "Indeed I am going out from you, and I will entreat the LORD, that the swarms of flies may depart tomorrow from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people. But let Pharaoh not deal deceitfully anymore in not letting the people go to sacrifice to the LORD." 30 So Moses went out from Pharaoh and entreated the LORD. 31 And the LORD did according to the word of Moses; He removed the swarms of flies from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people. Not one remained. 32 But Pharaoh hardened his heart at this time also; neither would he let the people go. NKJV

Facts Revealed:

- ✧ God sent Moses back to Pharaoh in the morning as he goes out to the river, with the warning to let Israel go or suffer the plague of flies everywhere in Egypt.
- ✧ The Children of Israel will be immune to the plague as God demonstrates He is able to make a distinction between the Egyptians and Israel.
- ✧ Thus God shows the world that he is in full control of the plague, just like placing a wall the plague of flies cannot pass between the Egyptians and Israel.
- ✧ There will be swarms of flies on the people of Egypt, in their houses, and the ground on which they stand, but there will be no swarms of flies where the Israelites are located.
- ✧ The plague of flies demonstrates God's power over the following gods of the Egyptians:
 - ✧ **Beelzebub**, the Lord of the flies, who was believed to control the fly population.
 - ✧ **Beelzebub**, is the name the Hebrews called that god, meaning, "Lord of the dung heap."
 - ✧ **Beelzebub** proved to be powerless against the God of the Hebrews.
- ✧ **The Purpose is, that Pharaoh may know that God is Yehowah in the midst of the land.**
- ✧ God will make a distinction between the Egyptians and Israel, tomorrow this sign will be.
- ✧ God did exactly as He had said, and **Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron, promising to let the people go and asking Moses to entreat Yehowah to remove the swarms of flies.**
- ✧ Moses promised to entreat Yehowah to remove the plague of flies the next day, but said, **"Let Pharaoh not deal deceitfully anymore in not letting the people go to sacrifice to Yehowah."**
- ✧ Moses did as he had said and entreated Yehowah to remove the plague of flies.

- ✧ God did as Moses asked and removed the flies.
- ✧ Pharaoh hardened his own heart again when he saw there was relief, and refused to let Israel go, as Yehowah had said to Moses. [[Exodus 3:19-22](#), [Exodus 4:21-23](#), [Exodus 7:3-5](#)]
- ✧ This is the sixth time Pharaoh hardened his own heart. [[Exodus 5:1-9](#), [7:1-13](#), [7:14-23](#), [8:1-15](#), [8:16-19](#), [8:20-32](#)]