

THE STORY OF MOSES

Aunt Hattie's Bible Stories

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CHAPTER TEN

MORE PLAGUES

Later, the Lord said to Moses, *“Go unto Pharaoh, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord, Let my people go, that they may serve me. And if you will not let them go, I'll send thousands of frogs all over your land. They will come up out of the river, and go into your houses, get into your beds, and into your ovens and into the pans in which you knead your bread.”*

Moses and Aaron went again to Pharaoh with the request and they were again refused. Then Aaron stretched out his hand over the waters and up from the river came millions of frogs that soon covered the land. Then the magicians did the same and they were able to bring frogs out of the river, too.

A few days passed by, everything and everywhere was so full of frogs that even Pharaoh in the palace was so troubled by them that he sent for Moses and Aaron and said, *“Plead with the Lord for me, that He may take away the frogs from me, and from my people; and I will let the people go, that they may do sacrifice unto the Lord.”*

Then, Moses said, *“All right, Pharaoh, glory over me: when shall I ask the Lord to take away the frogs?”*

What a strange answer Pharaoh made for he said, *“Tomorrow.”*

It is not wise to put off important things which should be done today. Sure enough, Moses prayed to God and asked Him to remove the frogs the next day and God did.

If your bread-pans, cooking ovens, cupboards, floors, beds and all of your houses were full of slimy, cold, hopping frogs and you had a chance to say when they should be taken away, what would you say, tomorrow or today? I know we would all say, “Today, right this minute.”

I was thinking about this and in my mind I saw our hearts full of the “**frogs**” of sin.

In every nook and corner of every room were horrid, wretched “*sin-frogs.*” My, how we hate them! Then God, through His Word, comes to us and says, “**If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness**” (I John 1:9).

Do we answer, “Lord, cleanse us now,” or do we say, “Tomorrow?”

When the frogs died in Egypt there were so many of them that the whole land was filthy, but as soon as things returned to normal Pharaoh’s heart was hard again. He would not let Israel go.

Then God told Moses to tell Aaron to take his rod; and strike the dust of the land, and when he did, it became lice which covered the whole land and troubled both men and poor dumb animals.

The magicians came as before with enchantments. They smote the dust but they could not bring forth lice and had to confess before Pharaoh, “**This is the finger of God.**” They acknowledged that God’s power was greater and beyond any power they were able to secure, but Pharaoh would not listen to his own magicians.

The Bible does not tell us how long this plague lasted. But after a time God told Moses to get up early in the morning, go down to the river again and meet Pharaoh, and once more ask that he let the people go away to serve God. If he refused, God would send swarms of flies upon all the Egyptians, enough to fill their houses and to cover their land. Also that in the land of Goshen, where the children of Israel lived, there would not be a fly. In this way they would know that He was the Lord in the midst of the earth. He said the division between His people and Pharaoh’s people would be for a sign.

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