

## Plague of Frogs

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Dear Diary,

The plague is long over. All the blood turned back to water, and things are getting back to normal. Well, not exactly normal. The Mitzrayim are still miserable. They can't get away from the smell of the dead fish, and they are upset that they have no fish to eat. Yet still, they are claiming that it was a natural disaster and not a plague from Hashem. They are trying to recoup their losses and are continuing to enslave us. Moshe and Aharon already began warning Pharaoh and his advisors about another Plague that is coming. They said it in front of his advisors so that he can't deny the warning. They are talking about a plague of Frogs coming. But, how bad can frogs be?

Sincerely yours,

Paltiel Reuveni

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Dear Diary,

I guess frogs can really be bad! You should have seen the sight! Moshe and Aharon went to the Nile River with Moshe's stick. Since Moshe was saved when he was a three month old baby by the river, Hashem didn't want him to hit the river. Instead, Aharon hit the river, and out came this huge, tremendous frog. It was making its way straight to the palace. The guards began hitting it, trying to kill it. With each blow, many frogs came out from its mouth. The more they hit it, the more came out, but they were so angry that they couldn't stop hitting the frog. Suddenly, it gave a loud croak, and frogs from all directions came hopping into Mitzrayim. The frogs made their way into the royal palace and headed straight for Pharaoh's bedroom. They jumped onto his bed and climbed under his blanket. This time the plague affected him. The plague of blood didn't bother

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him, but now he was the first to get it. After attacking Pharaoh, the frogs swarmed all over his servants and then the rest of Mitzrayim. The frogs are everywhere. Any water found in Mitzrayim, even just a puddle, produced frogs. The Mitzriyim can't walk without stepping on frogs. The frogs are like a carpet throughout Mitzrayim. The frogs are jumping on the people and attacking every part of their body. They even found their way into the Mitzriyim's body affecting their organs and biting their intestines. The country is infested with frogs. They are even hopping into kitchens and jumping into the food and into the kneading bowls. Some frogs are even leaping fearlessly into the ovens! Some reports are saying that crocodiles who normally eat the fish from the Nile, came out and are eating animals, humans and anything in sight.

Once the frogs arrived, the Mitzriyim were so exhausted from the croaking of the frogs all night, they couldn't force us to go to work, so we have been home for the past few days. Every so often, an update on the situation reaches us here in Goshen. We don't have any frogs here, but I was told that the frogs filled the entire Mitzrayim, covering all the land which belongs to Mitzrayim. They didn't go into the neighboring country of Cush.

Pharaoh is sitting on his throne wearing his royal garments with dozens and dozens of frogs jumping all over him. It must be a sight to see! He even heard the conversation of two frogs from deep in his stomach. "When do we get out of here?" one frog asked. "When Moshe, the son of Amram, prays for us to leave," replied the second one.

Pharaoh called his magicians to have them copy this plague. They were only able to make was an illusion of frogs, not real frogs like Moshe and Aharon brought. Pharaoh began to realize that this must be coming from Hashem as a punishment for what he had done to us for so long. Since Pharaoh didn't let us sleep, the frogs don't let him sleep. Since the Mitzriyim sent us out to catch insects, rodents and reptiles, now they are suffering from filthy frogs.

Let's see how long this plague will last!

Sincerely yours,

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Dear Diary,

It seems like Pharaoh had enough. Today, Pharaoh called Moshe and Aharon and asked them to pray to Hashem to get rid of these frogs. "If the frogs leave," Pharaoh promised, "I will send you and your nation out of Mitzrayim to sacrifice and celebrate to Hashem."

Moshe said to Pharaoh, "Test me! I will pray now to get rid of the frogs. When do you want it to happen? This will be only for the frogs on the land, but the frogs in the water, will remain."

Pharaoh wanted to make sure that Moshe is not doing any kind of magic. Since magic could only be done from noon until midnight, he therefore replied, "Tomorrow morning,"

Moshe answered him, "No problem, I will do as you ask. Tomorrow morning you will see that this plague really came from Hashem and is not magic. You will see that there is none like Hashem."

I can't wait to see what happens. I wonder if Pharaoh will free us tomorrow. I think I will start packing now. Where are all the frogs going to go?

Sincerely yours,

Paltiel Reuveni

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Dear Diary,

This morning the Mitzriyim woke up to a surprise! All the frogs are dead! Not one frog on land is left alive! Pharaoh wanted the frogs to leave, but I guess that's not what Hashem wanted. The Mitzriyim should be rejoicing that the frogs are dead, but instead they are mourning! Mitzrayim is left in ruins! The waters are polluted, and the land is carpeted with smelly dead frogs! The Mitzriyim are working so hard to pile them up. There are so many frogs that even the slowest workers are able to collect piles and piles of dead frogs. Already the entire country smells from the dead frogs. Some Mitzriyim are even dying from the terrible smell. This must be still part of the plague.

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Dear Diary,

The worst seems to be over. The smell is subsiding. The land and waters are recovering. Moshe went back to Pharaoh to ask him to let us leave, but he became very stubborn once again! Since he is not suffering anymore, he doesn't feel the need to keep his promise. Pharaoh claimed that Moshe said he will get rid of the frogs, but the land is still covered with dead frogs. Some say, Pharaoh just denied making such a promise to Moshe. Moshe didn't even warn him about any new punishments. Now what?

Sincerely yours,

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