

(Context: 6:14-30 [genealogy of Moses & Aaron]; 7:1-25 [the first plague and Pharaoh's hardness])

Vs. 1-7:

Then Yahweh said to Moses:

- **Tell Pharaoh: Thus says Yahweh:**
 - **Let my people go!**
 - **If not, I will plague the land with frogs**
- **Tell Aaron: With the staff, inflict the plague**
 - **Aaron did as told**
 - **The frogs overwhelmed the land**
 - **The magicians did likewise: more frogs**

Vs. 8-15:

Pharaoh to Moses:

- **Pray to Yahweh: Remove the frogs**
- **If so, I will let your people sacrifice**

Moses to Pharaoh:

- **When shall I pray?**

Pharaoh:

- **Tomorrow**

Moses:

- **So be it: Yahweh is “holy”**

Moses to Yahweh:

- **Remove the frogs**
- **Yahweh did as asked**
 - **The frogs died**
 - **They were gathered in heaps**
 - **The land stank**

Pharaoh hardened his heart

Key words and Thoughts: let go (שׁוּב); worship (נָצַל); refusing (מָאן); frogs (צְפַרְדֵּי); officials/servant (עֲבָד); stretch out (נָטָה); rod (מִטָּה); to cover (כָּסָה); magicians/engraver/writer (חֲרָטִים); pray/supplicate (עָמַר); cry out (צָעַק); heap up (צָבַר); stink (רָאָח); hardened/make heavy (קָבַד)



Questions:

- 1. What is the difference between what God does through Moses and what the magicians do?**
- 2. Why does Pharaoh ask Moses for help in verse 8? How is this a change in the story?**
- 3. Has God ever used extreme circumstances (like frogs!) to get your attention? What happened?**