

Warnings, Usages of Staffs, and Pharaoh's Responses to the Plagues

Plagues	Warnings	Uses of Staffs	Pharaoh's Responses
First Cycle			
1. Nile turned to blood	Warning—to Pharaoh at the Nile in the morning (7:15–18)	Aaron's staff (7:19)	Did not listen to the request that the Israelites be released (7:22–23)
2. Frogs	Warning—to Pharaoh probably in his palace (8:2–4)	Aaron's staff (8:5–6)	Agreed to let the people go if the frogs were taken away (8:8)
3. Gnats	No warning	Aaron's staff (8:16–17)	Refused to listen to his magicians' suggestion (8:19)
Second Cycle			
4. Flies	Warning—to Pharaoh at the Nile in the morning (8:20–23)	No staff used	Suggested the Israelites sacrifice in Egypt (8:25)
5. Death of livestock	Warning—to Pharaoh probably in his palace (9:1–5)	No staff used	Refused Moses' request (9:7)
6. Boils	No warning	No staff used	Refused Moses' request (9:12)
Third Cycle			
7. Hail	Warning—to Pharaoh in his palace in the morning (9:13–19)	Moses' staff (9:22–23)	Promised to let the Israelites go if the rain and hail were stopped (9:28)
8. Locusts	Warning—to Pharaoh probably in his palace (10:3–6)	Moses staff (10:12–13)	Offered to let only the men go (10:11)
9. Darkness	No warning	(Moses' hand; perhaps the staff was used; 10:21–22)	Agreed that the people could go but not their animals (10:24)
Culminating judgment			
10. Death of the firstborn	Warning—to Pharaoh probably in his palace (11:4–8)		Urged the people to go! (12:31–32)

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