

The Ten Plagues

We are taught that each of the ten plagues was a specific retribution for a particular evil perpetrated by the Egyptians against the Jews. Additionally they followed a military pattern of invasion and destruction.

Plague	Military Strategy	Retribution For:	Begun By:
Blood	Cut off water supply	a) Forcing Jews to draw water b) Spilling Jewish blood c) Prohibiting mikveh use	Aron
Frogs	Frighten enemy with loud noise	a) screamed at Jews b) forced to collect such creatures	Aron
Lice	Attack like arrows	Made Jews sweep desert	Aron
Wild Animals	Call in allies	Forced Jews to capture wild Animals	Hashem
Cattle Plague	Wipe out enemy's animals	Forced Jews to shepherd for them	Hashem
Boils	Fire and bodily attack	Beat Jews till they bled and suffered rashes	Hashem, Aron & Moshe
Hail	Missiles	Threw stones at Jews	Moshe
Locust	Assemble army to wipe out what was left	Forced Jews to plow fields	Moshe
Darkness	Posses City	Darkened Jews' lives, forced to hold candles while the Egyptians ate	Moshe
Death of firstborn	Execute leaders	Tried to annihilate Hashem's firstborn (Jews)	Hashem