

# The “11” Plagues of Egypt and the Events in Revelation

## A Comparison

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No.	Egyptian Event	Significance	Revelation Event	Significance
1	The Nile waters turn to blood	No one is able to drink its water. The fish all die. No human deaths mentioned	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Bowls of Judgment	Sea, Rivers, Springs turned to blood. All fish die. No human deaths mentioned
2	Frogs cover the land	The frogs are everywhere. They came out of the Nile, the source of life for the Egyptians	Rev. 16:13-16; the gathering of Armageddon	“Frogs” of evil spirits come out of satan, the beast and the false prophet.
3 4 5	Gnats Flies Egyptian livestock killed	The 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , and 5 <sup>th</sup> plagues along with the 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> plagues totally eliminate all Egyptian resources of personal wealth.	Revelation 13:17 The Mark of the Beast	No personal resources of wealth will be honored in the world market apart from submission to the beast.
6	Boils affect man and beast	Boils affect non-believing Egyptians and their beasts	1 <sup>st</sup> Bowl of Judgment	Boils affect non-believers who have the Mark of the <i>Beast</i>
7	Hailstones and Fire	Probably an astronomical event: Perhaps the tail of a comet with burning stones and hydrocarbons	The 1 <sup>st</sup> Trumpet [Augmented by the 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Trumpets and a prelude to the 4 <sup>th</sup> Trumpet, 6 <sup>th</sup> seal, and 7 <sup>th</sup> Bowl]	Severe astronomical signs with burning stones, meteorites, hail, etc.
8	Plague of Locusts	Locusts cover the land of unbelievers and no greenery is left.	5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> Trumpets	These “locusts” of the military will cover the land. Note that the 1 <sup>st</sup> Trumpet eliminates the greenery.
9	Darkness	Only the unbelievers are affected with darkness. Are they still affected with their boils?	5 <sup>th</sup> Bowl of Judgment	Only the kingdom of the beast is affected with darkness. The boils still affect those who follow the beast.
10	Firstborn of Egypt die	Portion of unbelievers die. All of God’s people are rescued and leave Egypt.	The Rapture and Harvesting Rev. 14:14-20	A portion of unbelievers die [those not committed to the beast enter 1,000 year kingdom of Christ]. All of God’s people are rescued (raptured)
11	Death of Pharaoh’s army	All of Pharaoh’s army is killed in the Red Sea [Exodus 14:28]	Destruction of armies at Armageddon	Rev 14:17-20; 19:17-21 destruction of armies that battle God’s people

A comparison of the events in Exodus with those in Revelation yields some interesting correlations. The plagues of Egypt will not be repeated in an exact fashion during the end-times events, but they serve as a foreshadowing of those events.

Should anyone question the likelihood that the events described in Revelation will happen, we would direct their attention to the plagues of Egypt. God has shown us that long ago He performed great miracles, causing a number of natural and astronomical disasters, while sparing His people from the calamities. But if someone were then to question the historical accuracy of the account of the plagues, the following questions arise:

- 1) How did the ancient nation of Israel come about?
- 2) How do we account for the sudden appearance of millions of Hebrews into the land of Canaan c.1400 B.C.?
- 3) Archaeological evidence indicates that Hebrews lived in Egypt circa 1500 B.C....What happened to them?

Also of note are the differences between the plagues of Egypt and the end-times events of Revelation

- 1) The plagues of Egypt affected a relatively small part of the world. Revelation events are worldwide.
- 2) In **Egypt, bugs and pests** predominate (frogs, gnats, flies, locusts) along with **disease** (livestock killed, boils on man and beast, firstborn killed) whereas **in Revelation astronomical events** predominate (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Trumpets, 6<sup>th</sup> Seal, 4<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Bowls)
- 3) **War** is not mentioned in Exodus until after the Israelites leave. But war permeates Revelation [1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> seals, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Trumpets, 6<sup>th</sup> Bowl, and Armageddon)

A Description of the order of events in Revelation is provided for reference:

Chronological order of the Seals, Trumpets, and Bowls												
Seals	1	2	3	4				5			6	7
Trumpets					1	2	3	4	5	6		7
Bowls									1,2,3,4,5	6		7