

## THE STENCH OF UNBELIEF Exodus 7:14-8:15

**Big Idea:** *The stench of unbelief should serve as a warning to us all.*

TEXT:

<sup>14</sup> Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Pharaoh's heart is stubborn; he refuses to let the people go.<sup>15</sup> Go to Pharaoh in the morning as he is going out to the water, and station yourself to meet him on the bank of the Nile; and you shall take in your hand the staff that was turned into a serpent.<sup>16</sup> You shall say to him, 'The Lord, the God of the Hebrews, sent me to you, saying, 'Let My people go, that they may serve Me in the wilderness. But behold, you have not listened until now.' <sup>17</sup> Thus says the Lord, 'By this you shall know that I am the Lord: behold, I will strike the water that is in the Nile with the staff that is in my hand, and it will be turned to blood. <sup>18</sup> The fish that are in the Nile will die, and the Nile will become foul, and the Egyptians will find difficulty in drinking water from the Nile.' <sup>19</sup> Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Say to Aaron, 'Take your staff and stretch out your hand over the waters of Egypt, over their rivers, over their streams, and over their pools, and over all their reservoirs of water, that they may become blood; and there will be blood throughout all the land of Egypt, both in *vessels of wood* and in *vessels of stone*.' <sup>20</sup> So Moses and Aaron did even as the Lord had commanded. And he lifted up the staff and struck the water that *was* in the Nile, in the sight of Pharaoh and in the sight of his servants, and all the water that *was* in the Nile was turned to blood. <sup>21</sup> The fish that *were* in the Nile died, and the Nile became foul, so that the Egyptians could not drink water from the Nile. And the blood was through all the land of Egypt. <sup>22</sup> But the magicians of Egypt did the same with their secret arts; and Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he did not listen to them, as the Lord had said. <sup>23</sup> Then Pharaoh turned and went into his house with no concern even for this. <sup>24</sup> So all the Egyptians dug around the Nile for water to drink, for they could not drink of the water of the Nile. <sup>25</sup> Seven days passed after the Lord had struck the Nile."

2 Corinthians 5:20 "Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God."

Psalm 105:30 "Their land swarmed with frogs, Even in the chambers of their kings."

### 2 MISCONCEPTIONS REGARDING UNBELIEF:

**Misconception #1: Calling out to \_\_\_\_\_ cures unbelief.**

Exodus 8:15 "But when Pharaoh saw that there was relief, he hardened his heart and did not listen to them, as the Lord had said."

Luke 17:17-19 "Then Jesus answered and said, 'Were there not ten cleansed? But the nine—where are they?' <sup>18</sup> Was no one found who returned to give glory to God, except this foreigner?' <sup>19</sup> And He said to him, 'Stand up and go; your faith has made you well.'"

**Misconception #2: Witnessing \_\_\_\_\_ cures unbelief.**

<sup>22</sup> "But the magicians of Egypt did the same with their secret arts; and Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he did not listen to them, as the Lord had said."

Matthew 12:38-40 "Then some of the scribes and Pharisees said to Him, 'Teacher, we want to see a sign from You.' <sup>39</sup> But He answered and said to them, 'An evil and adulterous generation craves for a sign; and yet no sign will be given to it but the sign of Jonah the prophet; <sup>40</sup> for just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the sea monster, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.'"

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