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1	yes	"in the morning"	"Go, station/confront"
2	yes	none	"Go"
3	none	none	none

Plague	Egyptian God Directed Against	Special Notes	Other Observations:
Prelude: Snakes	Pharaoh: headdress had cobra design		
Nile	Khnum: guardian of the Nile Hapi: the spirit of the Nile	Poetic Justice: Nile was used to kill the Israelites at first (Ex. 1:22)	
Frogs	Heqet: goddess of childbirth, depicted in Egyptian art with the head of a frog		
Gnats			
Flies			
Livestock	Hathor: mother and sky goddess, depicted as a cow Apis: bull of god Ptah Mnevis: sacred bull of the city of Heliopolis	First time "hand" of God is mentioned. In Scripture, it is usually associated with strong judgment. Its use here makes sense: this is the first plague that directly causes death.  "All" the livestock is probably a hyperbole, given 9:9, 19 and the fact that "all" is used this way in 8:17.	
Boils	In general: skin diseases usually meant religious ritual impurity	Poetic Justice: kiln was used by Israelite slaves to make bricks	
Hail	Gods of the sky Seth: protector of crops Isis, Min: gods connected with the crop cycle	God's judgment begins intensifying here: note longer intro of the plague (9:14-16), and use of hail (God uses it elsewhere in the Bible for judgment, see Josh 10:11, Ps 18:12, Isa 28:2, 17; 30:30, Ezek 13:11-13)	
Locusts	Seth: protector of crops Isis, Min: gods connected with the crop cycle	Note 10:2.	
Darkness	Re, the sun god	Re was the greatest Egyptian god. Many times the Pharaoh was referred to as the son of Re.	

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