THE QUESTION

Why was the plague of lice a turning point for Egypt's magicians (Exodus 8:16–19)?

Asked by a THF member on October 20, 2026 · published November 9, 2026 · 6 numbered quotations · the 13 early Christian passages and 125 Bible verses we kept are listed at the back, each with a link.

Read it online: thehistoricfaith.com/early-church-questions/why-was-the-plague-of-lice-a-turning-point-for-egypts-magicians

The short answer *Interpretation: our reading of the passages, not their words*

The lice were the first sign the magicians could not copy, so they admitted it was the finger of God. Early writers explain the finger of God as His power, and they say Moses' wonders came from God, not from magic. Egypt's sorcerers had no answer to His power.

LIBRARY ONLY	This study was written only from The Historic Faith's library of early-Christian writings and the Bible, never from the web. Every passage we kept from what the library gave is listed at the back, with a link to read it.
HOW IT WAS MADE	Compiled by machine learning from The Historic Faith's library of early-Christian writings and the Bible only. Every quotation was matched word for word against our stored text. Not yet reviewed by The Historic Faith.
SHARING WITH AN AI?	Every quotation here comes from The Historic Faith's library. If you paste this study into an AI, anything it adds beyond these pages comes from that AI, not from us.

IN THIS STUDY

1	Egypt's magicians were no match for Moses	2
2	The finger of God means God's power	2
3	Egyptians were made to testify to God's finger	2
4	Moses' wonders were divine, not sorcery	3
5	The results showed God was at work	3
6	God's signs are meant to convince doubters	4
	What these passages don't tell us	4
	The Sources: 13 early Christian passages and 125 Bible verses, with links	5

© 2026 The Historic Faith · Library only, never the web · For personal study; please don't republish.

POINT 1 OF 6

Egypt's magicians were no match for Moses

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

Origen says Pharaoh suspected Moses did his wonders by Egyptian learning, so he called in his own magicians. They failed. Origen sees this as proof that the wisdom given to Moses was far above all of Egypt's wisdom.

1

> "For the king, holding such a suspicion, summoned the Egyptian magicians, wise men, and enchanters, who were found to be of no avail against the wisdom of Moses, which proved superior to all the wisdom of the Egyptians."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Origen,** *Against Celsus* 46 (c. 215–254 AD) **Source 9, page 5** Read it in the library ›

THF's updated English

POINT 2 OF 6

The finger of God means God's power

Our note · compiled by machine learning · Interpretation: our reading of the passages, not their words

Clement explains the phrase while speaking of the tablets of the law. The finger of God is His power, the same power that made heaven and earth. Read this way, the magicians were admitting they faced the Creator's own power.

2

> "For the finger of God is understood to mean the power of God, by which the creation of heaven and earth is accomplished."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Clement of Alexandria,** *Stromata* 6.16 (c. 190–215 AD) **Source 3, page 5** Read it in the library ›

THF's updated English

POINT 3 OF 6

Egyptians were made to testify to God's finger

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

Irenaeus sees Moses' rod as a sign that overcame Egypt's opposition to God's plan. The signs happened so that the Egyptians themselves would bear witness that the finger of God brings salvation. He links this to Christ, who is more than the son of Joseph.

© 2026 The Historic Faith · Library only, never the web · For personal study; please don't republish.

3

"Moses also provided a symbol when he cast his rod upon the earth so that it, by becoming flesh, might reveal and consume all the opposition of the Egyptians, which was rising against the pre-arranged plan of God."

later in the same passage

"This was so that the Egyptians might testify that it is the finger of God which brings salvation for the people, and not the son of Joseph."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Irenaeus,** *Against Heresies: Book III* (c. 175–202 AD)
THF's updated English

Source 2, page 5 Read it in the library ›

POINT 4 OF 6

Moses' wonders were divine, not sorcery

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

Origen draws a clear line between the works God did through Moses and the tricks of the Egyptian magicians. Some called Moses' works sorcery, but Origen treats them as truly divine.

4

"But since it is a Jew who makes these claims in the treatise of Celsus, we would say to him: Please, friend, why do you believe that the works recorded in your writings, which God performed through Moses, were truly divine, and try to refute those who falsely say they were done by sorcery, like the works of the Egyptian magicians?"

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Origen,** *Against Celsus* 52 (c. 215–254 AD)
THF's updated English

Source 6, page 5 Read it in the library ›

POINT 5 OF 6

The results showed God was at work

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

Origen points to the outcome: a whole nation was formed through Moses' miracles. He argues that this result shows God was behind them, and he says the same holds even more for the greater works of Jesus.

© 2026 The Historic Faith · Library only, never the web · For personal study; please don't republish.

5 “For if the final result, and the founding of a whole nation by the miracles of Moses, clearly show that it was God who brought these things to pass in the time of Moses the Hebrew lawgiver, why should this not be shown even more in the case of Jesus, who did far greater works than Moses?”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Origen,** *Against Celsus* **Source 6, page 5** Read it in the library ›
52 (c. 215–254 AD)
THF's updated English

POINT 6 OF 6

God's signs are meant to convince doubters

Our note · compiled by machine learning · Interpretation: our reading of the passages, not their words

Speaking of the apostles' miracles, the Apostolic Constitutions says signs are given for unbelievers, to shame those whom words did not persuade. This helps explain why a sign the magicians could not copy mattered so much.

6 “They were not for the benefit of those who performed them, but to convince unbelievers, so that those whom the word did not persuade might be put to shame by the power of signs.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Apostolic Constitutions** **Source 11, page 6** Read it in the library ›
(c. 250–380 AD)
THF's updated English

THE LIMITS

What these passages don’t tell us

- These passages do not explain why God chose lice, rather than another plague, to end the magicians' imitations.
- None of these writers calls the lice a turning point in those words, and the magicians' confession did not soften Pharaoh's heart.
- A word-for-word match shows that a quotation really is in our text. It does not show that our reading of it is right, or who wrote each work.

© 2026 The Historic Faith · Library only, never the web · For personal study; please don’t republish.

WHERE EVERY QUOTE CAME FROM

The Sources

The 13 early Christian passages and 125 Bible verses we kept for this question (repeats and weak or off-topic search hits were left out): early Christian passages first (sources 1–13, grouped by writer, earliest first), then Bible verses in The Faith Once Delivered Bible (sources 14–103, in Bible order), then 35 more verses THF links to these passages, by reference. **Quote 1, page 2** beside a source shows where the study quotes it. Passages are in THF's updated English unless marked "1885 English" (the Roberts–Donaldson translation, public domain). "… [continues online]" marks a passage the library gave only in part. **On paper?** At **thehistoricfaith.com**, Bible verses are in the **Audio Bible** and early Christian writings in the **Library** (search for the title).

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITERS *13 passages from 8 writers*

Justin Martyr, *c. 130–165 AD · source 1*

1 *Dialogue with Trypho* (on point 1) "of Genesis that the serpent deceived Eve and was cursed. And we know that in Egypt there were magicians who tried to replicate the mighty power displayed by God through… [continues online] **read ›**

Irenaeus, *c. 175–202 AD · source 2*

2 *Against Heresies: Book III* (1885 English) **Quote 3, page 3** "the Egyptians themselves might testify that it is the finger of God which works salvation for the people, and not the son of Joseph… [continues online] **read ›**

Clement of Alexandria, *c. 190–215 AD · sources 3–4*

3 *Stromata* 6.16 (1885 English) **Quote 2, page 2** "by the finger of God is understood the power of God, by which the creation of heaven and earth is accomplished… [continues online] **read ›**

4 *Stromata* 1.23 (1885 English; on point 6) "when the Egyptians gave no heed to the effects of that power, through their foolish infatuation disbelieving, then, as is said, the children knew what was done… [continues online] **read ›**

Tertullian, *c. 196–220 AD · source 5*

5 *Against Marcion* 26 (on point 2) "11:20 For the magicians who stood before Pharaoh and resisted Moses called the power of the Creator the finger of God… [continues online] **read ›**

Origen, *c. 215–254 AD · sources 6–9*

6 *Against Celsus* 52 **Quotes 4, 5, pages 3, 4** divine, and try to refute those who falsely say they were done by sorcery, like the works of the Egyptian magicians? Yet, by copying your Egyptian opponents, you accuse the… [continues online] **read ›**

7 *Against Celsus* 49 (on point 1) "as the power of the Egyptian magicians was not similar to the divinely-bestowed grace of Moses, but the issue clearly proved that the acts of the former were the… [continues online] **read ›**

8 *Against Celsus* 26 (1885 English; on point 4) "let him show also how sorcery can exist among those who have accepted the Mosaic law, and read the injunction, Neither seek after wizards, to be defiled by them… [continues online] **read ›**

9 *Against Celsus* 46 **Quote 1, page 2** "he says, "And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians… [continues online] **read ›**

© 2026 The Historic Faith · Library only, never the web · For personal study; please don't republish.

Novatian, *c. 240–258 AD · source 10*

10 *Treatise Concerning the Trinity* 6 (on point 2) “says, “The Lord God smelled a pleasing aroma,” Genesis 8:21; or when the tablets written with the finger of God are given to Moses, Exodus 31:18; or when… [continues online] **read ›**

Apostolic Constitutions, *c. 250–380 AD · sources 11–12*

11 *Apostolic Constitutions* (1885 English) **Quote 6, page 4** “one was resisted by Jannes and Jambres, the other by Annas and Caiaphas… [continues online] **read ›**

12 *Apostolic Constitutions* (1885 English) “had divided the Red Sea, and had separated the waters as a wall on this side and on that side, and had led the people through them as through a… [continues online] **read ›**

Lactantius, *c. 290–320 AD · source 13*

13 *Divine Institutes* 3 in His divinity. This could happen neither to Apollonius, nor to Apuleius, nor to any of the magicians, nor can it happen at any time. Therefore, after he had poured… [continues online] **read ›**

THE BIBLE *90 verses, The Faith Once Delivered Bible (Old Testament from the Septuagint), in Bible order*

14 **Exodus 3:20** So I will stretch out my hand and strike the Egyptians with all my marvels that I will do among them; and after that he will send you away. **read ›**

15 **Exodus 4:5** “This is so that they may believe you: that the God of their fathers has appeared to you, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” **read ›**

16 **Exodus 4:17** And you shall take in your hand this rod that was turned into a serpent, with which you shall do the signs.” **read ›**

17 **Exodus 7:9** “If Pharaoh speaks to you, saying, ‘Give us a sign or a wonder,’ then you shall say to Aaron your brother, ‘Take the rod and throw it on the ground before Pharaoh and before his servants, and it shall become a dragon.’” **read ›**

18 **Exodus 7:10** So Moses and Aaron went in before Pharaoh and before his servants, and they did just as the Lord had commanded them. Aaron threw down the rod before Pharaoh and before his servants, and it became a dragon. **read ›**

19 **Exodus 7:11** Then Pharaoh called together the wise men of Egypt and the sorcerers; and the enchanters of the Egyptians also did the same with their sorceries. **read ›**

20 **Exodus 7:12** Each of them threw down his rod, and they became dragons; but the rod of Aaron swallowed up their rods. **read ›**

21 **Exodus 7:15** Go to Pharaoh in the morning. Behold, he is going out to the water, and you shall meet him on the bank of the river; and you shall take in your hand the rod that was turned into a serpent. **read ›**

22 **Exodus 7:20** Moses and Aaron did so, just as the Lord had commanded them. And lifting up his rod, he struck the water in the river before Pharaoh and before his servants, and he changed all the water in the river into blood. **read ›**

23 **Exodus 7:22** But the enchanters of the Egyptians did the same with their sorceries; and Pharaoh’s heart was hardened, and he did not listen to them, just as the Lord had said. **read ›**

24 **Exodus 8:2** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

25 **Exodus 8:3** The river shall pour forth frogs, and they shall come up and enter into your houses, into the inner rooms of your bedrooms, and upon your beds, and upon the houses of your servants and of your people, and into your dough, and into your ovens. (Septuagint Exodus 7:28 (Exodus 8:3 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

26 **Exodus 8:7** The enchanters of the Egyptians also did the same with their sorceries, and brought up the frogs on the land of Egypt. (Septuagint Exodus 8:3 (Exodus 8:7 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

27 **Exodus 8:12** Then Moses and Aaron went out from Pharaoh, and Moses cried out to the Lord concerning the set time for the frogs, as Pharaoh had appointed. (Septuagint Exodus 8:8 (Exodus 8:12 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

28 **Exodus 8:13** The Lord did as Moses said, and the frogs died out of the houses, out of the farmsteads, and out of the fields. (Septuagint Exodus 8:9 (Exodus 8:13 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

29 **Exodus 8:14** They gathered them together in heaps upon heaps, and the land stank. (Septuagint Exodus 8:10 (Exodus 8:14 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

30 **Exodus 8:15** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

© 2026 The Historic Faith · Library only, never the web · For personal study; please don’t republish.

31 **Exodus 8:16** Then the Lord said to Moses, “Say to Aaron, ‘Stretch out your rod with your hand and strike the dust of the earth, and there shall be gnats on people, on four-footed beasts, and in all the land of Egypt.’” (Septuagint Exodus 8:12 (Exodus 8:16 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

32 **Exodus 8:17** So Aaron stretched out his rod with his hand and struck the dust of the earth, and the gnats came on people and on four-footed beasts; in all the dust of the earth there were gnats. (Septuagint Exodus 8:13 (Exodus 8:17 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

33 **Exodus 8:18** The enchanters also did the same with their sorceries, to bring forth the gnat, but they could not. And the gnats were on people and on four-footed beasts. (Septuagint Exodus 8:14 (Exodus 8:18 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

34 **Exodus 8:19** So the enchanters said to Pharaoh, “This is the finger of God.” But Pharaoh’s heart was hardened, and he did not listen to them, just as the Lord had said. (Septuagint Exodus 8:15 (Exodus 8:19 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

35 **Exodus 8:20** Then the Lord said to Moses, “Rise early in the morning and stand before Pharaoh; look, he will go out to the water. And you shall say to him, ‘Thus says the Lord: Send my people away, that they may serve me in the wilderness. (Septuagint Exodus 8:16 (Exodus 8:20 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

36 **Exodus 8:24** The dog fly came in great numbers into the houses of Pharaoh, into the houses of his servants, and into all the land of Egypt; and the land was utterly ruined by the dog fly. (Septuagint Exodus 8:20 (Exodus 8:24 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

37 **Exodus 9:3** behold, the hand of the Lord shall be on your cattle in the fields—on the horses, on the beasts of burden, on the camels, the oxen, and the sheep—a very severe deadly disease. **read ›**

38 **Exodus 9:9** Let it become fine dust over all the land of Egypt; and on people and on four-footed beasts there shall be sores, blisters breaking out on people and on four-footed beasts, in all the land of Egypt.” **read ›**

39 **Exodus 9:10** So he took the soot of the furnace before Pharaoh, and Moses scattered it toward heaven; and it became sores, blisters breaking out on people and on four-footed beasts. **read ›**

40 **Exodus 9:11** The sorcerers could not stand before Moses because of the sores, for the sores were on the sorcerers and in all the land of Egypt. **read ›**

41 **Exodus 9:23** So Moses stretched out his hand toward heaven, and the Lord sent thunder and hail, and fire ran along on the ground; and the Lord rained hail on all the land of Egypt. **read ›**

42 **Exodus 10:7** Then Pharaoh’s servants said to him, “How long shall this be a trap to us? Send the men away, that they may serve their God. Or do you want to find out that Egypt has been ruined?” **read ›**

43 **Exodus 22:17** And if her father utterly refuses and is not willing to give her to him as a wife, he shall pay her father money according to the dowry of virgins. (Septuagint Exodus 22:16 (Exodus 22:17 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

44 **Leviticus 13:3** The priest shall look at the plague in the skin of his body; and if the hair in the plague has turned white, and the appearance of the plague is lower than the skin of the body, it is a plague of leprosy. The priest shall look, and he shall pronounce him unclean. **read ›**

45 **Leviticus 13:20** The priest shall look, and behold, if its appearance is lower than the skin, and its hair has turned white, the priest shall pronounce him unclean, because it is leprosy; it has broken out in the ulcer. **read ›**

46 **Leviticus 13:25** the priest shall look at him, and behold, if the white hair has turned shining bright, and its appearance is lower than the skin, it is leprosy; it has broken out in the burn. The priest shall pronounce him unclean; it is a plague of leprosy. **read ›**

47 **Leviticus 13:30** the priest shall look at the plague, and behold, if its appearance is deeper than the skin, and there is thin yellowish hair in it, the priest shall pronounce him unclean. It is a broken patch, a leprosy of the head or a leprosy of the beard. **read ›**

48 **Leviticus 13:31** And if the priest looks at the plague of the broken patch, and behold, its appearance is not deeper than the skin, and there is no yellowish hair in it, the priest shall set apart the plague of the broken patch seven days. **read ›**

49 **Leviticus 13:42** But if on his bald head or his bald forehead there is a white or reddish plague, it is leprosy on his bald head or on his bald forehead. **read ›**

50 **Leviticus 13:49** and the plague is greenish or reddish in the skin, or in the garment, or in the lengthwise threads, or in the cross threads, or in any article made of skin, it is a plague of leprosy, and he shall show it to the priest. **read ›**

51 **Leviticus 19:26** Do not eat on the mountains; you shall not seek omens, nor watch birds for signs. **read ›**

52 **Numbers 11:33** While the meat was still between their teeth, before it ran out, the Lord was angry with the people, and the Lord struck the people with a very great plague. **read ›**

© 2026 The Historic Faith · Library only, never the web · For personal study; please don’t republish.

53 **Numbers 17:13** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

54 **Numbers 25:9** Those who died in the plague were twenty-four thousand. **read ›**

55 **Numbers 25:17** ‘Be hostile to the Midianites and strike them, **read ›**

56 **Numbers 31:16** For these were the ones who, by the word of Balaam, caused the children of Israel to revolt and to disregard the word of the Lord because of Peor; and the plague came upon the congregation of the Lord. **read ›**

57 **Deuteronomy 6:22** And the Lord did signs and wonders, great and severe, in Egypt, on Pharaoh and on his house, before us; **read ›**

58 **Deuteronomy 11:3** and his signs and his wonders that he did in the midst of Egypt to Pharaoh king of Egypt and to all his land, **read ›**

59 **Deuteronomy 18:11** one who casts spells, one who is a medium, an observer of portents, or one who inquires of the dead. **read ›**

60 **Deuteronomy 34:11** in all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to do in the land of Egypt, on Pharaoh and on his servants and on all his land, **read ›**

61 **Deuteronomy 34:12** the great marvels and the mighty hand that Moses did before all Israel. **read ›**

62 **Joshua 24:5** And I struck Egypt with the signs that I did among them. **read ›**

63 **1 Samuel 5:6** The hand of the Lord was heavy on Ashdod, and he brought it upon them, and it boiled over upon them into the ships, and in the midst of its land mice sprang up; and there was a great confusion of death in the city. **read ›**

64 **1 Samuel 6:5** “According to the number of the lords of the Philistines, five golden backsides, for the blow was on you, and on your rulers, and on the people, and golden mice, the likeness of your mice that are destroying the land. And you shall give glory to the Lord, that he may lighten his hand from you, and from your gods, and from your land. **read ›**

65 **2 Samuel 24:15** So David chose the death for himself. It was the days of wheat harvest; and the Lord sent death on Israel from morning until the hour of the noon meal, and the plague began among the people; and seventy thousand men of the people died, from Dan to Beersheba. **read ›**

66 **1 Chronicles 21:14** So the Lord sent death on Israel, and seventy thousand men of Israel fell. **read ›**

67 **Job 5:12** who frustrates the plans of the crafty, and their hands shall not accomplish anything true; **read ›**

68 **Psalms 105:31** He spoke, and there came the dog fly, and lice in all their borders. (Septuagint Psalm 104:31 (Psalm 105:31 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

69 **Proverbs 15:16** Better is a small portion with the fear of the Lord than great treasures with no fear. **read ›**

70 **Ecclesiastes 9:11** I turned and saw under the sun that the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, nor bread to the wise, nor wealth to men of understanding, nor favor to those who know; for time and chance will happen to them all. **read ›**

71 **Ecclesiastes 12:11** The words of the wise are like goads, and like nails firmly planted, which were given by agreement from one shepherd. **read ›**

72 **Song of Solomon 3:1** On my bed by night I sought him whom my soul has loved; I sought him, and did not find him; I called him, and he did not answer me. **read ›**

73 **Isaiah 3:3** and the commander of fifty, and the wonderful counselor, and the wise master builder, and the understanding hearer. **read ›**

74 **Isaiah 7:25** and every mountain that was plowed shall be plowed, and no fear shall ever come there; for from the barren land and thorns it shall become a pasture for sheep and a place trodden by oxen. **read ›**

75 **Isaiah 47:12** Stand now with your spells and with your many sorceries, which you have learned from your youth, if you can be helped. **read ›**

76 **Amos 4:12** Therefore I will do this to you, O Israel; but because I will do this to you, prepare to call upon your God, O Israel. **read ›**

77 **Nahum 1:9** What are you devising against the Lord? He himself will make an end; he will not take vengeance twice at once in trouble. **read ›**

78 **Habakkuk 3:5** Before his face a word will go, and it will go out into the plains; **read ›**

79 **Judith 5:12** And they cried out to their God, and he struck all the land of Egypt with plagues for which there was no healing; and the Egyptians drove them out from before them. **read ›**

© 2026 The Historic Faith · Library only, never the web · For personal study; please don’t republish.

80 **Wisdom of Solomon 4:12** For the evil eye of worthlessness obscures what is good, and the roving of desire perverts an innocent mind. **read ›**

81 **Wisdom of Solomon 14:18** And the ambition of the craftsman spurred on even those who did not know the king to intensify their religion. **read ›**

82 **Wisdom of Solomon 17:3** For thinking they were hidden in their secret sins, they were scattered under a dark veil of forgetfulness, terribly alarmed and deeply troubled by phantoms. **read ›**

83 **Wisdom of Solomon 17:7** The mockeries of magical craft lay flat, and the boast of their sound judgment met with a shameful rebuke. **read ›**

84 **Wisdom of Solomon 18:13** For though they had disbelieved everything because of their sorceries, at the destruction of the firstborn they acknowledged the people to be a son of God. **read ›**

85 **Wisdom of Solomon 19:10** For they still remembered the things of their time as foreigners, how instead of producing animals the earth brought forth gnats, and instead of water creatures the river belched forth a multitude of frogs. **read ›**

86 **Wisdom of Sirach 39:3** He will seek out the hidden things of maxims, and be at home among the riddles of proverbs. **read ›**

87 **1 Maccabees 9:55** At that time Alcimus was struck, and his works were hindered; his mouth was stopped and he was paralyzed, and he could no longer speak a word or give orders concerning his house. **read ›**

88 **1 Maccabees 15:16** “Lucius, consul of the Romans, to King Ptolemy, greeting. **read ›**

89 **2 Maccabees 4:39** When many sacrilegious thefts had been committed in the city by Lysimachus with the agreement of Menelaus, and word of them had gotten out, the multitude gathered against Lysimachus, since many gold vessels had already been carried off. **read ›**

90 **2 Maccabees 9:11** Then at last, broken in spirit, he began to lose much of his arrogance and to come to knowledge, under the lash of God, as his pains increased every moment. **read ›**

91 **2 Maccabees 12:11** After a hard battle, when those with Judas had prevailed through the help that came from God, the nomad Arabians, being defeated, asked Judas to give them his right hand, promising to give cattle and to help Judas’ men in other ways. **read ›**

92 **3 Maccabees 3:1** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

93 **3 Maccabees 5:42** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

94 **4 Maccabees 7:25** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

95 **1 Enoch 7:2** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

96 **1 Enoch 8:3** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

97 **1 Enoch 59:2** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

98 **1 Enoch 65:6** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

99 **1 Enoch 104:10** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

100 **Acts 7:18** until another king arose who did not know Joseph. **read ›**

101 **Acts 8:9** But there was a certain man, Simon by name, who used to practice sorcery in the city and amazed the people of Samaria, making himself out to be some great one. **read ›**

102 **Acts 8:11** They listened to him because for a long time he had amazed them with his sorceries. **read ›**

103 **Acts 13:8** But Elymas the sorcerer—for that is how his name is translated—opposed them, seeking to turn the proconsul away from the faith. **read ›**

ALSO LINKED BY THF TO THESE PASSAGES *35 verses, by reference*

Partly machine-linked: related to the passages, not always quoted in them. Each reference links to the verse in our audio Bible.

Matthew 11:5 · 23:34

Mark 16:17

Luke 8:21 · 10:20 · 11:1 · 11:2 · 11:3 · 11:4 · 11:5 · 11:8 · 11:9 · 11:11 · 11:14 · 11:18 · 11:19 · 11:20 · 11:21 · 11:27

John 4:21 · 4:24 · 17:6 · 17:11

© 2026 The Historic Faith · Library only, never the web · For personal study; please don’t republish.

Acts 7:22

Romans 11:4

1 Corinthians 7:29 · 12:8 · 14:21 · 14:32

Galatians 4:19

2 Thessalonians 2:1 · 2:3 · 2:6 · 2:10

2 Timothy 3:8

Searched: Ante-Nicene Fathers volumes 1–9 and the Bible, including the Septuagint.

ABOUT THIS STUDY

A THF member asked “Why was the plague of lice a turning point for Egypt's magicians (Exodus 8:16–19)?” on October 20, 2026. The Historic Faith answered it as a public study on November 9, 2026.

Library only. This study was written only from The Historic Faith’s library of early-Christian writings and the Bible, never from the web. Every passage we kept from what the library gave is listed above, with a link to read it.

How it was made. Compiled by machine learning from The Historic Faith’s library of early-Christian writings and the Bible only. Every quotation was matched word for word against our stored text. Not yet reviewed by The Historic Faith.

How to cite this study. The Historic Faith, “Why was the plague of lice a turning point for Egypt's magicians (Exodus 8:16–19)?” Early Church Questions, published November 9, 2026, https://thehistoricfaith.com/early-church-questions/why-was-the-plague-of-lice-a-turning-point-for-egypts-magicians. To cite one quotation, add its number and source, for example “quote 1, source 9.”

© 2026 The Historic Faith. Selection, arrangement and editing by THF; machine-compiled text and public-domain quotations are not claimed. For personal study; please don’t republish.

THEHISTORICFAITH.COM

THE END OF THIS STUDY