## ~FROG (97)

[Hebrew, tsephar-de'a', Greek, ba'tra-khos]

- A tailless amphibian with smooth skin and long, muscular hind legs ideally suited for leaping. In the Hebrew Scriptures frogs are mentioned solely in connection with the second blow Yehowah visited upon Egypt
- Then Yehowah said to Moses; Go in to Pharaoh, and you must say to him, This is what Yehowah has said; Send my people away that they may serve me. (Exodus 8:1)
- And if you keep refusing to send them away, here I am plaguing all your territory with frogs. (Exodus 8:2)
- And the Nile River will fairly teem with frogs, and they will certainly come up and enter into your house and your inner bedroom and upon your couch and into the houses of your servants and on your people and into your ovens and into your kneading troughs. (Exodus 8:3)
- And on you and on your people and on all your servants the frogs will come up. (Exodus 8:4)
- Later on Yehowah said to Moses; Say to Aaron, Stretch your hand with your rod out over the rivers, the Nile canals and the reedy pools and make the frogs come up over the land of Egypt. (Exodus 8:5)
- At that Aaron stretched his hand out over the waters of Egypt, and the frogs began to come up and to cover the land of Egypt. (Exodus 8:6)
- However, the magic-practicing priests did the same thing by their secret arts and made the frogs come up over the land of Egypt. (Exodus 8:7)
- In time Pharaoh called Moses and Aaron and said; Entreat Yehowah that he may remove the frogs from me and my people, as I want to send the people away that they may sacrifice to Yehowah. (Exodus 8:8)

- Then Moses said to Pharaoh; You take the glory over me to say when I shall make entreaty for you and your servants and your people in order to cut the **frogs** off from you and your houses. Only in the Nile River will they be left. (Exodus 8:9)
- To this he said; Tomorrow. So he said; It will be according to your word, in order, that you may know that there is no one else like Yehowah our God. (Exodus 8:10)
- In that the **frogs** will certainly turn away from you and your houses and your servants and your people. Only in the Nile River will they be left. (Exodus 8:11)
- Accordingly Moses and Aaron went out from Pharaoh, and Moses cried out to Yehowah because of the frogs that He had put upon Pharaoh. (Exodus 8:12)
- Then Yehowah did according to Moses word, and the frogs began to die off from the houses, the courtyards and the fields. (Exodus 8:13)
- And they went piling them up, heaps upon heaps, and the land began to stink. (Exodus 8:14)
- He proceeded to send upon them gadflies, that these might eat them up, and frogs, that these might bring them to ruin. (Psalms 78:45)
- Their land swarmed with frogs, in the interior rooms of their kings. (Psalms 105:30)
- Which, like the other plagues, was a judgment on the deities worshiped in that land.
- And I must pass through the land of Egypt on this night and strike every firstborn in the land of Egypt, from man to beast, and on all the gods of Egypt I shall execute judgments. I am Yehowah. (Exodus 12:12)
- The frog was sacred to Heqt, an Egyptian goddess depicted with the head of this creature.
- And I saw three unclean inspired expressions that looked like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon and out of the mouth

of the wild beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet. (Revelation 16:13)

- Unclean inspired expressions are likened to frogs. This is appropriate, inasmuch as frogs were unclean for food according to the Mosaic Law.
- Everything in the waters that has no fins and scales is a loathsome thing to you. (Leviticus 11:12)