

Ten Plagues

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Source:

In Talmud Tractate Megillah 10b we are told, as the Jews are singing praises to God for drowning the Egyptians, the angels wish to sing as well. God quiets the angels, saying, "The works of my hands are drowning in the sea, and you wish to sing praises?!"

As we rejoice at our deliverance from slavery, we acknowledge that our freedom was hard-earned. We regret that our freedom came at the cost of the Egyptians' suffering, for we are all human beings made in the image of God. We pour out a drop of wine for each of the plagues as we recite them.

דָּם Blood | dam |

צְפַרְדֵּיִם Frogs | tzfardeiya |

כִּנִּים Lice | kinim |

עֲרוֹב Beasts | arov |

דֵּבַר Cattle disease | dever |

שָׁחִין Boils | sh'chin |

בָּרָד Hail | barad |

אַרְבֵּה Locusts | arbeh |

חֹשֶׁךְ Darkness | choshech |

מַכַּת בְּכוֹרוֹת Death of the Firstborn | makat b'chorot |